

**SATURDAY VIGIL, December 19, 2015****4:00 PM** For the people in Paris, France**SUNDAY, December 20, 2015****7:30 AM** For Father George**10:30 AM** For all Grandparents**6:00 PM** For the Youth of our Parish**MONDAY, December 21, 2015****8:00 AM** +Deceased Family/Friends of Mrs. Philip Tolisano**TUESDAY, December 22, 2015****8:00 AM** +Francis Poirier r/b The Family**WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2015****8:00 AM** For the Year of Mercy**THURSDAY, December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve****4:00 PM** +Henrietta Braga Terazzi r/b The Family**6:00 PM** +Joseph Cosgrove r/b The Family**12:00 AM** For All Parishioners**FRIDAY, December 25, 2015 CHRISTMAS****NO 8:00 AM MASS****7:30 AM** +Henry Thomas r/b His Wife & Family**10:30 AM** +Frank Dellolacono r/b His Wife & Family**NO 6:00 PM MASS****SATURDAY, December 26, 2015****4:00 PM** +Manuel Rocha
Mass of Remembrance
r/b Elizabeth & Family**SUNDAY, December 27, 2015****7:30 AM** For a healthy 2016 for all parishioners**10:30AM** For all our Parish Families**6:00 PM** +Emily Bloniarz Rizner
r/b Irene & Carl Ersing**PARISH SUPPORT****December 13 Regular \$6,353**

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” LUKE 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a**

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God’s will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is asking that the U.S. Supreme Court safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have the freedom to serve the needy without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Children's Liturgy of the Word –

All children age 4 through the 5th Grade are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held Sunday January 3, 10 & 24.

Remember in Prayer Those Who Are Sick

Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, especially from our Parish family, we ask that

your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Please pray for Laura Behrendt, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Rocco Montano, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Susan Spellacy, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, James Walton, Morris Webber, Jean Wood, Richard Wood and Kathy White.

++PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED++

God of loving kindness and mercy we pray for those who have been called from this life, and for the consolation of their loved ones especially: Robert Gibbs and Wanda Parent.

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of November 25, 2015**

"Dear Children! Today I am calling all of you: pray for my intentions. Peace is in danger, therefore, little children, pray and be carriers of peace and hope in this restless world where Satan is attacking and tempting in every way. Little children, be firm in prayer and courageous in faith. I am with you and intercede before my son Jesus for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

YOUTH ADULT GROUP FORMING!

St. Luke's is starting up a "Young Adult" group for ages 20-40. If interested please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 in the Parish Center.



CHRISTMAS MASSES/CONFESSIONS

DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve
Confessions: 3:00 – 3:45

Masses:

4:00 PM – Children's Mass
6:00 PM

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS
MASSES: 7:30 am & 10:30 am
No 6 pm Mass on Christmas

YOUTH GROUP MEETING
December 20

Please join us at the 6 PM Mass on December 20 then into the church hall for a Christmas celebration. All 8-12 graders are invited and encouraged to wear a Christmas hat, reindeer antlers, Christmas tree hats etc. Merry Christmas everyone!

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas

A Journey of the Heart,
A Renewal of the Spirit,
A Pause to rekindle Love & Friendship.

Christmas

May you have Silence to hear His quiet coming.
May you have Peace to feel love subtly stirring.
May you have Joy to respond with hope renewed.

Christmas

We wish you laughter, joy and a happy heart.
Warmth of love, good friends today and always.
We wish you His peace in your life.
We wish you His Blessing.

All Advent we have been awaiting the coming of the Lord. Today when we celebrate His coming in history 2000 years ago, we also celebrate His coming into our hearts.

The Great Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis may help us all as a Parish Family to live the Spirit of Christmas today and all the year through.

Thank you for all of your great love and support to the Parish. I, along with the Parish Staff, Wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Father George

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed – 875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday 2-8:30 pm, Tuesday 2-8:30 pm and Thursday 10-3 pm or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2015 – 2016

We are looking forward to a Faith filled year with our students. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each week.

Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday, January 3, 10, 24 from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No classes December 20 & 27.

Monday, January 4, 11 & 25 from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9. No classes December 21 and 28th.

Tuesday, January 5, 12 & 26 from 4:30 -5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5. No classes December 22 and 29.

Tuesday, January 5, 12 & 26 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9. No classes December 22 and 29.

Grade 2 – Important Dates

There will be one First Communion Mass – please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m.

Grade 9 Confirmation – Important Dates

Confirmation Interview – December & January - Contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule your interview.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, January 30 – 10 am – 1pm

Confirmation Reconciliation – During last class on March 28 and 29th

Confirmation Rehearsal – Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm for Candidate and Sponsor (or parent stand-in)

Confirmation 2016 Mass – Sunday April 3rd at 1 pm – Candidates and Sponsors arrive at 12:30 pm.