

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018**  
**8:00 AM – HOLYDAY MASS**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**4:00 PM**  
**FOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**7:30 AM**  
**+JOHN DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**  
**+CAROL NEWTON R/B BARRY NEWTON**

**6:00 PM**  
**+GEORGE CROFT R/B THE FAMILY**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR GRANTED**  
**ANSWERS TO MY PRAYERS**  
**R/B A PARISHIONER**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MALDONADO**  
**FAMILY**  
**R/B THE FAMILY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018 4:00 PM**  
**FOR OUR GRADE 2 STUDENTS WHO MADE**  
**THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS**  
**MORNING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 7:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR OUR YOUTH**

**6:00 PM**  
**IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR GRANTED**  
**ANSWERS TO MY PRAYERS**  
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### **PARISH SUPPORT**

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| <b>REGULAR COLLECTION 12-2</b> | <b>\$5,007</b> |
| <b>ON LINE GIVING 12-2</b>     | <b>\$ 315</b>  |
| <b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>  | <b>\$1,678</b> |
| <b>MAINTENANCE ON LINE</b>     | <b>\$ 170</b>  |
| <b>BAZAAR ADDITONAL</b>        | <b>\$ 286</b>  |

### **STEEPLE RENOVATION COLLECTION**

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| <b>EXPECTED EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$75,000.00</b> |
| <b>RECEIVED TO DATE</b>  | <b>\$40,318.63</b> |

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“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

#### **First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

#### **Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

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Please pray for those who have gone to their Heavenly Father!  
Angela Albee and Eileen Medeiros



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM AND THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**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, Charlie Allen, Wanda Allen, Kayla Avery, Calista Bailey, Ron Barbero, Laura Behrendt, William Cairns, Tina Chamberlin, Jack Charbonneau, Georgina Chartier, Josh De Los Santos, Jeanne Ferruolo, Priscilla Flynn, Charles Frenette, Daphne Gagnon, Deacon Rod Gayner, Margaret Griffin, Ronald Guay, Luisa Guidi, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Cynthia Johnson, Rita Kane, Tracy Kearcher, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Michael Marquis, Ann Marriott Sitek, Howard Matchett, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Joel Rivera, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

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**Our Lady's Latest Message**

Dear Children! This is a time of grace and prayer, a time of waiting and giving. God is giving Himself to you that we may love Him above everything. Therefore, little children, open your hearts and families, so that this waiting may become prayer and love and, especially, giving. I am with you, little children, and encourage you not to give up from what is good, because the fruits are seen and heard of afar. That is why the enemy is angry and uses everything to lead you away from prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**FAITH FORMATION**

Mrs. Rudek (DRE Grades 4-9) and Mrs. Bocchino (CRE Grades K-3) can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com). The office is open Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday 12-4 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 12-8 pm and Thursday 10-4 pm and by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

**Religious Education 2018-2019**

Please call, email or stop into the office if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your support! New families, please call the office to enroll your children at 860-875-4951. You may register online on our website <http://www.churchofstlukect.com>

**2018 – 2019 Class Schedule**

Sunday Class 9-10:15 am -- Classes December 9 and 16th — Grades K-5.

Tuesday Class 4:15-5:30 –December 11 and 18 – Grades 4-5.

Tuesday Class 6:45 – 8 pm – December 11 and 18 – Grades 6-9.

Wednesday Class 6:45-8 pm Classes December 12 and 19 –Grades 6-9.

**Grade 9 – Important Dates**

December 16 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

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**Cont. Grade 9 – Important Dates**

January 14-31<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Interviews – must be scheduled in advance.

January 19 – MANDATORY Student Confirmation Retreat – 9-1

January 27 – Confirmation Candle Mass – 10:30 Mass – for candidates, sponsors and families.

**Grade 8 – Important Dates**

December 16, January 27, February 24, March 24 and April 14 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word – During the 10:30 Mass**

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday December 9 and 16. CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in St. Luke’s room in the Parish Center.

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE PARISHIONERS PRAYING BEFORE MASS. PLEASE DO NOT CARRY ON A CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS. IT IS VERY DISTRACTING TO YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.**

**FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE SICK**

**THE TABERNACLE IS THE DWELLING PLACE OF OUR LORD. ONLY THE PRIESTS OR DEACONS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE HOSTS OUT OF IT.**

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**ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY NOT GO TO THE TABERNACLE AND TAKE OUT THE HOSTS FOR THE SICK. YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER MASS OR ADORATION AND HAVE EITHER FR. GEORGE OR FR. BIJOY GET THE HOSTS FOR YOU.**

**HAT AND MITTEN TREE IS UP AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH AND BY THE PARISH CENTER ENTRANCE!**

We will be collecting New Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarfs this weekend. All items will be distributed evenly to the Ellington Social Office, Cornerstone and Hockanum Valley.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS!**

Youth Group Meetings:

Sunday, **December 16** – Gifts/Who God Says you are/Your Gifts

Sunday, **January 27, 2019** – Perseverance/Loyalty

Please make every effort to join us at the 6:00 PM Mass with Youth Group to follow in the church hall.

**Major Relic of St. Jean Vianny – Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Gales Ferry**

The evening begins at 5 pm with a time of quiet visitation and prayer with the relic followed by our Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations and finally an opportunity to venerate/touch the reliquary holding the relic.

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT – CHOIRS  
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND ST.  
MARGARET MARY CHURCHES IN  
SOUTH WINDSOR**

A magnificent evening of musical preparation for the birth of our Savior. The choirs will perform “BETHLEHEM’S CHILD.” Admission is free, however, free-will donations will be accepted to support the growth of the music ministry and future performances. **December 9 at 5:00 PM. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Trust that God wants great things for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter – February 1-3, 2019 in Manchester, CT. <https://wwmectw.org>.

Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese invite you to their annual bilingual celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Wednesday, December 12. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Fiesta following.

**BOOK CORNER**

**“Scripture Passages That Changed My Life”** - Personal Stories From The Writers of ‘Living Faith.’

In “Scripture Passages That Changed My Life, ten of “Living Faith’s most well-known authors each explain how meditation on the word of God has

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changed their lives. Allow the lessons that they have learned to deepen your prayer experience and maybe even change your life, through the word of God.

To order contact Twenty-Third Publications at 1-800-321-0411 ext. 129.

**“Sauntering Through Scripture” A  
Book of Reflections – By Genevieve  
Glen, OSB**

The Bible presents a landscape rich with characters whose stories and prophecies, wisdom and woes, parables and prayers describe our very human struggle to know and respond to the love of God. Sr. Genevieve writes with a vivid and poetic imagination. Drawing on her life of monastic prayer and the practice of “Lectio Divina” – a life saturated in Scripture – she pulls us deeply into these stores.

To order contact Give Us This Day – 1-888-259-8470. \$14.95

**“Into His Likeness” By Edward Sri**

Edward Sri intertwines engaging prose and relatable stories with biblical wisdom and the lives of the saints, demonstrating that transformation in Christ is possible in all ages. We are reminded that the saints were not always perfect, but works in progress – just think of Matthew the tax collector, Paul the persecutor of Christians, and Peter the denier of Christ. Edward Sri reminds us that the earliest disciples are models not of perfection but of a process. And it’s that process that Jesus wants to reproduce in our lives today.

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