

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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 THE SICK

10:30 AM  
FOR OUR YOUTH

6:00 PM  
IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR GRANTED  
ANSWERS TO MY PRAYERS  
R/B A PARISHIONER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 8:00 AM  
+JOSE DUARTE PERRI  
R/B MANUEL RODRIGUES & FAMILY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 8:00 AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018 8:00 AM  
FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF ST. LUKE'S  
PARISH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018 8:00 AM  
+JOSE DUARTE PERRI R/B BIMA PEREIRA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018 8:00 AM  
FOR ALL BISHOPS AND PRIESTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018 4:00 PM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018 7:30 AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

10:30 AM  
+MARY VARGHESE  
R/B THE PARAPALLY FAMILY

6:00 PM  
+DONALD ROBERGE  
R/B HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

**PARISH SUPPORT**

REGULAR COLLECTION 12-9	\$6,887
ON LINE GIVING 12-9	\$ 315
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$1,198
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$ 315

**STEEPLE RENOVATION COLLECTION**

EXPECTED EXPENSES	\$75,000.00
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$41,418.63

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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God.” PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that “I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap.”

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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 16th — Grades K-5.

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

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

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

**No Religious Education Classes December 23, 25, 26, 30 January 1 and 2.**

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**Grade 9 – Important Dates**

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

January 7-17 – 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 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.

**There will be no CLW on Sunday December 23 and 30. CLW will resume Sunday, January 6, 2019.**

**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.

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**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**CONFESSIONS: 3-3:45**

**4:00, 6:00 PM; MIDNIGHT**

**CHRISTMAS MORNING:**

**7:30 am AND 10:30 am**

**THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS!**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Weekend – February 1-3. –  
[www.WWMECT.org](http://www.WWMECT.org).**