

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018
CHRISTMAS EVE – No Morning Mass

4:00 PM
+IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM AND ANNA
COSGROVE R/B THEIR DAUGHTER

6:00 PM
+JOSEPH & MARY COSGROVE
R/B THEIR FAMILY

12:00 AM – MIDNIGHT MASS
+WILLIAM & JUDY KOEHLER
R/B TODD & PAM KOEHLER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018
CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM
+HENRY THOMAS
R/B JANE, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

10:30 AM
+EDWARD WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B LOVE MOM, DAD & FAMILY

NO 6PM MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018
FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

DECEMBER 23, 2018
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018
+TOM LODGE – BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B THE HATTAN FAMILY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018
FOR THE SICK OF ST. LUKE'S PARISH

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

10:30 AM
FOR THE CHILDREN

6:00 PM
HEALING MASS FOR DORIS POIRIER AND
PAMELA SCHAFF
R/B CLIFFORD DALEY

<u>PARISH SUPPORT</u>	
REGULAR COLLECTION 12-16	\$4,897
ON LINE GIVING 12-16	\$ 315
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 110

<u>STEEPLE RENOVATION COLLECTION</u>	
EXPECTED EXPENSES	\$75,000.00
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$42,268.63

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“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? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

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.

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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.

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."

MITTEN TREE

Thank you to everyone with your generous support of our Mitten Tree! We collected 91 pairs of gloves; 25 pairs of mittens; 102 scarfs; 51 sets of hats and mittens; and 142 warm hats! THANK YOU!!!!

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. 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.

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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

No Religious Education Classes December 23, 25, 26, 30 January 1 and 2. Classes resume January 6, 8 and 9, 2019.

Sunday Class 9-10:15 am -- Class January 6, 13 and 27 - Grades K-5.

Tuesday Class 4:15-5:30 –January 8, 15, 22, 29 - Grades 4-5.

Tuesday Class 6:45 – 8 pm – January 8, 15, 22 and 29th - Grades 6-9.

Wednesday Class 6:45-8 pm Classes January 9, 16, 23 and 30th –Grades 6-9.

Grade 9 – Important Dates

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

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

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

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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!**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM
POPE FRANCIS**

“Christmas is usually a noisy party: we could use a bit of silence, to hear the voice of Love.”

Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul. The Christmas pine is you, when you resist vigorous winds and difficulties of life. The Christmas decorations are you, when your virtues are colors that adorn your life. The Christmas bell is you, when you call, gather and seek to unite. You are also a Christmas light, when you illuminate with your

life the path of others with kindness, patience, joy and generosity. The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of

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peace, justice and love. The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord. You are also the wise men, when you give the best you have no matter who. Christmas music is you when you conquer the harmony within you. The Christmas gift is you, when you are truly friend and brother of every human being. The Christmas card is you, when you forgive and reestablish peace even when you suffer. The Christmas dinner is you, when you sated bread and hope to the poor man who is by your side. You are, yes, Christmas night, when humble and conscious, you receive in the silence of the night the Savior of the world without noise or great celebrations; you are a smile of trust and tenderness, in the inner peace of a perennial Christmas that establishes the Kingdom within you. A very Merry Christmas for all who look like Christmas.

POPE FRANCIS