

First Sunday of Advent



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 2019 4:00 PM
HEALING MASS FOR MARK MCPARTLAND
R/B HIS ST. LUKE'S FRIENDS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 7:30AM
+JOHN LESKEY R/B MARYLYN & FAMILY

10:30 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00PM
+IRENE SMITH
R/B THE GAYTON & SMITH FAMILIES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 8:00 AM
+MARY ALBANES
R/B THE COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 8:00 AM
NO MORNING MASS TODAY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2019 8:00 AM
NO MORNING MASS TODAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 8:00 AM
+VICTOR COHUN – Birthday Remembrance
R/B THE FAMILY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 8:00AM
+STAN ZIEMBA R/B HIS MOTHER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 4:00 PM
+JUNE L. RICE R/B THE MOSES FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 7:30AM
+JOHN A. DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY

10:30 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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

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PARISH SUPPORT
DUE TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION OF
THE BULLETIN THE REGULAR
COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
NOVEMBER 24 WILL BE IN A
FORTHCOMING BULLETIN

AIR CONDITIONER COLLECTION
EXPECTED EXPENSES \$ 40,000
RECEIVED TO DATE \$ 30,270

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”
MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ..

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. “You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”

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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 and Louise Barbero, Laura Behrendt, Matthew Cairns, Tina Chamberlin, Jack Charbonneau, Georgina Chartier, James Crocco, Josh De Los Santos, Jeanne Ferruolo, Charles Frenette, Deacon Rod Gayner, Margaret Griffin, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Penny Harrington, Raymond Hayes, Emilie Jiga, Tracy Kearcher, Will Kelly, 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, Pamela Schaff, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children! Today I call you to prayer. May prayer be a balm to your soul, because the fruit of prayer is joy, giving and witnessing God to others – through your life. Little children, in complete surrender to God, He will take care of everything and will bless you; and your sacrifices will have

meaning. I am with you and bless all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

- If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.

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- If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely – with unconditional love.
- If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.
- If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
- If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.
- We are happy you are here and want you to stay.
- We would like to share our lives with you.
- Come join us each week so we can worship together.

PRAYER FOR A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, **if I am.**

It will be holy, **if I am.**

Its pews will be filled, **if I help fill them.**

It will do great work, **if I work.**

It will be prayerful, **if I pray.**

It will make generous gifts to many causes, **if I am a generous giver.**

It will bring others into worship, **if I invite and bring them.**

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. LUKE'S PARISH

DATE

EVENT

SUN 12/1

**NO REL. ED CLASSES
NO CLW**

TUES 12/3

NO MORNING MASS

WED 12/4

**NO MORNING MASS
REL. ED CLASSES 6:45-8PM**

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FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Office is open Monday-Thursday 9-2; during all class sessions, and by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead. Contact Mrs. Kim Bocchino at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. Classes are held on Sunday mornings for Kindergarten through 5th grade; Tuesday evening's Grades 5-9 and Wednesday evening's Grades 6-9. Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:30 Mass for children ages 4 years old through 5th grades in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

Faith Formation Upcoming Classes and Events:

December

1st - No Sunday Class
3rd & 4th - Class 6:45-8 pm; Confirmation Packets due at Class.
8th - Sunday Class 9-10:15 am; Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass; Grades 2 & 3 Family Mass during the 10:30 Mass
10th & 11th - Class 6:45 - 8 pm
14th - First Reconciliation at 9am (Snow day Dec. 15)
Dec. 15th - Sunday Class 9-10:15 am; Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass; YG Meeting
Dec. 17 & 18 - Class 6:45 - 8 pm
22nd, 24th, 25th, 29th & January 1 -NO CLASSES

January

5th - Sunday Classes Resume 9-10:15
Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass
Grade 8 Parent & Student Mass and Retreat (10:30 Mass until 2 PM)
7th and 8th - Tuesday & Wednesday Classes Resume - 6:45 - 8 pm
12th - Sunday Class 9-10:15;
Grade 2 Parent/Student Class
Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass
14th and 15th - Classes 6:45 - 8pm
19th - No Sunday Classes; No CLW
21st and 22nd - Classes 6:45 - 8 pm
26th - Sunday Class 9-10:15
Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass
Grade 9 Confirmation Candle 6pm Mass
Youth Group Meeting 7-8:30 pm
28th and 29th - Classes 6:45 - 8 pm

Catholic Kid's Bulletin - Parents: Available at both entrances to the Church are copies of the Catholic Kid's Bulletin! Pick one up for your child - it is full of coloring and activities that tie in with the weekly Gospel.

38TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION FOR THE PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 2-4, 2019 at Gurney's Newport Resort on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish or institutional activities will be schedule during these days. **There will be No Morning Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 4.** Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

Blessed Sacrament Parish invites neighboring parishes to send names of active military personnel to be included in Blessed Sacrament Parish's St. Michael the Archangel Prayer book. To have a name included, please email the name to: spirituality@cath-com.org. Names are never published but will be added to the peace tree and prayed for during the Advance Penance Service on December 8th at St. Bernard Church, Rockville.