



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 4:00 PM**

**+JUNE L. RICE  
R/B THE MOSES FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 7:30 AM**

**+JOHN A. DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**6:00PM**

**+GEORGE CROFT R/B THE FAMILY**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+PAUL MORRIS AND FOR THE HOLY  
SOULS IN PURGATORY  
R/B NATASHA HAGEN**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+WILLIAM ZIEMBA  
R/B HIS MOTHER**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+FR. DEPAUL GENSKA  
R/B MARY REGAN**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF  
CHRISTIAN HANLON  
R/B THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019 8:00AM**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 4:00 PM**

**+MARION & FRED CAIRNS  
R/B THEIR DTR. JANE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 7:30 AM**

**+RALPH MARCUCCIO  
R/B THE DRYBURGH FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**

**+CAROL NEWTON R/B BARRY NEWTON**

**6:00 PM**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

REG. COLLECTION NOV.24	\$6,033
ON LINE GIVING NOV. 24	\$ 285
REG. COLLECTION DEC. 1	\$5,351
ON LINE GIVING DEC. 1	\$ 285
MAIN. COLLECTION DEC. 1	\$2,012
ON LINE MAINT. COLL. DEC.1	\$ 175

**AIR CONDITIONER COLLECTION**

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

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace to all.

**Second Reading: Romans `15:4-9**

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

Second Sunday of Advent



**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, Cooper Somberg, 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.
- If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely – with unconditional love.
- If you have been hurt by the Church, we

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- 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 12/8**

**REL. ED CLASSES 9-10:15  
10:30 Mass Grades 2 & 3  
Family Mass  
CLW 10:30 Mass  
Coffee Hour after 10:30 Mass  
MITTEN TREE UP**

**TUES 12/10**

**REL. ED CLASSES 6:45 – 8 PM**

**WED 12/11**

**REL. ED CLASSES 6:45 - 8PM  
Children's Choir Rehearsal 6pm**

**SAT 12/14**

**GRADE 2 FIRST RECONCILIATION  
9 AM  
GIVING TREE IS UP**

Second Sunday of Advent

**SUN 12/15 REL. ED CLASSES 9-10:15  
CLW 10:30 MASS  
YOUTH GROUP 7-8:30 PM  
GIVING TREE IS UP**

### **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](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com). Classes are held on Sunday mornings for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grades in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

### **Faith Formation Upcoming Classes and Events:**

#### **December**

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

#### **January**

5<sup>th</sup> – 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)**  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday & Wednesday Classes Resume – 6:45 – 8 pm  
12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Class 9-10:15;  
Grade 2 Parent/Student Class  
Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass  
14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Classes 6:45 – 8pm  
19<sup>th</sup> – No Sunday Classes;  
No Children's Liturgy of the Word  
21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Classes 6:45 – 8 pm  
26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Class 9-10:15  
Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass  
**Grade 9 Confirmation Candle Mass 6pm**  
Youth Group Meeting

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**28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.

Please keep our Second Graders in prayer as they make their First Reconciliation this coming Saturday, December 14.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR - The Children's Choir is looking to recruit new and returning members to sing at the CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM MASS ON DECEMBER 24. Children in grades 2-8 are welcome to join! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays December 11 and 18. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tiffany Tran at [tiffytran22@gmail.com](mailto:tiffytran22@gmail.com)**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH – (St. Bernard's & St. Matthew's) – The combined music ministry from St. Bernard & St. Matthew Church invite you to a lovely candlelit Advent Celebration on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 4 PM AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, TOLLAND. In this beautiful service, we listen to nine brief Scripture lessons, and the singing of a carol or a song highlights each lesson's message. You will be singing along to some of your favorite carols. Afterwards plan to stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship**

**Celebrate The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich on Thursday, December 12 – 6:30 pm – Rosary & Confessions; 7:00pm Eucharistic Celebration by the Most Rev. Michael R. Cote. Music and a Buffet to follow. A free-will offering will be asked to cover the cost of the buffet.**