

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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**

**6:00PM**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+JOSEPH F. GIRARDINI – 40<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY R/B THE FAMILY**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+FRANCIS POIRIER R/B THE FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 8 AM**

**+ARTHUR POIRIER R/B THE FAMILY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019 8:00 AM**

**+ANGELA ALBEE R/B THE FAMILY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019 8:00AM**

**+MARJORIE & JAMES MARR  
R/B THE FAMILY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019 4:00 PM**

**+BEVERLY KENDRICK  
R/B THE KENDRICK & GROSPITCH  
FAMILIES**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019 7:30 AM**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**10:30 AM**

**+HELEN & DAVID MARR  
R/B THE FAMILY**

**6:00 PM**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| REG. COLLECTION DEC. 8 | \$4,759 |
| ON LINE GIVING DEC. 8  | \$ 285  |
| CHRISTMAS FLOWERS      | \$1,144 |

**AIR CONDITIONER COLLECTION**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| EXPECTED EXPENSES | \$ 40,000 |
| RECEIVED TO DATE  | \$ 31,070 |

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, “sorrow and mourning will flee.”

**Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the “yield of the soil” so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, “Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

**ADORATION**

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



**Please pray for those who have gone to their Heavenly Father!**

**Richard Ugolik, Margaret Zethner and Denise D'Ascenzo.**

**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! May this time be a time of prayer for you. Without God you do not have peace. Therefore, little children, pray for peace in your hearts and families, so that Jesus can be born in you and give you His love and blessing. The world is at war because hearts are full of hatred and jealousy. In the eyes, little children, peacelessness is seen because you have not permitted Jesus to be born in your lives. Seek Him, pray, and He will give Himself to you in the Child who is joy and peace. I am with you and I pray for you. 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**

**SAT 12/14**

**GIVING TREE IS UP**

**SUN 12/15**

**REL. ED CLASSES 9-10:15**

**CLW 10:30 Mass**

**GIVING TREE IS UP**

**YOUTH GROUP AFTER 6:00 PM MASS**

**MON 12/ 16**

**CENACLE 7 PM**

**TUES 12/17**

**REL. ED CLASSES 6:45 – 8 PM**

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**WED 12/18 REL. ED CLASSES 6:45 - 8PM**  
**Children's Choir Rehearsal 6pm**

**SAT 12/21 GIVING TREE IS UP LAST WEEKEND**

**SUN 12/22 NO REL. ED CLASSES**  
**NO CLW**  
**GIVING TREE LAST WEEKEND**

### **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 & Events:**

#### **December**

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; Youth Group 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**  
**6 PM**  
Youth Group Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – Classes 6:45 – 8 pm

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**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 weekend.

**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 18. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tiffany Tran at [tiffytran22@gmail.com](mailto:tiffytran22@gmail.com)**



**CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 CHILDREN'S MASS**  
**6:00 PM**  
**12:00 AM MIDNIGHT**

**CONFESSIONS: 3:00 – 3:30PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 7:30 AM**  
**10:30 AM**

**THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS!**