

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

6:00PM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019 8:00 AM  
FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019  
CHRISTMAS EVE - NO 8 AM MASS

4:00 CHILDREN'S MASS  
+HENRIETTA BRAGA TERAZZI  
R/B LYNETTE, BOB & KYLE JOHNSON

6:00 PM MASS  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MIDNIGHT MASS - 12:00 AM  
+ROY & JUDY KOEHLER  
R/B TODD & PAM KOEHLER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
7:30 AM MASS - +HENRY THOMAS  
R/B JANE, CHILDREN, TAYLOR, CAMDEN AND  
CHASE

10:30 MASS  
+IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & ANNA  
COSGROVE R/B THEIR DTR. ANN

THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019 8:00 AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019 8:00 AM  
+MATTHEW SMITH - 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019 4:00  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019  
7:30 AM  
+RON & PEGGY ZETHNER  
R/B THE WATSON FAMILY

10:30 AM  
+HARRY & EDITH JOHNSON  
R/B THE FAMILY

6:00 PM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

### PARISH SUPPORT

REG. COLLECTION DEC. 15	\$5,919
ON LINE GIVING DEC. 15	\$ 285
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$1,145

### AIR CONDITIONER COLLECTION

EXPECTED EXPENSES	\$ 40,000
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 31,474

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"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return - striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

### Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

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**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

**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

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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.
- 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 12/21**

**GIVING TREE IS UP**

**SUN 12/22**

**GIVING TREE IS UP  
THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS  
ED CLASSES; NO CLW**

**TUES 12/24  
CLASSES)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE (NO REL. ED**

**THERE IS NO 8:00 AM MASS**

**CONFESSIONS – 3:00 – 3:45**

**4:00 MASS – CHILDREN'S MASS**

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**6:00 MASS -**

**12:00 AM – MIDNIGHT MASS**

**WED 12/25 CHRISTMAS**

**7:30 AM – MASS**

**10:30 AM – MASS**

**THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS**

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

**SUN 12/22**

**NO REL. ED CLASSES**

**NO CLW**

**GIVING TREE IS UP**

**– LAST WEEKEND**

**FAITH FORMATION 2019 – 2020**

**The Faith Formation office will be closed starting December 20 and will reopen on January 2, 2020!**

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**

Merry Christmas!

No classes 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1st

**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

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**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**



**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!**

**MITTEN TREE – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mitten Tree! We collected 3 pairs of Hand Made Mittens; 87 pairs of Gloves; 15 Scarfs; 18 Sets of Hats and Mittens; 89 Hats; 7 Hand Made sets of scarfs/mittens. THANK YOU TO ALL!**

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**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2019**

**My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Merry Christmas! May the Peace of our new born Savior abide with you and your loved ones.**

**In the town of Bethlehem, in the quiet darkness of winter, the glory of the Lord shone forth in the birth of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The angel's proclamation of that great event echoes down through the ages of man. Do not be afraid for behold I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David, a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)**

**Christ's birth is the light that shines in the darkness of our world and transforms those dark days of fear, anxiety, and need into courage, hope and love. No one should fear the Lord. For He only asks to make His dwelling among us to overcome the darkness in our lives and offer us the brightness of His life and love – gifts we cannot refuse.**

**As a Parish community let us celebrate that great event today and always. Let us reach out to those in need – physical, financial or spiritual. May every stocking be filled with gifts of Christ's mercy, peace, health and love. Invite a friend to come to Mass; welcome all those who have been estranged from the church with**

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**open arms and the certainty that they have come home.**

**The year 2019 has been a year of many Blessings and achievements. I thank each Parishioner for your great support by prayer, financials and moral support and a high spirit of cooperation. Let us grow in that Spirit of Christ.**

**Peace and Joy of the Lord to all.**

**Father George**

