

SAINT LUKE PARISH

December 13, 2020 / The Third Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners,

As we gather on this third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. The priests wear the rose-colored vestments as we “leap” for joy because the birthday of the Lord is near. Let us continue to prepare our minds and our hearts for the nativity of Jesus and with body, mind and soul celebrate the greatest miracle humankind has ever received. This miracle of Love inspires us to try to love others as God loves us.

Any of us who have ever had surgery or been in a serious accident know full well the need for blood. Blood is a gift the healthy can freely give to those who may need it should an emergency arise. This Saturday, December 19th, we will host a blood drive in the parish center from 7:30-12:30 pm. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and use code: St. Luke’s. Walk-ins are welcome.

I am so proud of our new ministry, Hands of St. Luke. A big thank you to our new members for the excellent presentation at masses last weekend. I am excited that as a parish, while doing our sometimes-mundane supermarket shopping, we will be performing an act of love by feeding families and supporting them in their time of need. Please encourage your children to take part by having them bring the food from the car into the narthex and helping them to understand that as a family, we are privileged and being privileged encourages the responsibility to strengthen the weak and vulnerable in their time of need.

Congratulations to Deacon Ray and all the members of Operation Chillout! This weekend they celebrate 20 years of loving service to the Veterans. Deacon Ray will assist me on Monday, the 21st at the 9:00 am mass to give God thanks for the ability to give back to our heroes who by their very lives bring freedom to others. Deacon Ray has written a beautiful article on this ministry which we are proud to publish on December 26/27, the Feast of the Holy Family. On this feast day with hearts filled with pride, we celebrate our family reaching out in love to the heroes who now depend on our love and support in their time of need. God bless all who support this wonderful ministry and God bless America.

Congratulations to Garrett Arndt on completing his Eagle Scout project. I was proud to be part of the beautiful Court of Honor. Thank you, Garrett for designing our St. Luke signage.

My deep appreciation to Kathy and Henry Troy who have been so involved in our parish for many years. They have served in the ministries of Men’s and Women’s Cornerstone, lectors, extraordinary ministers and Finance Council. Thank you also to their daughter Amy and her husband, Ed Noonan. They too have been very involved as altar server trainer, Women’s and Men’s cornerstone and ushering. Both families have made the decision to move; the Troys to Western Pennsylvania and the Noonans to Convent Station. I wish them well in their new lives. I promise to stay close to them and appreciate the love and care they have given to our parish for many years. May God guide them and give them much joy in their new lives.

Fr. Owen

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Masses

Saturday mornings-----9:00 am
Saturday Evenings----- 5:00 pm
Sundays-----7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 6:00 pm
Holy Days----- Consult the bulletin or website
Weekdays-----9:00 am
Confession--- 4:00 pm Saturday or by Appointment

Staff

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Pastor----- Very Rev. Canon Owen B. Moran, ChM
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This Week's Bible Readings

Monday

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday

Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Friday

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25



Please consider purchasing a \$20 Saint Luke Parish Christmas ornament to support Ryan Matos' Eagle Scout Project. 100% of the profits will be used to fund a new outdoor service area platform built from stone and pavers for Saint Luke Parish. You can place your order using an order form found in the narthex or by accessing the link found on the parish website, on our St. Luke's Facebook Page or by typing in your browser <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/saint-luke-parish-ornament> *Limited Quantities*

Please contact rdm77@icloud.com or call 201-889-4642 with any questions.



We were proud to be a part of Garrett's Eagle Scout Achievement Award and Ceremony this week. Congratulations to him and his family and to Troop 436 who nurtured, encouraged and trained another awesome Scout!



God Bless Luka!



Congratulations on the baptism of another beautiful little boy into our St. Luke Parish Family!

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either the Diocesan Response Officers: Msgr. T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

Christmas Eve Schedule

4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant & Christmas Mass (Church)
4:15 p.m.	2 nd Children's Pageant & Christmas Mass (Parish center)
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Family Mass (Church)
6:15 p.m.	Christmas Family Mass (Parish center)
8:30 p.m.	Christmas Vigil Mass (Church)
12:00 a.m.	Midnight Mass (Live-streamed)

Christmas Day Schedule

All masses will be held in the Church

7:30 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Mass
11:30 a.m.	Mass (Live-streamed)
6:00 p.m.	No Mass



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Come Lord Jesus

"Prepare the way of the Lord" wasn't just a call to those who lived thousands of years ago, but to all of us, here and now. It is a call to get busy and it very well may be the most challenging busy work we will be asked to do.

Advent challenges us to look at the ways we wait, the ways we long for God, and the ways we hope. We are called to clear a path; straighten those crooked ways of selfishness, pride, jealousy, unfaithfulness, and smooth out the rough places to make room for Jesus.

How can we do this? It is when we come together as a faithful community in worship and receive spiritual nourishment in the Eucharist. It is when we ask for God's forgiveness and when we forgive others. It is when we use our gifts and talents in service for others. Jesus is the fulfillment of our waiting, our longing, and our hoping. Come, Lord Jesus! We need you now more than ever!

TEEN MINISTRY



At the God Squad Christmas Party our teens made winter hat decorations for the caregivers at Heath Village. We will deliver these gifts with a big gift basket of coffee & hot chocolate to show our appreciation for all their love and dedication to the elderly.



Save the Dates

- ✦ December 13— B CCD Classes White Gift Sunday 9:30
9th Grade Confirmation Classes
Gift Wrapping Service 8:30-12:30
Antioch Follow Ups 7-8:30pm
- ✦ December 14— Meditation at 7:00pm
- ✦ December 16— W CCD Classes
- ✦ December 18 — Christmas Pageant Practice 4:30pm
- ✦ December 19— Blood Drive 7:30-12:30
- ✦ December 20 — A CCD Classes
- ✦ December 21— Meditation at 7:00pm
- ✦ December 24— Christmas Eve Masses
4, 4:15, 6, 6:15, 8:30 & Midnight 12am
- ✦ December 25— Christmas Masses
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am



St. Paul's Abbey on Rt 206 near Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to **Choose 'N' Cut**. 7 days a week from 10am-3pm. Please support the Benedictine Monks who have been tending to the tree plantation!

Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you to all of you who donated gifts for the Christmas giving tree we are so happy to fulfill so many Christmas wishes this year.

We are inspired by your Love and Care for others!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Mass Intentions

♥ *Living Intentions* ♥ *Intentions for the deceased*

Saturday, December 12

9:00 am Alexander Graessle

5:00 pm Jim Moran

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am Shannon Cleary

9:30 am Olga Fuchs

11:30 am Lenore Mauro

6:00 pm In Honor of Saint Lucy

Monday, December 14

9:00 am Peter McCaffrey

Tuesday, December 15

9:00 am St. Luke Parishioners

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 am Karen Marie Pretzer

Thursday, December 17

9:00 am Dominic DiFalco

Danny & Bridie O'Meara

Friday, December 18

9:00 am Andrew Mercurio

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Father Owen's dear friend and parishioner in New Hampshire, Corrine Bonaventure MacLennan-Kennedy for donating our beautiful Advent candle in loving memory of her beloved Hamish.

Gift Wrapping For Charity



The God Squad will be wrapping gifts again this weekend for people while they wait, or attend Mass. They're making a difference!

P R E S C H O O L

The Month of December

Number: 4 Shape: Triangle

Color: **Red**



This Week Letter: **Ll** Theme: **Christmas!**

Father Owen's Classroom Visit 12/15

Christmas Party 12/17

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION / CURRENT PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are new in the parish, we would appreciate it if you register. **[Please PRINT clearly]**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

☐ Need Registration Form ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving Out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes ☐ Want Online Giving

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