



# Saint Luke the Evangelist

A Roman Catholic Community

Serving the People of Westborough Since 1870

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018



*I am baptizing you  
with water, but  
one mightier  
than I is coming.*

Luke 3:16

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## Interfaith Giving Tree 2018



Thank you to all of St. Luke's family  
for responding so generously and for  
all of your help with the  
Interfaith Giving Tree Program.



December 16, 2018

Today's readings can be found  
in the *Gather Hymnal* page 999

## Mass for the Intentions Week

### Saturday December 15

5:00pm **Russell, Theresa, &  
Therese Macaluso**  
by their family

### Sunday, December 16

7:30am **Carl & Jane Sprague &  
Diane Bagley**  
by their family

9:00am **Maria Barretti**  
by her family

11:00am **Thomas Flanigan**  
by his family

3:00pm **ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

6:30pm **Jack Aylward & John Casey**  
by Mickie Aylward

### Monday, December 17

9:00am **Elaine Olson**  
by the Blaney family

### Tuesday, December 18

9:00am **Pat & Paul Dempsey**  
by their family

### Wednesday, December 19

.. 7:30pm **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

### Thursday, December 20

9:00am **Paul Sullivan**  
by Gloria

### Saturday December 22

8:00am **Souls in Purgatory**  
by Pat Horrigan

5:00pm **Michael Ryan**  
by the Knights of Columbus

### Sunday, December 23

7:30am **Stephen Hodsdon**

9:00am **Mona Kahale**

11:00am **Father George Lange**



## Please pray for...

Hailie McLatchey, Danielle Schiavone, Patricia Amorelli,  
Jean Hawkesworth, Kim Evans, Ann Martin, Mickie Aylward,  
Sharon Beaulieu, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert,  
Cheri McGee, Agnes Limberger Joe Gonzales, Zachary Collins,  
Grace Roche, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho,  
Elisa Korb, Mary Mahan, Toby Claufon, William Carr, Becky Rawson,  
William Carr, George Beecher, Russell Gazzana, Bill Miller, Erin Magrane,  
Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Epifania Soto, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott,  
Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney,  
Andrea Furtado, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley,  
Rosemary Bartolini, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Neil Kenny, Paul Fallon,  
Debbie Giroux, Carole & Pam Laino, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao,  
Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Ronald Cox, Joan Fallon, Joan Antonio,  
Marie Wilson, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby,  
Beverly Taylor, James Bretta, Judy Melfa, Claire Kennedy, Maria Matejko,  
Peter Rose, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Richard Carey, Emiliano Cuellar,  
James Thomas, Teresa Putnam, Christina Narensky, Lynn St. Jean,  
Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Margaret Markert,  
Susan Garry, Barbara Auger, Ann Price, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann,  
Joan Bunnell, Joan Finnerty, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker  
Ruth Davoe, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo,  
Lucy Hamburger, David Carrera, Joel Rivera, Gary Shults,  
Isla Winnie Bassler, Corine Sciarappa, John Lynch, Kristy Cautello,  
Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Carol Guarino, Michael Turpin,  
Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Sally Gagliardi, Sam Mozley

### PARISH PRAYER LINE 508.366.6916

*Names of individuals on the Prayer Line are not published in the bulletin*  
**Let us remember to pray for all the men and women and their  
families who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan**  
**We remember those who have died...**

Frances Mazur

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION

**TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:30PM**

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AT 3:00PM**

**PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AT 6:00PM**

**ADORATION MUSIC AT 6:10PM**

**BENEDICTION AT 6:30PM**



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by personal request  
Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible*

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance*

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

**Pray the Rosary  
Monday through Friday  
after the 9:00 Mass  
Cenacle Monday at 6:30PM**





## SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



**THE WOMEN OF ST. LUKE (WOSL) PROVIDE GIFT BAGS THAT ARE FILLED WITH TREATS FOR OUR ELDERLY.**



### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

On the evening of Wednesday, December 19th, St. Luke's will be holding a Candle-light Christmas Memorial Service in the church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. to remember our loved ones who have died. During this

busy, and often difficult, holiday season we invite family and friends to participate in this evening of thoughtful prayer, reflection and music. You are welcome to bring a photo or other small remembrance of your loved one to display during the service. If you would like the name of the deceased mentioned during the service, please plan on arriving at 7:10 p.m. We look forward to having you join us for this special evening of shared sorrow and joy in the presence of our Lord!



### CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DEC. 24

4:00pm Church & Parish Ctr  
6:00pm Christmas Pageant  
8:00pm Mass

9:30pm Spanish Mass  
12:00am Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DEC. 25

9:00am 10:30am 12Noon

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00am & 11:30am



St. Luke's will be serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, January 4th. There is a sign-up sheet and instructions at the back of the church for food and servers. Please drop off the food by 4:30 on January 4th.

If you wish to serve, please be at our house by 4:30. Any questions, please call Sue Black at 508-212-2748. Thanks!



### WINTER 2019 BIBLE STUDY OFFERING AT ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's is offering a Bible course on Psalms: The School of Prayer this winter from our very successful Great Adventure program of Adult Bible Studies. For more specific information on this program, including course description, registration and for ordering a Study Guide, please visit St. Luke's Parish website <https://stlukes-parish.org/> and click on Adult Studies/ then on Bible Study. Flyers with Bible Study course information are also available in the vestibule of the church.



## SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



A certain priest, known for his girth, returned to his former parish to visit, minus much of his sizable frame. When asked about his weight loss, he told everyone that chest pains and the fear of a heart attack motivated him to lose weight and take better care of himself. He felt better, had more energy and was more active than he had ever been. Once he made up his mind, he did what was necessary to stay fit.

John's listeners are convinced by the Baptist's message that announced the coming of the Messiah. They want to do something to prepare for the coming of the Lord. It was not possible or practical to become like John. So, John tells them to do what they can. In their jobs, communities and daily lives, they were to live in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah, practicing the virtues of the Kingdom by treating people fairly and with respect.

To prepare once again for the celebration of Christmas, we must root out sin and evil in our lives and renew our commitment to God and holiness. Look for those opportunities everyday and live your life according to your beliefs. Make up your mind that you will do whatever it takes to get right with God and prepare for the coming of Christ.

*James Gaffney*



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Looking for someone who is organized and confidential! One of our parishioners coordinates the mailing of our parish bereavement

booklets and she is in need of some assistance. Booklets are mailed out monthly, with each grieving family receiving a packet four different times over the course of that first year. The commitment would be 2-3 hours a month to help her put together the mailings and organize the paperwork. You would need to be willing to drive to her (in Grafton), as she is unable to drive herself due to medical reasons. This is a wonderful ministry and really makes a difference to those who are on the receiving end of the bereavement booklets. If you would like to learn more, please contact our pastoral associate Julie Basque at 508-366-8509, ext. 4.

**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH  
IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK,  
WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS.  
JESUS WILL BE AS HAPPY TO SEE US  
AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.**



### **SAVE THE DATE ASP CHILI CHALLENGE**

Saturday, January 12

6:30 – 8:30 - Parish Hall

Tickets at the door \$10 adult, \$5 child

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

All are welcome to Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester on Friday, December 28, at 8:30am for Mass followed at 9:15am by a Prayerful Rosary Procession to the abortion clinic, followed by Benediction. Join us as we pray for the Holy Innocents, for babies lost to abortion and for all unborn babies and for their moms and dads.



### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for**

**Adults)** is a parish ministry that introduces people to the Catholic faith and provides the path for full membership in God's pilgrim church, for those who so choose. Inquirers from **all** backgrounds are welcomed to learn what it means to be a Christian in the Catholic faith tradition without any pressure to become Catholic. For more information, please contact Bob Thompson, RCIA Team Leader, by calling 508-341-7677 or emailing at [bob\\_thomps@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_thomps@hotmail.com). Or contact any of our team members: Kathy Burbank at 508-468-6682, Josh Dion at 978-807-1631, or Stan Kayser at 508-366-2475. **We welcome all inquirers.**



### **NO LONGER ACCEPTING PAPER RECYCLING.**

The company who services our Paper Retriever dumpster as well as other dumpsters in the area, has gone out of business. Please do not bring paper recycling to these dumpster any longer. Thank you.

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

*Saint Pope John XXIII*





“St. Luke’s donates 10% of its weekly collection through Sharing First . We donate to others before attending to our own wants. Sharing First is unique not only because there is one collection each week, but that we help the needy first. Please adjust your donation to include both Sharing First and St. Luke’s. Thank you for your generous support.

**DECEMBER 9** supports **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** in the amount **\$1446**

**DECEMBER 16** supports (TODAY) — **ST. DAMIEN’S PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL IN HAITI**

**DECEMBER 23** supports **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Catholic Relief Services – CRS was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to help war-torn Europe and its refugees recover. Since then they have expanded in size to reach more than 100 million people in 101 countries on five continents. During the time of expansion, CRS built on its tradition of providing relief in emergency situations and began to seek ways to help people in the developing world break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives. These programs include agricultural initiatives, community banks, health, education and clean water projects.

Each year we are given the opportunity to support the work of CRS so that they may continue to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas. This year St Luke’s will join with all of our brothers and sisters in the US Catholic community by donating our Sharing First tithe of April 2 to the Catholic Relief Services.

A huge heartfelt thanks to all of you wonderful people who took tags, shopped, wrapped, and helped in the hall to make our Interfaith Giving Tree Program a success again this year. You helped 169 Westborough families and several group homes and facilities, as well as the home bound and elderly. Your love has spread throughout Westborough and we hope that it comes back to you tenfold! Merry Christmas!



**THANK YOU!** Your contributions to the Visitation House baby bottle drive totaled over \$3300! Your gifts will ensure a safe home for the 4 new babies born since we started our drive in October, as well as caring, practical help for their moms. The Respect Life Ministry thanks you on behalf of: Baby Boy Eliakim Lance 10/27 8lbs 5oz, Baby Boy Ezekiel Noel 11/2 7lbs 13oz, Baby Boy Eliam Alberto 11/5 6lbs 10oz, and Baby Girl Hazel Pearl 11/8 7lbs 12oz.

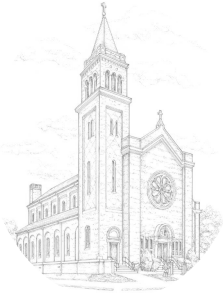
**KIOSK OF BOOKLETS** of Catholic Religious Materials are in the entrance of the Parish Center. These booklets are produced by Catholic Information Services and they are offered to everyone with the compliments of the Knights of Columbus Council 85. We hope you will find these booklets interesting and useful religious education materials.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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Office Hours—Monday –Thursday  
9:30AM -5:30PM  
Closed Friday

## **LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM**

**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 6:30 PM**

## **Weekday Masses**

**Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM**

**Saturday 8:00 AM**

## **Holy Days**

**7:00 AM, 12:10PM and 7:30PM**

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## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS –December 22/23**

### **Saturday, 5:00PM Mass**

**Lector:** Jim Basque

**Cantor:** Bruce Szczepankiewicz

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Carol Belle, Pat Najarian,

Dianne Patrick, John Hegarty & Kathleen Gorczyca

**Servers:** Audrey Didier, Kayla Niece, Mae Abraham &  
Ellie Tesoro

**Greeters:** Brian & Roberta Falves

### **Sunday 7:30 AM**

**Lector:** Lyn Amoroso

**Extraordinary Ministers** Helene Sullivan,

Carolyn Black-Fay & David Fay

**Servers:** Annie & Amanda Beckman, &

Jackson & Samantha Kelley

**Greeters:** Judy & Fred Savoie

### **9:00 AM Mass**

**Lector:** Nick Argento

**Cantor:** Ellen Linn

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Carol Aloisi, Kathy Richov,

Peter Flynn, Mary Burke & Tom Regan

**Servers:** Zach, Sam, Gabe & Jonathan Colebourn

### **11:00AM Mass**

**Lector:** David Pickering

**Cantor:** Bruce Szczepankiewicz

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Thi Barbini, Antony Thomas,

Yves Jonassaint, Dottie & Herman Millet

**Servers:** Infanta Antony, Abby Kieler,

Andrew & Nicholas Nadar

**Greeters:** George Donald & Timmy Cullinane

### **6:30PM PM Mass:**

**Lector:** Brian McLaughlin

**Extraordinary Ministers:** John Griffin'

Gerard Baker & Kathy Dunbeck

**Servers:** Patrick Kelley, Emily Coffey,

Cassidy & Lexi Lattanzio

**Greeters:** Cindy Haskell

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*St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is a Roman Catholic community in the Diocese of Worcester. We strive to learn, teach and joyfully live the fullness of our Faith and serve God and our neighbors in charity and truth. We faithfully celebrate the Sacraments, pray together as a community and give generously of our time, talent and treasure to live and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives.*