**St. Luke the Evangelist Church, Glenside, Pennsylvania**

**First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2003**

**This Week at St. Luke's**

**Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent**
- 9:30 am  Children’s Liturgy of the Word/Little People Sunday School
- 7:00 pm  Evening Prayer

**Monday, December 1**
- 9:00 am  Bible Study, Lyons Den
- 4:15 pm  PREP
- 6:30 pm  YA-73 Mass
- 7:15 pm  PREP
- 7:30 pm  RCIA

**Tuesday, December 2 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- 11:30 am  Over 50’s, FFH
- 7:00 pm  Sodality
- 7:30 pm  Boy Scouts, FFH
- 7:30 pm  YA 73, MMR

**Wednesday, December 3**
- 6:00 pm  PREP, Chapel House
- 7:00 pm  Cub Scouts, FFH
- 7:30 pm  Guitar Group Christmas Concert
- 7:30 pm  Venture Crew, Lyons Den

**Thursday, December 4**
- 10:00 am  Moms & Tots, FFH
- 6:30 pm  Camp Fire Ceremonial, FFH
- 7:30 pm  Choir, MMR
- 7:30 pm  Youth Group, Chapel House
- 7:30 pm  Parish Pastoral Council, Rectory

**Friday, December 5 - First Friday**

**Saturday, December 6**
- 1:30 pm  A Gift To You, FFH
- 2:00 pm  Easton Road Cleanup
- 4:30 pm  Anointing of the Sick

**Sunday, December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent**
- 9:30 am  Children’s Liturgy of the Word/Little People Sunday School
- 7:00 pm  Evening Prayer

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**Sacrament of Baptism.** Except during Lent, parish celebrations of Baptism are held during the 9:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of the month and at 1:00 pm on the other Sundays. Parents should attend the Pre-Baptismal Program (held once a month) before the day of Baptism. Call the rectory to register.

**Sacrament of Marriage.** All wedding preparations should be made at least 6 months in advance of the expected date of marriage. All engaged couples should attend a Pre-Cana Program early in their engagement. Please call the rectory to make these arrangements.

**New Parishioners.** Welcome to our Parish Family! To register, visit the rectory after Mass on Sunday or call for an appointment. For information on becoming Catholic, call Jeanne Kyle at 215-572-0128.

**Moving?** If you are moving within the parish please let the rectory know of your new address. If you are moving from the parish, please let us know so we can say ‘Good bye’ & ‘God go with you.’ We also want to know if you want the parish to keep in touch with you to let you know about various activities. Call the rectory office.

**Angels of Mercy.** If you need a ride to the doctor or hospital, need some help food shopping, etc. call on our Angels of Mercy, coordinated by June Sparks, 215-886-3753.

**Parish Nurse.** 215-885-0546

**St Luke Spiritual Library** is located in the Easton Rd vestibule of the Church.

**Chapel House** is the house with the porch between the upper (new) school building and the convent at 2330 Fairhill Avenue.

**FFH - Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall** is the church auditorium, located beneath the church.

**MMR - Music Ministry Room** is a room located in FFH.

**AR - Alumni room (a/k/a Lyon’s Den)** is a room located in FFH.

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 1 - Advent Weekday**
- 6:30 am  John Kerstulja req by Kevin Potter
- 8:30 am  4th Anniversary Michael Flach req by his Family

**Tuesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday**
- 6:30 am  John Kerstulja req by the 2nd Sun Ft Knox Team
- 8:30 am  Lewis Dominick

**Wednesday, December 3 - Francis Xavier, priest**
- 6:30 am  Deceased Members of Cunnane & Walsh Families
- 8:30 am  Grace Diorio req by her Family

**Thursday, December 4 - Advent Weekday**
- 6:30 am  Theresa Rowley req by her husband
- 8:30 am  Mr & Mrs John Del Rossi req by their daughter

**Friday, December 5 - Advent Weekday**
- 6:30 am  Pauline Menefee req by Polly
- 8:30 am  Antonio & Lucia Rosati by Mr & Mrs Alfonso Rosati
- 10:30 am  Volunteers & Benefactors at St. Luke School

**Saturday, December 6 - Advent Weekday**
- 6:30 am  Francesca Licari req by Mr & Mrs Alfonso Rosati
- 8:30 am  Andy Burgos req by Mr & Mrs Alfonso Rosati

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**The Pro-Life Rose** placed before the statue of Mary is in loving memory of Nancy Keenan.

**St Vincent de Paul Carnations** placed before the statue of St Joseph are in loving memory of Frank Kempf.
We welcome new members and invite visitors and parishioners to share fully in our parish life. As new members you bring vitality and growth to our parish. To register, please stop by the rectory after Mass on Sunday or call for an appointment to meet with a priest. (215-572-0128).

Liturgy Update

Today we begin implementation of the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal. It calls for a uniform gesture of reverence before reception of Holy Communion. In the United States that gesture is a bow of the head.

In our parish we recommend that during the Communion Procession, as the person in line in front of you steps to the side after receiving Holy Communion, you should make a slight bow of your head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and step forward to receive. (If you are first in line, bow just before you receive the Sacrament.)

It is recommended that your hands are joined when you bow.

If you receive in the hand, approach the minister with one hand resting on the palm of the other. Respond “Amen” when the minister says, “The Body of Christ.” After the Eucharist is placed in your hand, step to the side and reverently place the Eucharist in your mouth. Continue in procession.

If you receive on the tongue, keep your hands joined. Respond “Amen” when the minister says, “The Body of Christ.” Extend your tongue, so the minister may reverently place the Eucharist on your tongue.

In our church, you have the option to receive the Precious Blood at every Mass. You bow before receiving the Sacrament, respond “Amen” when the ministers says “The Blood of Christ,” drink from the cup (or chalice) when the minister hands it to you, and reverently return the cup to the minister.

A Family Perspective

First Sunday of Advent

With busy family schedules at this time of year, we might neglect the gospel message to be watchful and pray. Families who make a sincere effort to celebrate the Advent Season with special times for prayer and good works find an increased awareness of God’s love and goodness within.

Attention College and High School Students

Start planning now to get together with your old classmates and friends when you come back home for Christmas Break. Mark your calendars for the Youth Group Reunion Mass and Reception on Sunday January 4, 2004. The Youth Group will have a special Mass at 3:00 pm followed by a reception in the Father Fitzpatrick Hall. Food and beverages will be served at the reception. Spread the word to your friends. Your friends and family are welcome and encouraged to come to the Mass. The reception after the Mass is for the college and high school age youth of the parish and their friends.

If you would like to get on our email list to receive more information send us an email at stlukyouthgroup@yahoo.com or call the rectory. Parents send an email or IM your children at college and let them know about this event. If you would like to be part of the music ministry for this Mass email Molly Mahoney at mmahoney@stlukespa.org.

2004 Church Calendars

Church calendars, courtesy of William R May Funeral Home, are available in the back of Church. Pick one up for a handy reference to parish phone numbers, Mass times and confessions.

December

Sung Evening Prayer

7:00pm

Sundays of Advent

Advent Wreath Prayers are available in the rear of the Church.

Evening of Carols

The Guitar Group is arranging this evening on Wednesday, December 3, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Music Program Update

Molly Mahoney will be the new Music Director at St. Luke. She begins next month. Her first rehearsal with the choir will be on Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 pm.

A Gift for You

The St. Luke Youth Group is sponsoring this activity for children 3 to 11 years of age. On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6, would you like a free afternoon (1:30 - 4:30) to do your Christmas shopping? The gift in “A Gift for You” is three hours of free, supervised babysitting during the holiday season. Preregistration is required. See our web site or call Charlie Spencer at 215-886-3506 for more information.

Immaculate Conception of Mary

Mass Schedule

December 8, 2003

6:30 & 8:30 am
4:30 & 7:30 pm

Web Site of the Week

This site is a Catholic Calendar:
http://www.easterbrooks.com/personal/calendar/index.html
Over 50’s
St Luke’s Over 50 Club will meet on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at 11:30am in Fr Fitzpatrick Hall. Our Christmas Luncheon will be served at the meeting. The program will feature holiday special by Diane Seeger. 50-50 tickets will be sold. Call 215-576-0470 for information.


Christmas Wreath Sale
Give yourself the gift of a beautiful Christmas wreath for only $25 at Our Lady’s House annual fundraising sale after all the Masses this weekend.

New Rectory Office Hours
Monday through Thursday, Saturday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Friday: 9:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Permission is needed from the rectory office for ANY posting of notices, flyers, or posters in Church.

The Sisters of St Joseph are selling chances to benefit the retired Sisters of Saint Joseph who reside at Saint Joseph Villa in Flourtown. Chances are available at the school office. We ask for your generous support in this endeavor. Thank you!

Grand Prize $10,000
7 Prizes $500
7 Prizes $350
Donation $1.00 per chance
6 for $5.00
Drawing: December 7, 2003

CYO News
A Night with the Philadelphia 76ers!!
Sunday, December 14th - 6:00pm
Sixers vs Utah Jazz
All Parish Members,
Family & Friends
are invited to join the fun!
Discount Tickets: $25.00,
$36.00 or $47.00
For an additional $8.00 get a coupon for a popcorn, small drink, hotdog and a Sixers cap.
Must provide own transportation
Any questions,
or to order your tickets,
Call Andy Ward at 215-886-7827.

High School Girls’ Basketball - Anyone interested in playing CYO Basketball, please give Mr O’Sullivan a call at 215-887-1767 for registration information ASAP. Mr O’Sullivan will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

St Luke’s Scrip Program
This year let St Luke’s Scrip Program help you with your holiday shopping. Gift certificates can be purchased for most local retailers or restaurants. Details call Sharon Slusarski 215-887-4475 or Cindy Sharp 215-885-0974.

Old Cell Phones?
Help St Luke School’s Technology Program by donating old cell phones. Send phones into school or deposit in box in the rear of the church. Your donation will assist in the purchase of new software and accessories for the computer program for our school children. Thank you in advance for your support.

PREP News
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th at 4:30 and 7:30pm.
There will NOT be a First Penance Meeting for parents on Sunday, December 7, 2003. The First Penance meeting for parents whose children will receive First Penance in 2004 will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 7:30pm. More details will follow.
The meeting for Confirmation will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2004. Bishop DeSimone will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here on Tuesday, March 23 at 4pm.

The Royal Masque of Bishop McDevitt High School presents Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella
December 5, 6 & 7 at 8:00pm
in the Auditorium (Handicap Accessible)
Royal Ave at Mulford Rd Wyncote
Evening performance tickets are $8
Matinee for Senior Citizens will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 2pm - tickets are $4
Information call 215-884-3773

Youth Group
Upcoming events include “A Gift for You” on Sat, Dec 6th, Operation Santa Claus gift wrapping on Sunday, December 21, and the Reunion Mass on Jan 4 at 3:00pm. Anybody who can help with babysitting services (Service hrs. available) for “A Gift for You” on Sat, Dec 6th should E-Mail us at stlukeyouthgroup@yahoo.com. or call Charlie Spencer at 215-886-3506. Spread the word to your friends.