

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



EASTON ROAD & FAIRHILL AVENUE ❖ GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

DECEMBER 2, 2007

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the parish family of St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, respecting our tradition, affirming our strong family ties, and valuing our diverse community, are called by Baptism to commit ourselves to:*

- *Give glory to God by liturgy which unites and strengthens the community of faith;*
- *Build a church community that welcomes all, encouraging each home to be a domestic church;*
- *Listen to the Gospel of Jesus, live it in our daily lives, and share it with one another; and*
- *Serve others as Jesus did, especially the poor and those in need.*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Daily (Monday - Saturday): 6:30 & 8:30 AM

Holy Day: varies; Holiday: varies

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Eve of First Friday: 7:30 - 8:00 PM

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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One nation shall not raise the sword against another,  
nor shall they train for war again.*

Isaiah 2:4

**This Advent will you pray for peace  
within our hearts, our city, our communities,  
and our world?**

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH THIS SUNDAY AT 7 PM**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLYDAY**

**MASSES: 12/7—7 PM; 12/8—6:30 AM & 9:00 AM**

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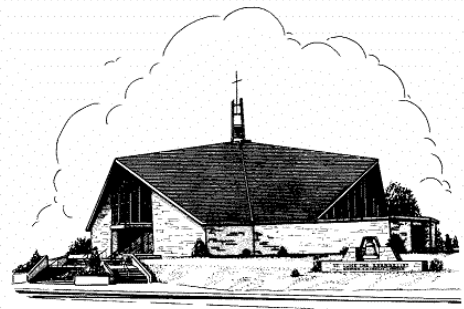
## Office Hours:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, MON - THURS

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, FRI

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM, SAT

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, SUN



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:37-44  
Mon Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11  
Tues Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24  
Wed Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37  
Thurs Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27  
Fri Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31  
Sat Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12;  
Luke 1:26-38  
Sun Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;  
Matthew 3:1-12

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 3 - Francis Xavier, priest

6:30 am Nancy Clancy req. by St. Luke's Over 50's Club

8:30 am Hugh McConnell req. by Tom & Pat Reilly

### Tuesday, December 4 - Advent Weekday / John of Damascus, priest, doctor of the Church

6:30 am Concettina Licari req. by Lydia Nigro

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. John DelRossi req. by their daughter, Loretta

### Wednesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

6:30 am Rose DiTullio req. by Sarah & Ed Griffis

8:30 am Jack Kennedy req. by Pat & John Trevi

### Thursday, December 6 - Advent Weekday / Nicholas, bishop

6:30 am Maripat Filmyer

8:30 am Michael & Mary Beth Flach

### Friday, December 7 - Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church

6:30 am Nancy Clancy req. by Clemmie Deverant

8:30 am Charles Heiland req. by his wife

10:30 am Francis Waters req. by Mary May

7:00 pm Vigil Mass

### Saturday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Immaculate Conception

**The Pro-Life Rose**, placed before the statue of the Blessed Mother, and **the St. Vincent de Paul Carnations**, placed before the statue of St. Joseph, are in loving memory of Charles Heiland donated by his wife.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

### Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

Beginning of Operation Santa Claus

Talks on Consecration to the Sacred Heart

9:00 am Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital

9:30 am Baptisms / CYO Choir

7:00 pm Chestnut Hill Orchestra Concert (Handel's *Messiah*)

### Monday, December 3

9:00 am Bible Study, Alumni Room

4:15 pm PREP

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society, Rectory

7:15 pm PREP

7:30 pm RCIA, Alumni Room

### Tuesday, December 4

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH

7:00 pm Bereavement Support Group, Chapel House

7:00 pm Sodality

7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FFH

7:45 pm Legion of Mary, Alumni Room

### Wednesday, December 5

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, FFH

7:00 pm Guitar Group, Music Ministry Room

7:30 pm Venture Crew, Alumni Room

### Thursday, December 6

10:00 am Moms & Tots, FFH

3:30 pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH

6:30 pm Camp Fire Christmas Ceremonial, FFH

7:30 pm Choir, MMR

8:00 pm CYO Board, Alumni Room

### Friday, December 7

10:30 am First Friday Mass

7:00 pm Holyday Vigil Mass

### Saturday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

6:30 am Holyday Mass

9:00 am Holyday Mass

### Sunday, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS!

**Kelley Smith Boyle**, son of John  
& Shannon Boyle,

**Neeve Ashlin Doherty**,  
daughter of Brian & Sharon  
Doherty,

**Brayden Tyler Killeen**, son of  
Matthew & Robyn Killeen,  
and

**Luke Eric Gustaf Swanljung**,  
son of Peter & Alyssa  
Swanljung,  
were baptized on  
November 18, 2007.

**Patrick Joseph Schugsta**, son  
of Alex & Ellen Schugsta,  
was baptized on  
November 24, 2007.

**Ryan James Brnich**, son of  
Kevin & Nicole Brnich,

**Isabella Grace Clark**, daughter  
of Christopher & Heather  
Clark,

**Grayson David Clark**, son of  
Christopher & Heather Clark,  
and

**Brian Thomas Dougherty**, son  
of Brian & Tamira  
Dougherty,  
were baptized on  
November 25, 2007.

## LECTORS NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming a lector (reader of Scripture) at Mass? The church needs you! To find out more about the requirements for lectors and/or to arrange for training and practice with the microphone, contact Jeanne Kyle, 215-572-0128.

## VOCATION VIEWS

Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence. (*Romans 13:11-14*)

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The second collection **next weekend** benefits elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20% of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care. To learn more, visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

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peace within our hearts,  
our city, our communities,  
and our world?**

## SODALITY AND MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be said at the services on Tuesday, **December 4**, at 7pm. The Novena prayers and Benediction follows these devotions.

We will continue the collection, for Christmas, for our sister parish in Haiti.

Dues of \$3.00 for the year can be paid after our services.

Any questions about weather cancellations, please call Teresa Duff 215-887-4727 or Marie Winstanley 215-886-3863.

## WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

Check out our parish website:  
[www.stlukerc.org](http://www.stlukerc.org)

It contains the 'Dining Around Town' Flyer, Advent wreath prayers, the parish calendar, and more.



Dear Brothers and  
Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and  
peace of our Lord  
Jesus be with you!

The holy season of  
Advent prepares  
us for the celebration of the birth  
of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem  
and for His return in glory at the  
end of time. Each of the days of  
Advent invites us to listen more  
attentively to the Word of God  
and to celebrate the Sacraments  
with ever greater devotion, espe-  
cially Penance and the most holy  
Eucharist.

As Jesus grants us this extraordi-  
nary privilege, I ask you to reflect  
upon and pray for a particular  
intention: the need for peace  
within our hearts, our city, our  
communities and our world. The  
tragic number of homicides in the  
City of Philadelphia and the con-  
tinued war in Iraq make us aware  
of the urgent need for peace at  
home and throughout our world.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, the  
Prince of Peace, we prepare to  
celebrate the birth of the One  
who the prophet Isaiah foretold  
would bring about the day when  
"one nation shall not raise a  
sword against another." As we  
direct our lives more fully toward  
the Lord Jesus during these days  
of preparation, let us pray for and  
encourage one another in our ef-  
forts to be people of peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

**+Justin Card. Rigali**

Cardinal Justin Rigali

Archbishop of Philadelphia

## CHRISTMAS IQ

Where did the tradition of putting a Christmas crèche in our homes originate? Discover the answer and listen with new ears to the sounds and symbols of Christmas at our Parish event:

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

**Monday, December 17**

**7:00 pm**

### SAVE THE DATE

Shop at 10,000 Villages  
8331 Germantown Ave.  
Chestnut Hill

**Thursday, December 13**

from 5 to 9pm

15% of all sales during that time will go to the Cecilian Center for Earth, Arts and Spirit located at 100 Carpenter Lane, Mt. Airy

“Hope in the coming kingdom is already beginning to take root in the hearts of men. The radical transformation of the world in the paschal mystery of the Lord gives full meaning to the efforts of men, and in particular of the young, to lessen injustice, violence and hatred and to advance all together in justice, freedom, brotherhood and love.”

Synod of Bishops,  
*Justice in the World* (1971) 76

### ST. LUKE PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The weekly stewardship receipt for 11/25/07 was  
\$17,245.67

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## BLESS THE BABY JESUS

### ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

The annual Bless the Baby Jesus Advent Prayer Service will be held with Cardinal Rigali on Sunday, **December 9**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul (18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway). The Family Life Office and Catholic Social Services plan this event to provide an afternoon of joyful prayer and song in the spirit of the Advent season, complete with beautiful pre-Christmas music. Everyone is encouraged to bring an image or figurine of the Baby Jesus, perhaps from your family Nativity Crèche, to be blessed by Cardinal Rigali during the service.

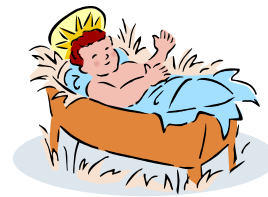
This is also an opportunity to assist the less fortunate. Baskets will be available to collect new infant clothing, infant formula, and monetary donations for the poor. Please come and enjoy this special Advent celebration!

### E-GIVING

If you would like the convenience of automatic giving for your church contributions you may sign up on our website

[www.stlukerc.org/  
stewardship.htm](http://www.stlukerc.org/stewardship.htm)

or fill out a form available at the rectory. Return the form to the rectory. You may use your bank account or credit card for automatic giving. You may choose monthly, quarterly, or yearly contributions for your regular Sunday offering. In addition, you can specify amounts for Easter, Christmas, and all the other Holydays and special collections.



### *“It’s Beginning to Look Too Much Like Christmas”*

brought to you by Peace in Our Day

For each of the four weeks of Advent, Peace in Our Day will bring you an idea that we hope will focus on the true meaning of Christmas. The first one is **A Progressive Nativity**.

Today, bring out your crèche (or if you don’t have one, make a simple one from a cardboard box) and put it in a place where everyone will see it.

Every day or so, allow one member of the family to select a figure to place in the crèche (saving Baby Jesus for Christmas Eve, of course).

Carry the ritual through to Epiphany, to give the Wise Men their due. If your nativity set isn’t made of valuable materials, children may be allowed to place the camels at a distant point in the room and bring them closer each day.

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***Celebrate the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese at Saint Charles Seminary!*** Spring course offerings are now posted on the Religious Studies Division website at [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu). New courses for the bicentennial include *The History of the Church in Philadelphia* and *The History of Hispanic Catholics in the United States*. Online courses are also available. Classes start **Jan. 14**. For a course brochure, call 610-785-6287.

## MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

The Gospel of Matthew reveals a tension between Christians and the synagogue. It dates from approximately 80 A.D. and contains



nearly all of Mark's Gospel but this Gospel has its own unique information about Jesus. It begins with introductory material in

chapters 1-4 and continues with five distinct sections: 1) the sermon on the mount (in chapters 5-7); 2) information on discipleship (in chapter 10); 3) parables (chapter 13); 4) information on church order (18); and 5) the end of the world (chapter 24). In Matthew we encounter the Christ of faith and of history. The scribe of this Gospel wrote for the early Jewish community and the text is filled with images of patriarchy, Jewish heritage, ancestry, genealogy, and numerous quotations from the Hebrew Bible. Matthew presents the Beatitudes as the "barometer by which commitment to Christ is to be judged."

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## HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULES

### Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 7

7 pm

Saturday, December 8

6:30 am, 9 am

### Christmas

Monday, December 24

4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

Tuesday, December 25

6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### Mary, Mother of God

Monday, December 31

5 pm

Tuesday, January 1

6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

## *"LET'S GO ON WITH THE SHOW*

### *... 50 YEARS OF MEMORIES"*

Presented by The Royal Masque of Bishop McDevitt High School in celebration of the school's 50th Anniversary. Performances will be held in the Auditorium (handicap accessible), 125 Royal Ave, Wyncote, on **December 1 & 2** at 7:30pm. All tickets for evening performances are \$10. For further information visit [www.mcdevitths.org](http://www.mcdevitths.org).

## CALIX

### Communion with Christ enhancing our Twelve Step Program

A new chapter of Calix has been recently established at St. Luke's. Calix (founded in 1942) is an international association of Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with, and participation in, the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. We meet on the last Saturday of each month at 8:30am Mass followed by a meeting (the next meeting is **December 29**). We have received approval for this chapter from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and have a participating chaplain.

Calix's first concern is to interest Catholics with an alcohol problem in the VIRTUE of total abstinence. Our second purpose is to promote the spiritual development of our membership. Our participation in all other spiritual activities of Calix, such as the frequent celebration of Mass, Sacraments, personal prayer, Holy Hours, retreats, etc., aid us in our third objective, namely, striving for our personal sanctification. It should be noted that Calix is also for members of Al-Anon and other 12-step programs.

If interested, please call Ken at 215-327-3236 or Amy at 610-405-7747 or e-mail us at

[StLukeCalix@comcast.net](mailto:StLukeCalix@comcast.net)

Our web address is

[www.stlukecalix.org](http://www.stlukecalix.org)

**THE POOR BOXES ARE THE  
BREAD BOXES OF THE NEEDY**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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|-------------|---------------------------------|
| December 17 | "Do You Hear What I Hear?"      |
| January 2   | Voces Novae et Antiquae Concert |
| February 5  | Mardi Gras Party                |
| February 6  | Ash Wednesday                   |
| March 2     | Spaghetti Supper                |
| March 8 & 9 | Bishop Thomas visit to parish   |
| March 23    | Easter                          |
| April 12    | Confirmation at St. Luke Church |



## TEACHER FEATURE

*Mrs. Lori Dolan*

We treasure our St. Luke School faculty for its unity in Catholic beliefs and commitment to teach our children in our Catholic faith. We also treasure our faculty for its diversity in backgrounds and life experiences. Mrs. Lori Dolan, our featured teacher this week, brings an interesting blend of experiences with her to St. Luke School.

About 10 years ago, Mrs. Dolan was a busy wife and mother, in her 17th year working at McNeil Consumer Products. Having earned her Real Estate Certificate from Penn State, she was also selling real estate for a local Flourtown realtor. While working at McNeil, Mrs. Dolan served as an instructor at corporate training sessions, and felt an inkling that teaching was a path that she would take. Mrs. Dolan's call to teach continued to strengthen as she was finishing her B.A. degree at Arcadia University.



teaching second grade, and has been at it for seven years! She continues her professional development through courses at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, and through various organizations such as the Franklin Institute, which offer workshops for educators. She is especially interested in Psychology and Integrated Language Arts.

Mrs. Dolan and her husband, Don, just celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary, and reside in Glenside. They first met in high school (Mrs. Dolan was the "older woman") but did not start dating until they were in their 20's. Daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore at St. Basil's Academy. A warm-weather family, the Dolans spend their summers on the beach. Mrs. Dolan loves soaking in the sun while reading a good book and whole family enjoys boating,

water skiing, and fishing. The family dog, Hope, also plays a special role in the family. The Dolans had lost two dogs prior to Hope, and are "hoping" that this one lasts for many years.

Taking the first step toward teaching, she contacted School Principal, Sister Helen, to inquire about a teacher's aide position. As luck would have it, an aide was needed to assist the teacher in the Learning Resource Room. Mrs. Dolan accepted that position and spent two years as an aide. Mrs. Dolan and her husband, Don, were parishioners at the time, and their daughter Elizabeth was a student at St. Luke School, so she felt this situation was "the perfect fit." After finishing her degree, Mrs. Dolan accepted a position

At St. Luke's, Mrs. Dolan feels that she has the "opportunity to discuss the importance of God and faith in connection with current events." She feels that all teachers in all schools strive to make connections between curriculum and "the real world." and at St. Luke's, she can include God in those connections. Many thanks to Mrs. Dolan for sharing her history with us in Teacher Feature, and best wishes for many more years teaching at St. Luke's.

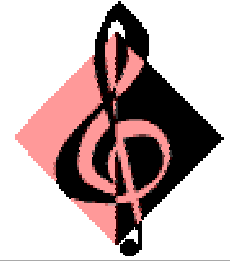
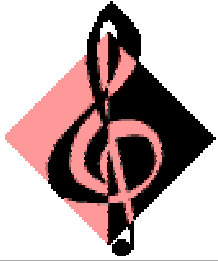


### ST. LUKE SCHOOL DINING AROUND TOWN - DECEMBER 4

Take part in this Tuesday's *Dining Around Town* at Lee's Hoagie House of Abington (1656 Old York Rd.) from 10am to 10pm - All Day!!!! Present the special flyer at the time of your order and YOU will receive a 10% discount on your entire order. THEN Lee's Hoagie House of Abington donates an additional 10% to St. Luke School. What a great deal!!!!!!

**Flyers** are located on the tables in the rear of Church and at the Rectory. They can be downloaded from our website: [www.stlukerc.org](http://www.stlukerc.org)

Join us this Sunday evening, December 2, at 7:00 pm, in St. Luke Church  
as The Northeast Oratorio Society, Buck County Chorus, with  
The Chestnut Hill Orchestra, conducted by Martin Knoblauch,  
return with



## Handel's *Messiah*

*Free will donation*

### OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

On the First Sunday of Advent, St. Luke CYO volunteers fill the trees in the back of church with tags lovingly made by Helen Foster, a long time parishioner. Each tag has a gender and age range on it. Parishioners then purchase gifts appropriate for the tags they have chosen. The gifts are then returned to Church the third Sunday of Advent (**December 16** this year).

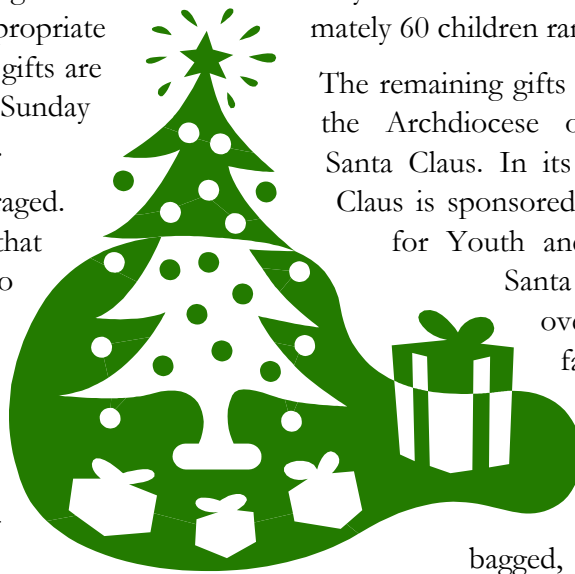
Wrapping is optional but encouraged. Operation Santa Claus requests that the toys be new and unopened, no war toys, videos, DVDs, CDs, video games, clothes\* or food. (\*Hats and gloves for older children are acceptable.) Batteries are always in demand as are toys for older boys and girls. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Then St. Luke CYO volunteers gather the gifts under the trees and take them to Father Fitzpatrick Hall for sorting. First, the gifts are sorted by gender and age. Next, gifts are chosen for families in St. Luke parish that are referred from St. Luke's Vincent DePaul Society. All adult gifts received go to these families. Next,

gifts are sorted for children of the Ludlow Community Center. The Ludlow Community Center is located in St. Malachy's parish in North Philadelphia. They have an after school program for approximately 60 children ranging from 5 to 13 years old.

The remaining gifts are bagged and picked up by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Operation Santa Claus. In its 40th year, Operation Santa Claus is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adults. Operation Santa Claus will provide toys for over 5,000 children in needy families throughout the city of Philadelphia. During the month of December, thousands of toys will be collected, sorted, wrapped, bagged, and finally delivered to 700 families on Christmas Eve.

St. Luke's Parish is consistently one of the most generous contributors in the archdiocese. Our CYO thanks all of the parishioners who so generously participate in Operation Santa Claus. Without you it would not be possible!



### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Beautifully decorated evergreen wreaths will be on sale this weekend **December 1 & 2**. Price \$25.00 to benefit Our Lady's House.



Find more Advent Wreath prayers at [www.stlukerc.org](http://www.stlukerc.org)

### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER—FIRST WEEK

(One purple candle is lit.)

O God of all Creation,  
As we light our first candle, we praise you for the beauty of the world that you have entrusted to us. May your Holy Spirit enkindle in your people such a love of your creation that we respond with enlightened care for the earth. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Hope, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

*Suggested Readings:* Genesis 1: 27-31; 1 Timothy 4:4-5

## SAINT MALACHY'S FOOD CUPBOARD

A recent magazine article was titled "Be a Voice for the Poor." It was written to attract the attention of the everyday Christian and to develop what is known as a "social doctrine."

Here at Saint Luke's the food cupboard for our friends at St. Malachy's had its beginning many years ago, and with your dedicated support, especially during the holidays, it has become the "voice" that reaches the poor and hungry at 11th & Master.

May our generous God bless all of you for your generosity. Alleluia!

Members of Peace in Our Day are putting together a panel discussion by young adults who are doing or have done social justice or sustainable development work in underdeveloped countries. If you or someone you know is so engaged and would like to share your experiences, please contact Mitch Harbison, 215- 884-4776.

### ST. LUKE'S OVER 50 CLUB

St. Luke's Over 50's Club will hold its annual **Christmas luncheon** at Sandy Run Country Club on Wednesday, **December 5**, at 12:30pm. We will be entertained by the North Pennsmen Barber-shop Group.

**Trip to Sight and Sound to see "The Miracle of Christmas"** - Bus will leave the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 11:30am on Thursday, **Dec. 6**. Questions? Call Nancy Catania 215-884-2423.

## CHRISTMAS IQ

The words and music of this song were composed by a Catholic around 1740 in Latin. One hundred years later, a convert to Catholicism, published it in English. What song is it? Discover the answer and listen with new ears to the sounds and symbols of Christmas at our Parish event: ***Do You Hear What I Hear?*** on **Monday, December 17, at 7pm.**

### ENTERTAINMENT 2008

St. Luke's Choir is currently selling the Entertainment 2008 edition. These books make wonderful gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, or the holidays. The price remains the same as last year -- \$25. The new edition can be used immediately upon receipt.

The funds generated from this sale are used to help the choir purchase new music or new equipment. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact any choir member or Carol Matula at 215-885-7393.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

This group meets on alternate Tuesdays at St. Luke Chapel House, 2330 Fairhill Ave, from 7 to 8:30pm. Sponsored by William R. May Funeral Home (no fee), meetings are facilitated by Deborah K. Gawthrop, who has her Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and is a certified Grief Management Specialist. The next meeting, and last until March 25, will be **Tuesday, December 4**. The topic is *Continuing Bonds*.

## EPIPHANY GIFTS

Consider giving gifts to the men in St. John's Hospice and the women in the Archdiocesan Prisoner Reentry Program and Women of Hope. The gifts should be new clothing articles,



such as underwear, socks, caps, scarves, mittens, and gloves. Any size of underwear can be used - but the need is especially sizes L and XL for women and S and M for men. We will collect these unwrapped gifts on **January 5 & 6**.



### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Save yourself from the pandemonium of the malls! Consider ordering gift items that are made by impoverished people. Help those less fortunate than us to help themselves:

Available at the doors of the church are websites and phone numbers of organizations that subscribe to "Fair Trade" practices and ensure that the profits from their sales benefit the artisans. Catalogs can be viewed online or requested by phone (in order that you can evaluate these products) and purchases can also be made on-line or by phone.

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### Reminder:

**No baptisms** are held at St. Luke parish during Lent, which begins on **February 6** next year. If you wish to schedule a baptism, contact the rectory during regular office hours.



**Remember those who are serving  
in the Armed Forces**

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sean Biggio     | John Monaghan      |
| John Crockett   | Nicholas Nedbal    |
| Michael DiCicco | John Scanlon       |
| Eric Duckworth  | Daniel Scharle     |
| Erin E. Duffy   | Gary Stanley       |
| Colin A. Graham | Brian Starkey, Jr. |
| Ronald Green    | John L. Sullivan   |
| Robert Grimming | Marygrace Telman   |
| Michael Hotz    | Travis Telman      |
| Andy Johnson    | Calvin Travers     |
| Michael Johnson | Tim Tumelty        |
| Charles Keller  | Kevin Ward         |
| Edward Keller   | Meghan Wendell     |

**RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT:**

The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. In the *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* (par. 39), we read, "Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come.... When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise -- human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom -- according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom...." In other words, the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom.

**RESPECT LIFE PRAYER:**

That Christians may prepare for the Lord's coming by fostering a consistent respect for human life, born and unborn.

**OUR ADVENT PRAYER INTENTION:**

Peace within our hearts, our city, our communities, and our world.



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| Kathleen Alekna  | James McGovern |
| Nicholas D'Amico | Tarsilla Tassi |
| James Graham     | Mary Waldron   |
| Alexandre Hiller |                |



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| Sr. Mimi Bodell    | Jim Markham             |
| Marian Bomher      | Ruth McCarthy           |
| James Bradley      | Joe Mooney              |
| Jerry Bradley      | Jake Nasto              |
| Sara Kate Burke    | Louise O'Neill          |
| Joan Conti         | Patrick Quigley         |
| David Cullman      | Julia Quinn             |
| Connie D'Amore     | Jim Rowley              |
| Philip D'Amore     | Julia Sherlock          |
| Jean Dee           | Kevin Smith             |
| Luke Della Penna   | Mary Jo Smith           |
| Len Dolan          | Alice Sutrynowicz       |
| Al Dorley          | Henry Sutrynowicz       |
| Violetta Dougherty | Anthony Teti            |
| Nicholas Fetscher  | Jennifer Trainer        |
| Ed Fitzgibbon      | Tim Walsh               |
| Ethel Fitzgibbon   | Andre Washington        |
| Gemma Flanagan     | &                       |
| Anne Fleming       | All those who are sick  |
| Deborah Gormley    | and homebound in the    |
| Catherine Hoyer    | parish, and patients at |
| James Kain         | Abington Memorial       |
| Joe Kane           | Hospital                |
| Bud Kelble         |                         |

**STAFF**

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| Rev. Msgr. J. Michael Flood          | ..... Pastor                          |
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| Molly Mahoney                        | ..... Director of Music Ministries    |
| Tina Dean                            | ..... Secretary                       |
| Cathy Berry                          | .....Evening Secretary                |
| John Alekna                          | ..... Maintenance                     |
| Dave Daniel                          | ..... Maintenance                     |
| Joe Hart                             | .....Business Manager                 |
| Beth Stieritz                        | ..... Development                     |
| Cathy Foley                          | .....Sacristan                        |

# SCHEDULES

## ALTAR SERVERS

### Saturday Vigil, December 1

5:00 pm Olivia O'Donnell, Dan Affleck, Cameron Gillaspay

### Sunday morning, December 2

6:30 am Madeleine Brownsey, Joseph Pritz  
8:00 am Evan Kretschman, Anthony Mascione, Evan Mascione  
9:30 am Nick Borowy, Joey Borowy, Dan Motz  
11:30 am Juliana Hart, Michael Joyce, Bridget Polansky

### Monday & Tuesday, December 3 & 4

6:30 am Mary Kate Oleksiak, Anna Fiorella  
8:30 am Alex Cranch, Emily McCauley

### Wednesday & Thursday, December 5 & 6

6:30 am Maura Angiolillo, Stephen DiCicco  
8:30 am Brenda Harbison, Michelle Harbison

### Friday, December 7

6:30 am Kyle Donahue, Kathleen Doyle  
8:30 am Devon Monihan, Kathleen Cassidy  
7:00 pm Scott Stieritz, Mark Wilson, Brenda Harbison

### Saturday morning, December 8

6:30 am Kyle Donahue, Kathleen Doyle  
9:00 am Devon Monihan, Kathleen Cassidy

### Saturday Vigil, December 8

5:00 pm Jerry Amodei, Joseph Krause, Teresita Liebel

### Sunday morning, December 9

6:30 am Jacob Ross, Zach Ross  
8:00 am Jake Meizinger, Joseph McNiff, Tim McNiff  
9:30 am Matt McDonough, Daniel Nedbal, Riley Slusarski  
11:30 am Amanda Settembrino, Carey Patton, Christine McIntyre

## HOSPITAL MINISTRY

### DECEMBER 2

Linda O'Donnell, Al Dorley, Dave Daniel  
Michael Dean, Bernadette Dougherty

### DECEMBER 16

Agnes DiLanzo, Lorraine Markey, Peggy O'Sullivan  
Dan Moyer, Michael Shea



## LECTORS

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 1 & 2

5:00	Helen Watkins	Cathy Dunigan
6:30	Daniel Moyer	Michael Sweeney
8:00	Thomas McCarthy	Larry Woehrle
9:30	CYO	CYO
11:30	Ken Johnston	Mary Ryan

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### December 7—7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Joan Markham	Jim Markham
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#### December 8

6:30	regulars	
9:00	Irene MacDonald	Helen Watkins

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 8 & 9

5:00	Helen Watkins	Aileen Regan
6:30	Michael Piotrowicz	Daniel Moyer
8:00	Al Dorley	Jim Dean
9:30	Renie O'Meara	Denise Tumelty
11:30	Bill Edwards	Peggy Zehner

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

### DECEMBER 1 & 2

5:00 Linda Calio, S. Nora Friel, Chris Gardner, Rob Henstenburg, John Monaghan, Pat O'Donnell, Barb O'Neill, Kevin O'Neill, Emilie Quigley  
8:00 Dorothy Baer, Cathy Berry, Jim Burke, Frank Emmerich, Jo Ann Foley, Marie Heffernan, Ed McCauley, Linda O'Donnell, Barb Piper, Robert Talaga  
9:30 Terry Biansco, Sue Borowy, Joe Casey, James Gauger, Janet Gauger, Jane Kieser, Kathleen LaMonica, Lorrie Szuch, Phil Szuch  
11:30 Ro Croke, Anna Filmyer, Craig Giandomenico, Jule Hanahan, Trish Hayes, Terry Hersch, Cat Mattingly, Scott Mattingly, Rita Timoney, Maryann Vesci

### DECEMBER 8 & 9

5:00 Eileen Breslin, Porter Bush, Gloria D'Agui, Lou Lupinacci, Dennis McNulty, Barb O'Neill, Kevin O'Neill, Drew Sharkey, Lori Spanier  
8:00 Jim Burke, Frank Emmerich, Kate Jaskiewicz, Tom Keane, MaryBeth Meakim, Judy Reale, Mary Santarelli, Jayne Spencer, Carol Talaga, Robert Talaga  
9:30 Mitch Harbison, Mary Limburg, Irene MacDonald, Rose McDonough, Sue Nedbal, Theresa Pompilio, Kathy Pritz, Mark Slusarski, Charlie Spencer  
11:30 Anne Clancy, Sam Couchara, Dave Daniel, Ann Del Carlino, Bernadette Dougherty, Dan Dougherty, Kathy Edwards, Michael Shea, Susan Shea, Mark Zehner