

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



EASTON ROAD & FAIRHILL AVENUE ❖ GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

DECEMBER 13, 2009

## 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."*

Luke 3:16

**What change can you make in your daily behavior that will show your readiness to receive Christ into your life?**

**CELTIC BLUES QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING  
SUNDAY, 12:30 PM**

## CHURCH AND RECTORY OFFICE

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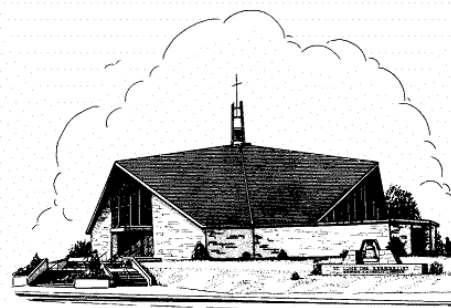
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## Office Hours:

9:00 AM - 6:45 PM, MONDAY

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, TUESDAY-THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, FRIDAY



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7;  
Luke 3:10-18  
Mon Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27  
Tues Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matthew 21:28-32  
Wed Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23  
Thurs Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17  
Fri Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25  
Sat Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25  
Sun Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 14 – John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church

6:30 am Lillian Sanginiti  
8:30 am Richard Kain

### Tuesday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am Elizabeth Curcillo  
8:30 am Don F. & Don Francis D'Agui

### Wednesday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am William & Helen Malinowski  
8:30 am James Towey

### Thursday, December 17 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am Terrence McGillian  
8:30 am Owen Ferry

### Friday, December 18 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am Joseph Curcillo  
8:30 am William R. May

### Saturday, December 19 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am George Gliba  
8:30 am Leonard McGillian (*Margaret Sweeney*)

## TV MASS

The Archdiocesan Office for Communications has copies of the 2010 Sunday Missal available for home-bound parishioners who view the Television Mass on WPVI-TV, every Sunday at 5:30 am.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving a missal free of charge (donations are accepted; a postage paid envelope is included) please contact the Office for Communications at 215-587-3747 or [communof@adphila.org](mailto:communof@adphila.org)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

### Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Retirement Fund For Religious Collection  
9:00 am Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital  
12:30 pm Celtic Blues Quilt Raffle Drawing, FFH  
1:00 pm Baptisms

### Monday, December 14

3:15 pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH  
7:00 pm PREP Advent Prayer Service  
7:30 pm RCIA, MMR

### Tuesday, December 15

7:00 pm Sodality Mass  
7:00 pm Youth Group planning, Chapel House  
7:00 pm Band Concert, FFH  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Holiday Party, FFH  
7:30 pm Justice, Rectory

### Wednesday, December 16

3:15 pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH  
7:00 pm PREP, Rectory  
7:00 pm St. Luke School Christmas Event  
7:00 pm Music Ministry, MMR  
7:30 pm Venture Crew, Lyons Den

### Thursday, December 17

10:00 am Moms & Tots, FFH  
7:30 pm Choir, MMR

### Friday, December 18

### Saturday, December 19

### Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

1:00 pm Baptisms  
5:00 pm Youth Group, FFH

## The Pro-Life Rose,

placed before the statue of Mary, and  
**the St. Vincent de Paul Carnations,**  
placed before the statue of St. Joseph,  
are in loving memory of  
Francis & Cecilia Brown.

Out of respect for the season, no baptisms are held during Lent, which begins on **February 17, 2010**. If you wish to schedule a baptism, please call the rectory during office hours. New parents must first attend a pre-baptism class. Classes are offered once a month.

**WELCOME OUR NEWEST  
PARISHIONER!**

**Isabel Rae Areman,**  
daughter of  
Matthew Areman and  
Kristine Alvarez,  
was baptized on  
December 6, 2009.  
*Congratulations!*

**REFLECTION ON THE 3RD  
SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
By Jude Sciliano, OP

*From Luke 3: 10-18*

John said, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

**Reflection:**

While the advertising world around us has been ramping up the Christmas season for weeks with "holiday specials," let's keep this Advent time "special" by focusing on Jesus' coming into our lives. John the Baptist isn't talking about the infant Jesus, but points our attention towards the adult Christ. He calls us to prepare for Christ's coming by making changes in our everyday behavior.

**We ask ourselves:**

**What change can I make in my daily behavior that will show my readiness to receive Christ into my life?**

**What Advent gift am I praying for that will help me make that change?**

*Keep our sister parish,  
Notre Dame de la Presentation,  
in Los-Palis, Haiti in your  
prayers.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to **today's second collection.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
SOCIETY**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise ..."

**Christmas is a time of love and gift giving ... please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.**

**WEB SITE OF THE WEEK**

The USCCB Office for Film and Broadcasting is responsible for reviewing and rating theatrical motion pictures, previewing and evaluating television programming as well as providing the Catholic public with information about the role of the entertainment and news media in influencing societal and personal values. [ww.usccb.org/movies/](http://ww.usccb.org/movies/)

**HOLY DAY  
MASS SCHEDULES**

**Christmas**

**Thursday, December 24**  
4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

**Friday, December 25**  
6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

**Mary, Mother of God**

**Thursday, December 31**  
5 pm

**Friday, January 1**  
6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us on Tuesday evenings during Advent for an Advent Scripture Prayer Group. We will meet on Tuesdays, **December 15 and 22** in the Lyons Den in Father Fitzpatrick Hall at 7:30 pm. Info call Mary Lou at 215-887-6484 or just join us.

**SODALITY AND  
MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

On Tuesday, **December 15** at 7 pm Msgr. Flood will celebrate our monthly Mass. It is offered for all living and deceased members of Sodality. The Novena prayers follow the Mass. The Haiti collection will be taken up on this evening, and through January. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

**VOCATION VIEWS**

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus. (*Luke 3:10-18*)

## PREP

Children's Advent Prayer Service practice:

- Sunday, Dec. 13, 10:30-11:30
- Monday, Dec. 14, 5:00 'til show-time

Children who have signed up and have their permission slips should be in attendance.

The PREP Advent Prayer Service is Monday, **December 14** at 7 pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.

## SCHOOL STORE

St. Luke Home and School Association is proud to announce the opening of Our New School Store.

Please visit our web site at [www.saintlukeschool.org](http://www.saintlukeschool.org) click the link for Home and School Store.

We are now accepting orders for Christmas. Please have your special orders in by 12/16/09.

Any orders taken after 12/16/09 are not guaranteed for Christmas Delivery. If you have any questions please contact [msurdykowski@yahoo.com](mailto:msurdykowski@yahoo.com)

## READING PHILLIES

The H&S Association is partnering with the Reading Phillies. We are taking orders for a 6-ticket booklet. The tickets can be used at any regular season home game in the upcoming 2010 season. The booklets have a retail value of \$48.00. We are selling them for \$27.00. The H&S Association receives \$9.00 for every paid booklet. It's a great gift idea for the baseball fan in your life! If you are interested, contact Alice Dugan at 215-572-9601 or [Alice-Dugan@comcast.net](mailto:Alice-Dugan@comcast.net).

**The driveway connecting the parking lot to Easton Road is now One Way: from the parking lot to Easton Road.**

***Do not enter from Easton Road.***

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

### *Operation Santa Claus*

The Youth Group will be going to the Operation Santa Claus wrapping center on Saturday, **December 19**. We will meet at Father Fitzpatrick Hall at 8:20 am and take the train in town to Suburban Station. We will walk to the wrapping center at 1818 Market Street. We will be at the wrapping center from 10 am to 12:30 pm. After we are done we will have lunch at a local food court and then return to Glenside by train. If you have questions or to volunteer, RSVP by Wednesday, **December 16**, to Anna Ryan by phone at 215-886-3355 or email her at [301ryans@comcast.net](mailto:301ryans@comcast.net). Each volunteer should bring cash for the train and lunch and a roll of wrapping paper and a roll of scotch tape.

### *Meeting: Sunday December 20*

The Youth Group will be having a White Elephant gift exchange, baking Christmas cookies and having pizza on Sunday, **December 20** at 5 pm in FFH. If you'd like to participate, please bring smallish "gift" (these are usually unwanted gifts you've been given in the past - the stranger, the better!). For more information, please visit our Facebook group or email us at [saintlukesyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyouthgroup@gmail.com)

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be on May 8, 2010. Students in 7th grade in our St. Luke Elementary School and PREP will be confirmed then. Parishioners who are in 7th grade and above and attend other schools and who have not received Confirmation should call and leave their name and phone number with Sharon D'Amore at 215-884-2080 or [PREP@stlukerc.org](mailto:PREP@stlukerc.org). There will be a meeting for the candidates on Sunday, **January 10** after the 11:30 pm Mass in Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall.

## GREAT SAINT LUKE

### GIFT IDEAS!

#### *USB Drives*

Saint Luke School has a limited supply of 4 GB USB drives (also known as travel drives/flash drives) available for \$12 each (or with a Saint Luke the Evangelist lanyard for \$15). Each drive is embossed with SLS Saint Luke School and our address. Saint Luke lanyards may be purchased separately for \$3 each. You may send your order in with a St. Luke School student or stop in the school office to purchase your USB drive. Don't delay - the supply is limited.

#### *Saint Luke the Evangelist*

#### *Tuition Gift Certificates*

#### *A Gift To Last a Lifetime*

Available in any denomination. Applicable to this year / next year's tuition. No waiting - applied immediately to tuition account. Printed on bank check paper stock. Perfect for birthdays, memorial gifts, 'thank you's. May be purchased as tuition assistance for a student in need.

#### *Goodsearch*

St. Luke School has earned \$415 from Goodsearch since the program's inception four years ago. Goodsearch pays us 1 cent for every search we do. So, by simply using Goodsearch instead of Yahoo or Google, St. Luke School earns money - over \$100 per year! Log onto [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and designate St. Luke the Evangelist School, Glenside, PA as your charity of choice. Let's watch those pennies add up!

## ST. LUKE ALUMNI T-SHIRTS

### GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A limited number of Alumni t-shirts are available, sizes: S, M, L, \$10 each. A free St. Luke blue stadium cup with every purchase. Contact Beth Stieritz 215-572-0128 or [Development@stlukerc.org](mailto:Development@stlukerc.org). 061 St. Luke—page 4



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

Sean Biggio	Edward Keller	Daniel Scharle
John Crockett	Dustin Lahiff	John Silvestri
Michael DiCicco	William Leimbach	Brian Starkey, Jr.
Eric Duckworth	Nicholas Lynch	John L. Sullivan
Erin E. Duffy	Randall Main	Marygrace
Colin A. Graham	Sean Maples	Telman
Ronald Green	John Monaghan	Travis Telman
Robert Grimming	Nicholas Nedbal	Calvin Travers
Andy Johnson	Josh Parkes	Tim Tumelty
Michael Johnson	Anthony Ross	Kevin Ward
Charles Keller		Michael Zanetti

**STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. J. Michael Flood .....	Pastor
Rev. John F. McBride (Senior Priest).....	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph T. Murphy .....	Retired
Rev. Msgr. John F. O'Brien .....	Retired
Deacon Thomas M. Croke .....	Permanent Deacon & Business Manager
Sr. William Adele, SSJ .....	School Principal
Sharon D'Amore .....	Director of Religious Education
Jeanne Kyle.....	Director of Parish Services
Molly Mahoney .....	Director of Music Ministries
Tina Dean .....	Secretary
Cathy Berry .....	Evening Secretary
John Alekna.....	Maintenance
Dave Daniel .....	Maintenance
Beth Stieritz.....	Development
Cathy Foley.....	Sacristan

**RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT:**

***Prepare the Way:***

When the year 1000 was about to dawn, people fled to mountains, expecting the return of Christ. When 2000 came, people feared major computer -- and hence societal -- breakdowns. Neither happened. Yet both moments in history remind us of something deeper, the lesson of Advent. Advent means "coming." The Lord wants us to anticipate and prepare for His coming, not as something that we hinge on a particular date or identify with a particular calamity, but as an *ordinary aspect of our daily Christian living*. On the one hand, we know He is coming; on the other, we don't know when. Yet every moment is an opportunity to make that coming more central to our lives. Lord, may we welcome you daily in your Word, your Sacraments, and in all our brothers and sisters!



**Remember  
Our Deceased...**

- John Brodnyan
- Margaret Dascher
- Laura Doyle-Brewster
- Louis Hurtubise
- Charles McGowan



**Remember  
Our Sick**



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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Sr. Assumption, acj | Patricia Leahy          |
| Del Axford          | Kathy LeQuier           |
| James Bradley       | Jennifer Lyons          |
| Rob Breen           | Joseph Markey           |
| Eileen Breslin      | Ruth McCarthy           |
| Mary Britt          | Brian McCormick         |
| Fred Calio          | Michael McDonough       |
| Patricia Carter     | Norva McGrogan          |
| Nancy Cavan         | Marjorie Miller         |
| Dick Claudius       | Brielle Mooney          |
| Dolores Costanza    | Mary Moran              |
| Caterina Costanzo   | Rory O'Sullivan         |
| David Cullman       | Bertha Peterson         |
| Paula D'Amore       | Mary Quigley            |
| Patricia DeCinque   | Scott Rodgers           |
| Rosemarie DeHaven   | John Roman              |
| Beatrice DeNinnis   | Mike Ryan               |
| Rick DiLanzo        | Ralph Siani             |
| Kate Dwyer          | Kevin Smith             |
| Joseph Flint        | Mary Jo Smith           |
| Deborah Gormley     | Dorothy Sweeney         |
| Joseph Granahan     | &                       |
| John Guarro         | All those who are sick  |
| Elda Ianna          | and homebound in the    |
| John Knowles        | parish, and patients at |
| Steven Kulp         | Abington Memorial       |
| Anna Marie Larkin   | Hospital                |

**RESPECT LIFE PRAYER:**

That the Kingdom of God ushered into our world by the coming of Christ may turn away the destructive power of terrorism and war.

## JR CYO NEWS

The St. Luke CYO Board is looking for someone to help with our Spring Variety Show. The Coordinator will plan and work with our members to produce one of the year's favorite events. We have volunteers to help but are in need of a leader. If you have interest in this and want to learn more, please drop a note at the rectory to the attention of the CYO or directly contact Mike Dubyk or Pete Wilson.

## MALE AUDITIONS

Saint Basil Academy is looking for a few good men to perform in their spring production of "42nd Street". Auditions are **December 15 and 17** at 3:15 pm in the Saint Basil Academy Auditorium. Please come prepared to sing. If you have any questions please contact dillingger4@aol.com. Show dates are **April 16, 17 and 18, 2010.**

Saint Basil Academy is located at 711 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Luke's Choir is currently selling the *Entertainment 2010* edition. These books make wonderful gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, or the holidays. The price is \$30. Please contact any choir member or Carol Matula at 215-885-7393. **The books will be available for sale until December 15.**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS?

Not everyone feels merry during this time of year. Some yearn for a moment to escape the season's busyness and be quiet with God. Some are sad, or lonely, or grieving.

Lay your burden before the Lord at St. Peter's Episcopal Church's *Blue Christmas Service* - quiet reflection, song and Scripture. On Sunday, **December 20**, at 7 pm. All are invited. St. Peter's is located at 654 N. Easton Road.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Ancillae-Assumpta Academy is seeking host families for visiting Korean students for a six-week period (**January 8 through February 17**). The students are in 3rd through 8th grade. The students will arrive on January 8, 2009 and will attend classes at Ancillae beginning January 11 until February 17. The students will depart Philadelphia on February 18. It has been communicated that the students have passed an English test as a requirement to participate in this program. Thank you in advance for considering this invitation to open your hearts and homes for the visiting students. If you are interested, please contact Marian Dondero at [mdondero@ancillae.org](mailto:mdondero@ancillae.org) or 215-885-1636 ext. 121.

## WEEKEND DISCERNMENT

### RETREAT

Do you find yourself wondering, "What do I desire for my life?" The Sisters of the Holy Redeemer invite you to *The Paths of Life* Retreat for young women (18-35) seeking the meaning and direction of their lives. Allow God to speak to your heart through group activity and prayer experiences **Friday, January 15th, 7pm to Sunday, January 17th, 1pm**. For more information or to request a brochure, please contact Sr. Ana Dura CSR at 215-914-4109; [vocations@holyredeemer.com](mailto:vocations@holyredeemer.com).

### 6:30 AM MASS

Beginning **Saturday, January 2, 2010**, we will not have a 6:30 am Mass on Saturday mornings.

## BULLETIN DEADLINES

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
12/20/09	Past
12/27/09	12/16/09
1/03/10	12/21/09

*Please submit bulletins items by noon of deadline date.*

## GAUDEAMUS CONCERT

Share the gift of music this Christmas season. Performances feature: Constance Cannon, Piano; Sarah Agnew and Keliy Brobson, Soloists; Thomas Rudolph, Trumpet; Michael Simmons, Guitar; and an ensemble of professional musicians. On Sunday, **December 13**, 7:30 pm, at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting, and Sunday, **December 20**, 3 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Norristown.

Gaudeamus is an IRS recognized 501 (c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization. Donations and concert offerings are used to support educational and other children's causes. Concerts are free and open to the public. For additional information, please call 610-291-4255 or visit [www.letusrejoice.net](http://www.letusrejoice.net).

## 2010 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 for fasts and feasts, parish phone numbers, and Mass times.

## THEOLOGY CLASSES

Is God calling you to a deeper knowledge of Himself? You can take a theology class at the Seminary. Can't travel to the Seminary each week? Consider an online course. Registration deadline is January 11. Classes start **January 25**. Register at [www.StudyCatholicTheology.com](http://www.StudyCatholicTheology.com)

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Little Flower Catholic HS presents *A Christmas Carol*, Sunday, December 13, 2 pm. Tickets are \$8 (\$5 for students with ID, Senior Citizens and children under 10) 215-455-6900 ext. 141.

*Christmas Concert*, Sunday, December 20, 2 pm, School Auditorium Tickets are \$6 (\$5 for Senior Citizens and children under 10).