

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



EASTON ROAD & FAIRHILL AVENUE ❖ GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

DECEMBER 16, 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*"Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?*

*Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:*

*'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.'*

Matthew 11:9-10

**Who are the people in your life who point  
your way to Jesus as John the Baptist did?**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

***DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?***

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7 PM**

## CHURCH AND RECTORY OFFICE

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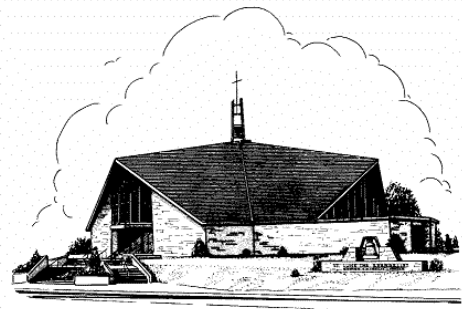
## Office Hours:

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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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

2330 Fairhill Avenue

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**215-884-2080**

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2336 Fairhill Avenue

Glenside, PA 19038

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Isaiah 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10;  
Matthew 11:2-11  
Mon Genesis 49:2,8-10, Matthew 1:1-17  
Tues Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25  
Wed Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25  
Thurs Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38  
Fri Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45  
Sat 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56  
Sun Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;  
Matthew 1:18-24

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 17 - Advent Weekday

6:30 am Joseph D'Elia  
8:30 am Owen Ferry

### Tuesday, December 18 - Advent Weekday

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

### Wednesday, December 19 - Advent Weekday

6:30 am Maripat Filmyer req. by Mary May  
8:30 am Jim Malloy

### Thursday, December 20 - Advent Weekday

6:30 am Hannah McFadden  
8:30 am Deceased Members of Lettieri Family

### Friday, December 21 - Advent Weekday / Peter Canisius, priest, doctor

6:30 am William & Helen Malinowski req. by their  
daughters  
8:30 am Lucia & Antonio Rosati req. by  
Mr. & Mrs. Rosati

### Saturday, December 22 - Advent Weekday

6:30 am Michael Ruggieri, Sr.  
8:30 am Maria & Pietro Marinelli

**The Pro-Life Rose**, placed before the statue of the Blessed Mother, is in loving memory of Jim Vasta donated by his wife.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Carnations**, placed before the statue of St. Joseph, are in loving memory of Frank Kempf.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

### Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

Operation Santa Claus concludes  
9:00 am Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital  
5:30 pm Youth Group Mass

### Monday, December 17

St. John's Hospice Donation Day  
9:00 am Bible Study, Alumni Room  
7:00 pm Parish Carol Night: "Do You Hear What I  
Hear," Church

### Tuesday, December 18

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:30pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH  
8:00 pm Boy Scouts, FFH

### Wednesday, December 19

3:30pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts, FFH  
7:30 pm Music Ministry, Music Ministry Room  
7:30 pm Venture Crew, Alumni Room

### Thursday, December 20

9:00 am Moms & Tots, FFH  
7:30 pm Choir, MMR

### Friday, December 21

12:00 pm School dismissal

### Saturday, December 22

### Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2 Voces Novae et Antiquae Concert  
January 11 & 13 One Act Play  
February 3 World Day for Consecrated Life  
February 5 Mardi Gras Party  
February 6 Ash Wednesday  
February 10 World Marriage Day  
February 20 Haiti Benefit Dinner  
February 28 First Penance  
March 2 Spaghetti Supper  
March 8 & 9 Bishop Thomas visit to parish  
March 23 Easter  
April 12 Confirmation at St. Luke Church

**WELCOME OUR NEWEST  
PARISHIONER!**

**Chloe Rose Kaczor**, daughter of  
Jon Paul and Marjorie Kaczor,  
was baptized on  
December 9, 2007.

**SODALITY AND MIRACULOUS  
MEDAL DEVOTIONS**

There are no Sodality devotions on Tuesday, December 18, or Tuesday, December 25, or Tuesday, January 1. Devotions resume on Tuesday, **January 8, 2008** at 7pm. Please make a New Year's resolution to join our weekly services.

We wish everyone a Holy and Blessed Christmas.



**VOCATION VIEWS**

Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you. (*James 5:7-10*)

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*"Then why did you go out?  
To see a prophet?"*

*Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.  
This is the one about whom it is written:  
'Behold, I am sending my messenger  
ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.'"*

Matthew 11:9-10

**Who are the people in your life  
who point your way to Jesus as  
John the Baptist did?**

**The O Antiphons of Advent** are familiar to many as part of the Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The antiphons used in this 15th century hymn came from the even older traditional prayer of the Church - the Liturgy of the Hours. The O Antiphons are used from December 17th to December 23rd in Evening Prayer.

**Dec. 17 - O WISDOM**, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care; come show your people the way to salvation.

**Dec. 18 - O SACRED LORD** of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain; come stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

**Dec. 19 - O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM**, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

**Dec. 20 - O KEY OF DAVID**, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven; come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

**Dec. 21 - O RADIANT DAWN**, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; come shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Dec. 22 - O KING** of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity; come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

**Dec. 23 - O EMMANUEL**, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people; come and set us free, Lord our God.

The O Antiphons precede and follow the Gospel Canticle (Luke 1:46-55), also known as the Magnificat or the Canticle of Mary.

**HOLY DAY  
MASS SCHEDULES**

**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

**WEB SITE OF THE WEEK**

Go to the USCCB site

[www.usccb.org/movies/](http://www.usccb.org/movies/)

to get movie reviews.

Along with new movies they have an extensive archive which includes some of the Christmas classics: A Christmas Carol (1951), A Christmas Story (1983), It's a Wonderful Life (1946), The Santa Clause (1994), The Santa Clause 2 (2002), The Santa Clause 3 (2006)



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

brought to you by Peace in Our Day

In these busy days before Christmas, when we are feeling the pressure of last minute preparations for Christ’s birthday, “Check the Time.”

Are you a slave to the clock? Challenge yourself to be a little bit uncomfortable. Take off your watch for a day. Slow down. Begin your day with quiet prayer, and ask God for guidance on how to spend the day.

Perhaps you’ll want to give the gift of your time. Visit a nursing home; call a lonely person.

You may grow to love a simpler life.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**Youth Mass - Sunday December 16** at 5:30pm. There will be no activity after the Mass since we are doing Operation Santa Claus earlier in the day.

**HOLIDAY SEASON**

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
12/23	<b><i>past</i></b>
12/30	12/20
1/6	12/27

Information for the bulletin should be submitted in writing to the rectory, by fax, or by e-mail to [StLukeRC@aol.com](mailto:StLukeRC@aol.com). Items should be submitted by noon. Regular deadlines are the Tuesday before the weekend of publication.

Do you recall that Baby Jesus had a foster father? Joseph protected Him, shared his carpentry skills, and came to recognize and value Jesus’ need to be among the people. During this season of Advent, can you follow the example of Joseph and open up your heart and home to a child in need?

Catholic Social Services is looking for families to care for children of all ages and races. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please contact Melissa or Pat at 215-587-3960.

Remember, you have the power to make a positive, lasting difference in a child’s life!

***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 **January 14**. For a course brochure, call 610-785-6287.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia seeks a school Technology Coordinator/Tech Support Person for Bishop McDevitt HS, Wyncote, who will provide ongoing support to teachers and other school staff in the use of technology. This is a full time position. Network Administration Certification preferred. Email resumes to [crogers@adphila.org](mailto:crogers@adphila.org). For further information regarding this position, call 215-887-5575 ext. 225.

**VOCES NOVAE ET ANTIQUAE CONCERT**  
***A Twelfth Night Celebration: Songs of the Nativity***  
**Wednesday, January 2, 2008**  
**7:30 pm in Church**

Advance: Regular \$15; Seniors \$10; Students \$5 with I.D.

At the door: Regular \$20; Seniors \$15; Students \$7 with I.D.

215- 849-4129 or order online

at [www.vnachoir.org](http://www.vnachoir.org)

Visa/MasterCard/American Express

**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

The next couples experience will be **January 11 - 13, 2008**. For more info, please call 1-800-456-8330.

**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.

## 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

Our web address is  
www.stlukecalix.org

## ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Summarized below is the parish financial report for the years ended June 30, 2007, and June 30, 2006. The increase in Sunday giving enabled the parish to pull out of the red. We ask that you continue your generous stewardship and examine your giving each year to help your parish stay strong in the future. Any questions regarding parish finances may be directed to Joe Hart at the rectory.

### Annual Parish Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year ended	6/30/2007	6/30/2006	Notes
<b>Ordinary Income</b>			
Sunday Giving	923,978	773,028	(1)
Other Collections	206,647	179,544	(1)
Tuition	580,756	547,604	
Other church Income	88,807	122,547	
Other School Income	121,838	97,087	
Other Receipts	<u>2,979</u>	<u>2,751</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	1,925,005	1,722,561	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Diocesan Assessments	134,100	91,200	(2)
Salaries	1,107,586	1,088,586	
Taxes and Benefits	258,041	254,679	
Insurance	45,963	43,843	
Administrative Costs	71,436	47,681	(3)
Materials and Supplies	96,086	90,024	
Rectory Operations	15,583	14,324	
Maintenance	77,593	91,907	
Utilities	107,322	107,522	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,913,710</u>	<u>1,829,766</u>	
<b>Result from Operations</b>	<u>11,295</u>	<u>-107,205</u>	
<b>Extraordinary Items</b>			
Bequests and Major Gifts less	20,000	121,256	
Major Capital Expenditures	<u>19,524</u>	<u>112,054</u>	(4)
Net Extraordinary Items	476	9,202	
Change in Fund Balance	11,771	-98,003	

#### Notes

- 1) Increase due to a generous response by parishioners to raise their regular giving
- 2) Reported on a cash basis, the actual annual diocesan assessment was \$111,300 this year and \$114,000 in the previous year
- 3) Increase was due to costs associated with the increased offeratory campaign
- 4) Capital additions in the previous year were a new church organ and new school boiler



## TEACHER FEATURE

*Mr. Steve Jaskiewicz*

An education is well-rounded when it includes various subject areas. It's even more well -rounded when it comes from teachers of varying backgrounds, experience levels, teaching styles – and gender. Our children find role models in their teachers, and they distinctly need both female and male perspectives. Mr. Steve Jaskiewicz (“Mr. J”), the newest member of our St. Luke teaching team and one of our two male faculty members, brings with him a male perspective and many roots in the St. Luke community.



Mr. J is a life-long parishioner of St. Luke’s, and is an Alumni of St. Luke School. He felt his call to teach while a student at Bishop McDevitt High School, and after graduating in 2001, he enrolled at West Chester University to study Elementary Education and middle-school math. After earning his degree, he substituted at Jenkintown Elementary and in Abington School District at both the elementary and middle-school levels.

Mr. J learned of a teaching opportunity at St. Luke’s through his cousin (our fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Barb Piper!) and immediately interviewed for and was offered the position. He began his first year at St. Luke’s this past September, teaching math, science, and religion to our seventh grade students.

Mr. J’s contemporaries at St. Luke’s include many current faculty members that taught and influenced him while he was a student here. Mr. J remembers sitting and learning in the classrooms of Miss FitzGerald, Mrs. Gindhart, Mrs. Scully, Mrs. Springer, Mrs. Sumner, and Sr. Sandra. Gym class, of course, was led by Mrs. Santarelli. Cousin Mrs. Piper was an aide at the time, and Mrs. Greene, though she didn’t have him in class, was a friendly face Mr. J remembers seeing in the hallways. Mr. J recalls that his love of science and math had its origin and was nurtured during his years at St. Luke’s.

He’s on “the other side of the desk” now, and amazingly finds himself teaching his OWN cousin,

Gerry Amodei. Nicky Amodei, also his cousin, will be his student in just a couple of years.

Mr. J loves outdoor activities at all times of year. He skis in the Poconos, hikes and bikes at Valley Green, and does some saltwater and surf fishing in Sea Isle City and the Delaware Bay. He also loves to spend time with family and friends. In fact, he recalls a time when family and friends helped him to win a radio contest on WMMR (93.3 FM). The prize was the opportunity to host a one-hour radio show on the station. He won the prize and hosted the show ... strep throat and all!



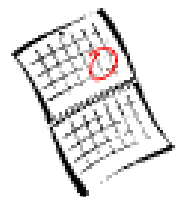
### ST. LUKE PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Our generous parishioners contributed the following treasure last week:

Immaculate Conception.....	\$3,615.06
Sunday Collection Dec. 9.....	\$18,561.94
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$5,876.66

### 2008 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.



This year’s calendar contains historical information about the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

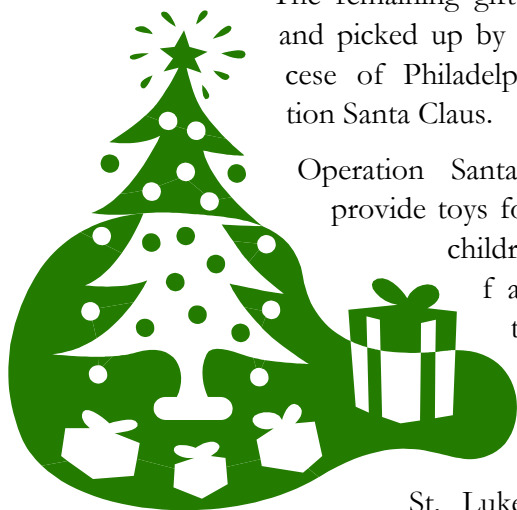
## OPERATION SANTA CLAUS CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday 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.



Operation Santa Claus will provide toys for over 5,000 children in needy families throughout the city of Philadelphia.

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!

## *St. Luke Parish Carol Night*

### DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Monday, December 17

7:00 pm

in Church

Come to Church on Monday for an interesting and fun exploration of Christmas Carols. You will be encouraged to listen with new ears to our familiar carols and learn some carol trivia! There will be refreshments following the program.



### GIFT IDEAS

*All available at the rectory*

- Saint Luke Summerstock has Wawa Shorti hoagie coupons for \$3.50 each.
- Consider a St. Luke School Tuition Gift Certificate in any amount available at the rectory
- Gift cards for Haiti, suggested donation is \$5.00
- Scrip certificates or cards for local groceries and supermarkets (supports our programs for children and youth).
- *Our Faith-Filled Heritage*, the beautiful history book of the Church in Philadelphia, \$30.00



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

### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER—THIRD WEEK

(One pink and two purple candles and are lit.)

O God of Might,

As we light these candles, in joyful anticipation of the coming of the Prince of Peace, open our eyes to our part in the suffering of your world. May your Holy Spirit grant us the wisdom and compassion to bring about reconciliation among families, cooperation among communities, and peace among nations. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Hope, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

*Suggested Readings:* Micah 4: 1-5; John 14:26-27

## BE AN ANGEL!



Drivers are needed for the Angels of Mercy program. Please consider this ministry if you can spare time to help others with their appointments or errands. Call the Rectory at 215-572-0128 to volunteer.

We will stop sending Sunday envelopes to parishioners who have signed up for regular e-giving.

## SNOWBIRDS

For our parishioners who either spend part of the year at a winter or summer residence, or go on an extended vacation, our envelope company has made it easier for us to change their "active" status to "temporary inactive". Doing so saves us \$\$! Just call the rectory at 215-572-0128, or email at [stlukerc@aol.com](mailto:stlukerc@aol.com), to leave your name and the dates of your absence.

## CHRISTMAS IQ

Discover the answers to our recent 'Christmas IQ' questions and listen with new ears to the sounds and symbols of Christmas Monday evening at 7pm.

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.



## 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.

## 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**.



**The Poor Boxes are the bread boxes of the needy.**

## MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille Marriage Program is a program for married couples who feel anxious or stressed about their marriage. If your marriage is tearing you apart and there is little or no meaningful communication, then Retrouvaille may be able to help you. Learn how to re-focus your marriage at our next program, to be held on **February 8-10, 2008** at the Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA. Please visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 1-800-470-2230 for more information.

## BICENTENNIAL AS A DIOCESE

1808 - 2008



*Our Faith-Filled Heritage*, the beautiful history book of the Church in Philadelphia, is available at the rectory. This picture-filled commemorative, priced at \$30.00, complements your household and makes a thoughtful gift.

## 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 PRAYER:**

For those who are engaged to be married that in this season of the Holy Child they might pray for the children which God will bring to the Sacrament of their lives.

**OUR ADVENT PRAYER INTENTION:**

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

**Pray for our sister parish,  
Notre-Dame de la Presentation,  
in Los-Palis, Haiti.**

**STAFF**

- Rev. Msgr. J. Michael Flood ..... Pastor  
 Rev. John F. McBride (Senior Priest) Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Joseph T. Murphy ..... Retired  
 Deacon Thomas M. Croke ..... Permanent Deacon  
 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  
 Joe Hart ..... Business Manager  
 Beth Stieritz ..... Development  
 Cathy Foley ..... Sacristan



Rev. Daniel M. Dooley  
Katherine McLaughlin



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

**RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT:**

God’s sign is simplicity. God’s sign is the baby. God’s sign is that he makes himself small for us. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby – defenseless and in need of our help. ... He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts and his will ... to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him. – Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Midnight Mass, Christmas 2006

# SCHEDULES

## ALTAR SERVERS

### Saturday Vigil, December 15

5:00 pm Kathleen Cassidy, Lauren Mitros, Maura Angiolillo

### Sunday morning, December 16

6:30 am Anna Fiorella, Kathleen Doyle  
8:00 am Stephen Jeffers, Anthony Scalfaro, Nicole Scalfaro  
9:30 am Billy Joyce, Tommy Joyce, Michelle Harbison  
11:30 am Stephen DiCicco, Kyle Donahue, Jack Kehres

### Monday & Tuesday, December 17 & 18

6:30 am Dan Affleck, Madeleine Brownsey  
8:30 am Carly Scullin, Kelly Scullin

### Wednesday & Thursday, December 19 & 20

6:30 am Amanda Settembrino, Jake Meizinger  
8:30 am Scott Stieritz, Mark Wilson

### Friday & Saturday morning, December Dec 21 & 22

6:30 am Riley Slusarski, Matt McDonough  
8:30 am Daniel Nedbal, Jerry Amodei

### Saturday Vigil, December 22

5:00 pm Maura Angiolillo, Michael Joyce, Teresita Liebel

### Sunday morning, December 23

6:30 am Dan Motz, Nicole Motz  
8:00 am Stephanie Kraynik, Patrick Ryan, Teddy Ryan  
9:30 am Nick Borowy, Joey Borowy, Brenda Harbison  
11:30 am Mary Kate Oleksiak, Joseph Krause, Claire Salazar

## LECTORS

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 15 & 16

5:00	Kevin Potter	Cathy Dunigan
6:30	Michael Piotrowicz	Michael Sweeney
8:00	James Burke	Ceil Matthews
9:30	Lisa Boyle	Bonnie Dalzell
11:30	Joseph Sheerin	Mary Jane Dean

### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 22 & 23

5:00	Kevin Potter	Helen Watkins
6:30	Michael Piotrowicz	Michael Sweeney
8:00	Larry Woehrle	Thomas McCarthy
9:30	Renie O'Meara	Denise Tumelty
11:30	Joseph Sheerin	Ken Johnston

## HOSPITAL MINISTRY

### DECEMBER 16

1) Agnes DiLanzo, 2) Lorraine Markey,  
3) Peggy O'Sullivan, 4) Dan Moyer, 5) Michael Shea

### DECEMBER 30

1) Kevin Potter, 2) Clara Duffy, 3) Linda O'Donnell,  
4) Karen Giannetti, 5) Dave Daniel

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## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

### DECEMBER 15 & 16

5:00 Del Axford, Linda Calio, S. Nora Friel, Chris Gardner, Rob Henstenburg, John Monaghan, Pat O'Donnell, Emilie Quigley, Pat Sharkey

8:00 Dorothy Baer, Cathy Berry, Jo Ann Foley, Marie Heffernan, Ed McCauley, MaryBeth Meakim, Linda O'Donnell, Barb Piper, Mary Santarelli, Jayne Spencer

9:30 Lyn Church, James Gauger, Janet Gauger, Karen Giannetti, Nick Gibboni, Mary Harbison, Jane Kieser, Kathleen LaMonica, Maryellen Matus

11:30 Ro Croke, Anna Filmyer, Irvin Fisher, Craig Giandomenico, Jule Hanahan, Trish Hayes, Terry Hersch, Donna Scully, Rita Timoney, Maryann Vesci

### DECEMBER 22 & 23

5:00 Eileen Breslin, Porter Bush, Rob Henstenburg' Lou Lupinacci, Dennis McNulty, Barb O'Neill, Kevin O'Neill, Drew Sharkey, Lori Spanier

8:00 Cathy Berry, Marie Heffernan, Kate Jaskiewicz, Tom Keane, MaryBeth Meakim, Linda O'Donnell, Barb Piper, Judy Reale, Mary Santarelli, Jayne Spencer

9:30 Terry Biansco, Sue Borowy, Nick Gibboni, Mitch Harbison, Kathleen LaMonica, Irene MacDonald, Maryellen Matus, Rose McDonough, Charlie Spencer

11:30 Sam Couchara, Dave Daniel, Ann Del Carlino, Bernadette Dougherty, Dan Dougherty, Kathy Edwards, Cat Mattingly, Scott Mattingly, Rita Timoney, Mark Zehner