Saint Luke's

### 340 N. FRANKLIN TURNPIKE • HO-HO-KUS, NJ 07423

Decem<u>ber 19, 2021</u>

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Confessions Saturdays <u>from 1:00-2:00 pm</u>

### MISSION STATEMENT

To reach out in love to all God's people by living the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and St. Luke as a caring faith community fed by the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit.

# 4<sup>th</sup> OF ADVENT

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
Daily M-F	9:00 am

### St. Luke's Is Served By...

Rev. James M. Manos Pastor
John McKeon Deacon
Rev. Eugene Gniewyk In Residence
Msgr. Thomas J. McDade In Residence
Sr. Lois Jablonski, S.S.J Pastoral Associate
Sr. Eileen Ivory, O.P Pastoral Associate
Elizabeth Maxwell Director of Music Ministry
Christine Ferreri Director of Religious Education
Paul Petersen Pastoral Associate

Katherine Greenwood Pastoral Assoc, Liturgy
Barbara WeissBusiness Manager
Ed Flemming Property Manager
Courtney Calacione Cemetery Administrator
Patrick Logue Safety Manager
Peter Mastandrea Parish Trustee
Maureen Menakis Parish Trustee
Ed Hayes Pastoral Council President
Glenn SchuckFinance Council Chair

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### Week of December 19

### Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm Bridget & John Thomas Clarke & Melley Families Clarita Velasco Sirena Cosentino Dorothy Listner, Herbert Straub and their Deceased Family Members Elisa Jane Gallo Colin McCann Jack McDermott Sabina Liloia John Joseph O'Shea John Patrick House

### Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am SSgt Joseph D'Augustine
- 10:00 am John Librie
- 12:00 pm Daniel Kelly

### Monday, December 20

9:00 am Sirena Cosentino

**Tuesday, December 21** 

9:00 am Katherine Ann Karpovich

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 am Rosalie Foschini

### Thursday, December 23

9:00 am Francesco & Immacolata Torrano Ercole & Ernestina Gagliano

### Friday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

- **4:00 pm** For the People of the Parish
- 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
- **10:00 pm** For the People of the Parish

# Saturday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
- **10:00 am** For the People of the Parish
- **12:00 pm** For the People of the Parish

## Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family

- 8:00 am Antonio Pontoriero **10:00 am** Deceased Members of
- the Tarleton & Walsh Families
- 12:00 pm Mary Hayes

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021 Christmas Eve Masses Friday, December 24 4:00 pm \* 7:00 pm \* 10:00 pm Christmas Day Masses Saturday, December 25 8:00 am \* 10:00 am \* 12 Noon letetetetetetetetetetetetetetete



⊿ We remember those who are ill, <sup>62004 LPI</sup> and those who are in need of prayer especially Joseph

Colavita, Nancy Arcieri, Pat Manente, James Whelan, Bob Thoelen, Fr Elisabetta DeCesare, Cindy Joy, Marian Campanelli, Msgr Robert Slipe, Tim O'Hare, Adam DeAngelis, Cole McKeon, Curtis Daniels, Charles Lavin, healthcare workers, funeral home personnel, first responders, and all those who have recently died.

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of the Deceased Members of the Listner & Straub Families





This week's Bread & Wine are donated in loving memory of John Librie

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

The collection amount for the weekend of December 11/12 amounted to \$8,897. We are so grateful for your kindness, stewardship and generosity.



### Christmas Outreach St Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, Florida



We thank the many of you who have donated gift cards in support of St Philip Benizi Parish in Belle Glade, Florida. Your generosity is truly a blessing and we are grateful. The cards will be delivered to the parish this week. Thank you again for your generous giving.

### Going Through A Difficult Time, Don't Suffer Alone . . .

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others - and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're grieving or sad or struggling with a difficult situation in life, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Here at St Luke's we have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time while maintaining confidentiality. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by emailing admin@churchofstluke.org.

> A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly of Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

### December 19, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does it happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me... Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.""

A few short days for us to allow the Lord of history into our lives again. Finding the two pregnant mothers to be meeting and greeting is not unlike what will transpire in our lives with Christmas visits.

The words exchanged, words we pray daily in the Hail Mary, are sacred biblical words. The question Elizabeth asks is ours: 'how does it happen that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' Mary is present to us in so many ways as model, protector, mother.

The next question is ours: How is it that my Savior should come to me? Because of His love He took on our humanity, to give us grace and allow us to be part of His divinity. Let the encounter of the relatives lead us to our encounter with Jesus this week.



### With gratitude for their service, let us keep those who serve in our military in our prayers including



Eric Rydh, US Navy Nicholas Oravetz, US Navy Capt William Mulkeen, US Army Major Sean Fox, USAF Capt David Gatti, US Army Lance Cpl Patrick Gordon, USMC Major Frank Toomey, US Army Arnauld Tarbangdo, US Marines Nicole Cunneely, US Navy

James Ryan, US Navy IT3 1st Lt Christopher Forst, USAF Colin Lynch, US Navy Staff Sgt Brandon Ritter, USAF Capt Conrad Polys, US Marines MSG James Leonard, NJ Natl Guard Capt Brendan Cahill, US Army SPC Logan Costello, US Army

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### Dates, Times, Location

St. Luke Church offers this wonderful experience of Prayer called OREMUS (in Latin, it is translated "Let us Pray".)

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leave your name, phone number, e-mail and address at the rectory office by Dec 28 2021

### For More Information

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remus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.

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-Nancy D.

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