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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**DECEMBER 30, 2007**

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 31 - The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**
- **6:30 am** Jimmy & Michael McGillian
- **8:30 am** John & Martin Sweeney
- **5:00 pm** Holy Day Vigil

**Tuesday, January 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas: The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**
- **Holy Day of Obligation**
  - **6:30 am** Mass for Holy Day
  - **9:30 am** Mass for Holy Day
  - **11:30 am** Mass for Holy Day

**Wednesday, January 3 - Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church**
- **6:30 am** Concetta Licari req. by Lidia Nigro
- **8:30 am** Giovanni DiLanzo req. by Elda Marinelli

**Thursday, January 4 - Weekday / The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
- **6:30 am** Anthony, Mark & Gregory Cristaldi
- **8:30 am** Robert Hoyer

**Friday, January 5 - Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**
- **6:30 am** Patrick Lydon
- **8:30 am** Don F. & Don Francis D’Agui
- **10:30am** Elizabeth Fitzgerald

**Saturday, January 5 - John Neumann, bishop**
- **6:30 am** Kathleen Alekna req. by the Gabage Family
- **8:30 am** Flora Vesci

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun** Sirach 3:2-7,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
**Mon** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
**Tues** Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
**Wed** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
**Thurs** 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
**Fri** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
**Sat** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
**Sun** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

**Sunday, December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family**
- **9:00 am** Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital
- **9:30 am** High School Choir
- **1:00 pm** One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH

**Monday, December 31**
- **5:00 pm** Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, January 1 - Mary Mother of God**
- **St. Luke School & Rectory closed**
- **6:30 am** Mass
- **9:30 am** Mass
- **11:30 am** Mass

**Wednesday, January 2**
- **3:30pm** One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH
- **7:00 pm** Cub Scouts, FFH
- **7:00 pm** CYO Choir, Music Ministry Room
- **7:30 pm** Venture Crew, Alumni Room
- **7:30 pm** Voces Novae et Antiquae Concert, Church

**Thursday, January 3**
- **10:00 am** Moms & Tots, FFH
- **6:30 pm** Camp Fire, FFH
- **7:30 pm** Choir, MMR
- **7:30 pm** Confessions
- **8:00 pm** CYO Board, Alumni Room

**Friday, January 4**
- **10:30am** Mass
- **3:30 pm** One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH

**Saturday, January 5**
- **4:30 pm** Anointing of the Sick

**Sunday, January 6 - Epiphany of the Lord**
- **9:30 am** Baptisms / CYO Choir
- **1:00 pm** One Act Play Dress Rehearsal, FFH

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **January 11 & 13** CYO One Act Play
- **February 5** Mardi Gras Party
- **February 6** Ash Wednesday
- **February 20** Haiti Benefit Dinner
- **March 2** Spaghetti Supper
- **March 23** Easter
Welcome Our Newest Parishioners!

Tessa Margaret Kunkle, daughter of Richard & Amy Kunkle,
Jacob Maximus Saville, son of Michael Saville and Lauren Payne, and
Nathaniel Patrick Washington, son of Nathaniel Washington, III, and Natalie Plazek, were baptized on December 16, 2007.

Respect Life Prayer:
That governments may protect the institution of marriage, designed by God as the permanent union between one man and one woman.

Anointing of the Sick
We celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday of the month. The next Anointing is January 5 at 4:30pm, just before the 5pm Vigil Mass.

We invite those who
• are of advanced age
• have a serious illness (including mental illness)
• are facing surgery in the near future
• are in treatment for prevention of return of serious illness
• those who are usually homebound to receive this sacrament.

We invite the rest of the parish community to join in our prayers for those who are sick. And we encourage those who have family, friends, and neighbors who are shut-ins to bring them to Mass on that Saturday.

Of course, the Sacrament will be administered to anyone in an emergency at any time.

Confirmation 2008
There is a Confirmation meeting for all candidates on Sunday, January 13, immediately following the 11:30am Mass. Candidates and parents should attend both the Mass and meeting. Sponsors of candidates are also invited to attend. Please contact Sharon D’Amore if you have any questions at 215-884-2080.

Web Site of the Week
Read “The Blessed Virgin Mary” article in The Catholic Encyclopedia, published in 1912 and now online at
www.newadvent.org/cathen/15464b.htm

Vocation Views
The priests, brothers, and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God’s call. (Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18)

Question of the Week
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Sodality and Miraculous Medal Devotions
New Year’s Day, January 1, we will not have Sodality devotions. Please join us on Tuesday, January 8, at 7pm for the recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and the Novena prayers. Benediction concludes the devotions.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Our Lady of Vladimir
On the cover of the bulletin is a photograph of our icon of Our Lady of Vladimir, also known as The Madonna of Tenderness. The icon was lovingly and prayerfully painted by hand on wood with egg and tempura by Matthew Szczepanowski from August to December 2007. He truly believes the Holy Spirit guided his every brush stroke. This work of art and prayer is a gift of two anonymous donors. The icon was installed in Church just before Christmas.

Eastern Rite Catholics and Orthodox believe that icons are windows into another world. Much like contemplating Sacred Host in the Monstrance opens one to the love of Jesus, icons are meant to be looked at in silence thus revealing the tenderness, forgiveness and understanding of God. They are, in a sense, sacraments.

In the icon of the Madonna of Tenderness the Child Jesus whispers to His Mother the mystery of his suffering and death and she in turn looks at Him and Us with eyes of tenderness and understanding.

The original icon of our Lady of Vladimir dates to at least the 12th century. It is a thing of legend and is piously believed that it was painted by St. Luke, gospel writer, physician, and artist, on the Lord’s Table of the Last Supper.

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**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**.

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**MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

Knights of Columbus, Flaherty Council invites everyone to our monthly breakfast, **Sunday, January 6**, 8:30am until noon in the council home, 235 Limekiln Pike in Glenside. Good food, great prices, our breakfasts, held the first Sunday of each month, are open to the public. All are welcome!

**2008 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.

**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.

**TEACHER FEATURE**

Thanks for reading **Teacher Feature**! St. Luke School has a lot to be proud of in our outstanding Faculty. Over these past months, we’ve highlighted several of our dedicated Faculty members in this column. We’re taking a break for Christmas, but will return in the New Year with a brand new **Teacher Feature** the weekend of January 13, 2008. Who will be next?

**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.

**ST. LUKE’S OVER 50 CLUB**

St Luke’s Over 50 Club will meet on **Tuesday, January 8**, at 11:30am. Our program will be “The Patriot Poet,” Tom Woodruff, from Oreland. Sandwiches will be available for $3.00 and 50-50 tickets will be sold. Bingo will follow the meeting.

**ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS SONG QUIZ from Parish Carol Night**

1. Jingle Bells
2. Walking In a Winter Wonderland
3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
4. Joy to the World
5. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer
6. O Come All Ye Faithful
7. I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas
8. O Christmas Tree
9. What Child is This?
10. We Three Kings
11. Deck the halls
12. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailin’ In
13. O Holy Night
14. The First Noel
15. Away in a Manager
16. The 12 Days of Christmas
17. I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
18. All I Want For Christmas is my Two Front Teeth
19. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
20. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
21. Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow
22. Silent Night
23. O Little Town of Bethlehem
24. Silver Bells

**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

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

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!

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Dave Daniel ..........................Maintenance  
Joe Hart ..........................Business Manager  
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Cathy Foley ..........................Sacristan

RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT:
This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family -- a family which points the way for the rest of us.

The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be.

One of the many reasons why the Pope and bishops identify abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another.

May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life!
## Schedules

### Hospital Ministry

**December 30**
1) Kevin Potter, 2) Clara Duffy, 3) Linda O'Donnell, 4) Karen Giannetti, 5) Dave Daniel

1) H; 2) W; 3) B, R, T; 4) 2 & 3 L; 5) 4 & 5 L

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday Vigil, December 29**

5:00 pm Kathleen Cassidy, Alex Cranch, Kyle Donahue

**Sunday morning, December 30**

6:30 am Madeleine Brownsey, Kathleen Doyle
8:00 am Lauren Mitros, Catherine Hughes, Jack Kehres
9:30 am Carey Patton, Joseph Pritz, Juliana Hart
11:30 am Stephen Jeffers, Billy Joyce, Tommy Joyce

**Monday, December 31**

6:30 am Michael Newns, Scott Sieritz
8:30 am Dan Affleck, Stephen DiCicco
5:00 pm Tim McNiff, Joseph McNiff, Claire Salazar

**Tuesday, January 1**

6:30 am Michael Newns, Scott Sieritz
9:30 am Jerry Amodi, Joey Borowy, Nick Borowy
11:30 am Maura Angiolillo, Anthony Mascione, Evan Mascione

**Wednesday & Thursday, January 2 & 3**

6:30 am Mary Kate Oleksiak, Joseph Krause
8:30 am Carly Scullin, Kelly Scullin

**Friday & Saturday morning, January 4 & 5**

6:30 am Olivia O'Donnell, Anna Fiorella
8:30 am Michael Joyce, Christine McIntyre

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5:00 pm Evan Kretschman, Emily McCauley, Stephanie Kraynik

**Sunday morning, January 6**

6:30 am Jake Meizinger, Bridget Polansky
8:00 am Maureen Regan, Amanda Settembrino, Devon Monihan
9:30 am Cameron Gillaspy, Jacob Ross, Zach Ross
11:30 am Matt McDonough, Riley Shusarski, Courtney Wood

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