

The Church of Saint Luke



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS 2022

December 24, 2022-**All Christmas Eve Masses will be held at Notre Dame High School**
60 Spangenburg Ave, East Stroudsburg

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Polish)

December 25, 2022-Christmas Day - 10:30 a.m. in the Jacques Center, 818 Main Street

December 31, 2022-New Year's Eve Mass, 4:00 p.m.

January 1, 2023-New Year's Day, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. (Polish)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

For Catholics, the greatest form of worship is the Mass. Mass is celebrated daily at the Church of Saint Luke. While we encourage all of our parishioners to attend Mass in person, for those who are ill, we will livestream our services on our Facebook page and will broadcast our Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. Mass on Blue Ridge Cable Channel 13.



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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

Jesus is with us, we are the Church, we are told to proclaim this Good News!

At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives this instruction to his remaining apostles: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." The Church has been doing this for millennia but now the tides have changed. According to Pew Research, "the number of Americans who do not identify with any religion continues to grow at a rapid pace. One-fifth of the U.S. public – and a third of adults under 30 – are religiously unaffiliated today, the highest percentages ever in Pew Research Center polling."

Most of these unaffiliated adults do believe in God but they do not buy into Church doctrine or structure. While Pew research notes, "most religiously unaffiliated Americans think that churches and other religious institutions benefit society by strengthening community bonds and aiding the poor," they are not interested in joining. "With few exceptions, though, the unaffiliated say they are not looking for a religion that would be right for them. Overwhelmingly, they think that religious organizations are too concerned with money and power, too focused on rules and too involved in politics."

The sex abuse scandal among clergy and the Pandemic hasn't helped us at all. It has caused even more people to become disillusioned with the church and with religion. However, the command of Christ remains, and we are assured that he continues to be with us even in these confusing and deflating days. His instruction is often characterized this way: Go. Make. Baptize. Teach. We continue to be challenged with this instruction today. It is a necessary part of what we must do as followers of Christ.



We are going to begin another Alpha in February. This Alpha will be open to all – especially those “nones” who need a reminder of what it is that we believe. Alpha is not developed doctrine but rather the Kerygma, the simple proclamation on the person of Christ. We will use it to continue this mission that Christ gave us: Go. Make. Baptize. Teach. Join us for Alpha and invite someone who has stopped coming. We know that Jesus is with us. We pray that we can bring others to him as well.

Waiting in Joyful Hope



CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE ADVENT EVENTS



First Sunday of Advent Blessing of Candles for Advent Wreaths November 26 & 27

Blessed Advent candles will be provided at each mass or you may bring your own from home to be blessed.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 7 @ 4pm mass

Blessing of the the
outdoor nativity

Third Sunday of Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli December 10 & 11

All are encouraged to bring a baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from your home nativity sets for a special blessing during each mass.



Second Sunday of Advent Jesse Tree

December 4 @ 8am mass

Come learn about the events leading up to the birth of Jesus through illustrated ornaments.

Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration

Friday, December 9 @ 6:30pm

Travel with Mary and Joseph as they search for shelter before Our Savior's birth. The journey begins outdoors and concludes with fellowship & dinner in the Jacques Center.

Advent Family Game Night December 17, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Dinner, board games, Advent theme craft, prayer. Event is preceded by the 4pm Mass and then 5pm Teen Adoration.

(Families welcome and encouraged to attend)

Buildings and Grounds

FACILITIES RENOVATION UPDATE FROM THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

After many, many years of refraining from all capital improvement projects, with the help of several very generous donors, we have built up our capital improvement fund. This has now allowed the Parish to proceed with many needed projects to maintain, make safe, and beautify our physical presence in the community. As noted in our Summer Newsletter these projects include painting the interior of the church, replacing the carpeting, refurbishing the pews damaged by COVID-19 cleaning protocols, and replacing the front steps of the church. The photos below show some of the messy but necessary work being done. We are making progress! We look forward to a visit from Bishop Bambera, who will bless our renovated space sometime in the late winter.



Currently, we are all experiencing the disruption in many ways to Parish Life. Our Christmas Eve Masses will be held this year at Notre Dame High School in East Stroudsburg to accommodate the many people who will be celebrating the Nativity of our Lord. Our Christmas Day mass will be held in the Jacques Center. If you are finding it difficult to attend Sunday Mass in the Jacques Center, we invite you to weekday mass in the Barrett Center, where a Chapel has been made - an intimate and holy space in which to worship and pray on Mondays for Adoration from 10 am until Mass at 6:30 pm and daily mass Tuesday through Friday mornings at 7:30 am. We would like to thank all of our parishioners for being so patient with us while we are renovating.



Buildings and Grounds - continued

The rebuilding of our front stairs is a project we are very excited about. Once this project is complete we will have a fitting and safe entrance through our beautiful church doors on Main Street.



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