

Online Bulletin

The Parish Church of St Luke
Burlington, ON

Week of Sunday December 22nd, 2024

✳ PARISH OFFICE HOURS ✳

Monday 9 am – noon, **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9 am to 3:30 pm, **Friday:** Closed

Note that the office will be closed for all Christmas and New Years related statutory holidays

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BEST WISHES FOR A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH GOOD HEALTH, PEACE, LOVE & JOY

OUR WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Bible Study Mondays 1.30 pm sheilaplant134@gmail.com

Knitters and Friends Tuesdays 10-12 (Room 201)

Centering Prayer Wednesdays 2 pm stuartpike1@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursdays 1:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal Thursdays 7 – 8:30 pm jgoodine@stlukesburlington.ca

Faith & Fellowship Saturdays 9 am stuartpike1@gmail.com

MONTHLY

Outreach Thursdays 10 am rosreycraft@hotmail.com

WORSHIP @ St. LUKE'S

SUNDAY 8.15 am Holy Communion – *Traditional*

SUNDAY 10 am Holy Eucharist – *Contemporary (livestreamed)*

WEDNESDAY 10 am Holy Communion - *Traditional*

Also online:

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 4 pm *Evening Prayer*

SECOND FRIDAY 4 pm A *Taizé* service

Knitters & Friends is not meeting on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Knitters & Friends meet-ups will resume Tues., Jan. 7, 2025, in Room 201, as usual.

Music at St. Luke's is pleased to present the first of our recital series as **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera** returns to St. Luke's for a Sunday afternoon concert in the church today,
December 22nd at 3PM.

Conductor and Pianist, Sabatino Vacca will be joined by a chorus and by tenor soloist Romulo Delgado for an afternoon of Seasonal, Sacred, Opera, Musical Theatre favourites, and more!

Tickets will be available at the door

Amnesty International's 2024 'Write for Rights' Campaign

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to learn about and participate in this campaign. Your 27 signatures helped demand action from governments and leaders around the world in support of those who have been harassed, threatened, and jailed for supporting human rights.

In addition, we also generated 25 letters of support to individuals in prison or facing harassment, letting them know they have not been forgotten in their struggles for social justice and freedom. Your involvement makes a real difference in advocating for human rights. Stay tuned for more opportunities to help in the new year!

Contact: May Frank at maym.frank@outlook.com or 289-795-8140

Ruth & Naomi will meet on Sunday January 12th at 11:30 in the parlour.
All widows are welcome

St. Luke's Speaker's Lunch on January 9th presents; HAMILTON FLASHBACKS

Mark McNeil is a long-time journalist and writer of the popular, award-winning "Flashbacks" column in The Hamilton Spectator, where he delves into the city's rich history each week. In his presentation at St. Luke's, he will bring to life some of his favourite tales through a captivating mix of words, songs, and historical photos that draws from his acclaimed Fringe Festival play "Hamilton for Beginners." As an added bonus, he will also present a brief history of The Spectator, the oldest continuously operating business in the city. Everyone Welcome!

Doors open at 11:30am with the presentation commencing about 12:15pm.

Bring your own lunch & we will provide refreshments. A free-will donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Christmas Market Decorations Table

We are planning ahead to next year's market. Yes, we are crazy, but when you are getting rid of your Christmas planters, please save the wood pieces and coloured balls.

They can be used again for someone to design their own next Christmas. Call: Wendy Murray 905-681-0020 for any donations.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Community Lunch will resume on January 15.

At the December 18th Community Lunch, 170 meals were served. Brassworks entertained with Christmas music. Thank you to the many volunteers who made it possible.

PLEASE SUBMIT BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 29TH BY END OF DAY ON DECEMBER 22ND

The washroom by the entrance in the church is complete and available. Because it is equipped as an accessible washroom the door opening, closing, and locking is controlled by buttons inside and outside the washroom. **Once inside, remember to push the lock button on the wall by the door.**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE MADAGASCAR MISSIONS

As you know, for very many years St. Luke's Church has supported Mary Sherwood and her important work at the 2 mission centres in Madagascar, an orphanage and an inner-city centre. Several years ago Mary suffered a stroke and had to retire from this work. During the time that the Anglican Mission Services Committee (AMSC) was searching for a replacement, we received no updates about the missions. While we did receive guarantees that any donations were still going to directly support work there, it has proven very difficult to keep parishioners engaged without information to share and consequently support has dwindled. In the spring we received word that Mary's replacement had been found and we were looking forward to once again getting things back on track. Unfortunately, that has not happened. We know that the replacement visited Madagascar in the summer, but we have received no news.

After much discussion, the Outreach Committee has made the difficult decision to end our ongoing relationship with AMSC. We do however want to stress that both the Madagascar Missions are still very much 'alive' and that individual support is very welcome. If and when we receive any updates we will pass the information along in the bulletin or newsletter.

We thank all the parishioners who have generously donated to this very worthy cause over the last 30+ years. We will accept donations to Madagascar Missions through St. Luke's until December 31st of this year. After that, please send your donations directly to: **AMSC, P.O.BOX # 1072, SAULT STE MARIE, ON, P6A 5N7.** Be sure to mark your cheque 'Madagascar Missions'.

2025 St. Luke's Church Calendars!



Yes, you heard right; we have created our own calendar this year! Get your copy before they all sell out- \$10 each available Sunday and at the office during regular office hours Monday through Thursday

OFFERTORY BEARERS

(an important part of St. Luke's worship)

At the beginning of the Offertory hymn the bread and wine (gifts of the people) are brought to the Altar by two members of the congregation and are presented to a server at the altar rail in preparation for consecration before Communion. The bread, wine and the collection presented by the sides people at the end of the hymn represent our lives, our work, our recreation, our families, and our community. In other words, we offer to God all that we have and all that we do. This is called Stewardship. If you are willing to be a member of one of our Offertory teams, please contact Rev. Sheila Plant or Terry Raybould (email pokeyc@icloud.com or phone (905-681-2816)

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If you would like to subscribe, please contact 416.924.9199 or 1.866.924.9192 ext 245

PARISH EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving the Rector's weekly email? If not, please contact the office at office@stlukesburlington.ca so we can add you to our list.

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Men's Faith and Fellowship

We meet every Saturday morning from 9 am to 10:30 pm, now using hybrid model: You can come in-person to the board room in the Parish Hall, or you can attend from home viz Zoom. We look at the readings for the week, or sometimes we watch a short video and discuss a book of the Bible. All men are welcome.

Outreach rosreycraft@hotmail.com

Knitters & Friends...continues to meet in person in Room 201 of the Parish Hall, 10 am – noon, Tuesdays. **Anyone interested in joining is welcome to drop in. Come for the crafting, stay for the company! All skill levels and hand crafts are welcome.**

Online weekly gatherings (Zoom)

Men's Faith and Fellowship Saturdays 9a.m. Contact stuartpike1@gmail.com

Bible Study – Mondays 1:30p.m. Contact sheilaplant134@gmail.com

Calling on Your Clergy

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a phone call, a visit, or any other form of support from your parish clergy, please do not hesitate to make it known to any of them or to the parish office.

Worship Services Online

At our parish blog www.stlukesburlington.blogspot.com...Tuesday & Thursday Evening Prayer after 4:00p.m., Sunday Holy Communion 10:00a.m. **We live stream our 10 am Sunday service on this link: www.youtube.com/channel/UC03TRMBsM7-AH8-XU_ZBXAg/live** You can find all our online services at our Youtube channel, www.youtube.com/stlukeburlingtonniagara
