

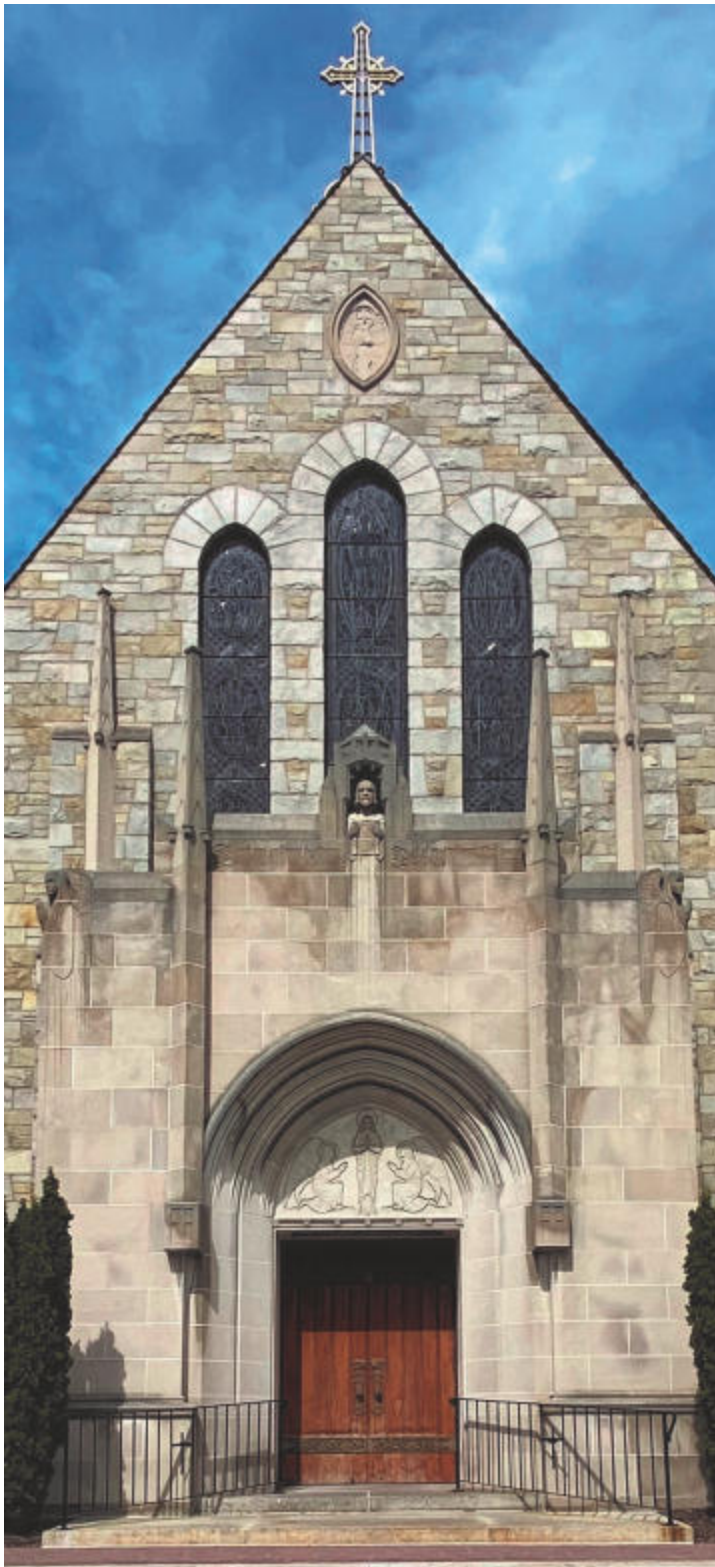
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm, Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Communal Baptism celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.
A Baptism preparation class is a requirement prior to Baptism.
Please call the Parish Office for further information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date to allow ample time for preparation. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to the home or hospital.

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes are available for grades PreK-11. Please call the Religious Education Office, 518 377-0506 to register or for more information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome all our visitors and guests who worship at St. Luke's. We invite families and individuals who wish to become members to register with us by visiting our website, calling or stopping by the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm, Phone only 12-3

Handicapped accessible. Personal amplified units for the hearing impaired available in sacristy. See Usher for assistance.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER CHAIN

Contact: Eleanor Olbrich 518 346-3537


PROJECT RACHEL

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW SUFFERING FROM THE EMOTIONAL AFTERMATH OF ABORTION? TO FIND COMPASSION, HELP AND SUPPORT OR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS MINISTRY CALL;


ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH OFFICE 518 347-9955

AS A LASTING TRIBUTE TO ST. LUKE'S FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

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Eucharistic Adoration will follow the 11am Mass on Fridays and continue until 1pm. This is an opportunity to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on days other than First Fridays.
All are encouraged to join us.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday at 3pm at St. Luke's and Monday-Friday following the 12:15pm Mass at St. Joseph's.



The LIVING ROSARY
Feast of the Assumption of Mary

On Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God, our parish family will gather in St. Luke's Square at 3:00pm to offer the Living Rosary for Mary's intercession for those who have fallen away from the faith. We will also offer our prayer for our parishioners who do not yet feel comfortable coming to Mass after COVID-19. You are invited to add your own prayer intentions and place them in the box in the Gathering Area, which will be offered up in prayer.
Refreshments will follow in the Pastoral Center. All are welcome to join us.

Rainbow Corner, a popular religious goods and bookstore will be **closing at the end of August**. Rainbow Corner is located on Albany St., and is offering a 25% discount on all stock. **We thank Beverly for her many years of assistance and service to the local spiritual community.**



WEEK of AUGUST 9 - 15

DAILY MASS at 11:00am

- Monday Jane Barllo req Family
Joseph L. Dunn
req Greg & Maura Zannitto
- Tuesday Joe Zeller req Terri Balog
Victor Balog req Son, Vic Balog
- Wednesday **NO SERVICES**
- Thursday Malcolm Snowden
req Gene & Marianne Snowden
- Friday Rev. Michael Clemente
req Sherrill Redmond
- Saturday David Coutant req Arlene Williams
4:00 PM
- Sunday Marianne Cook req Wendy Harris
8:00 AM Taejah Bowman req Wendy Harris
11:00 AM John M. Pope req Ron Pope
Richard Silverman req Christine Silverman

**ST. LUKE'S 1st. ANNUAL
COMMUNITY CLOTHING GIVE AWAY**
Volunteers Needed

St. Luke's is sponsoring a Community Clothing Give Away on Friday, August 20, 2:00-7:00pm in the Furman St. parking lot. The Community Day will include a large selection of free gently used men's, women's and children's clothing that has been donated to the Food Pantry. In addition, raffle drawings throughout the afternoon featuring a boy's and a girl's bike and gift cards for adults. Also, a limited supply of small household items will be available.

Hot dogs, snacks and refreshments will be served.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and break down, to help with refreshments and arranging and sorting clothing. If you would like to volunteer for this 1st. Ever Community Day, call Kristin at 518 347-9955 or stlukescares@gmail.com. This is another way in which St. Luke's is making a difference by serving the community. Why not volunteer!



St. Luke's is sponsoring a Bus Trip to New York City for a day of shopping on Saturday August 28. Bus leaves St. Luke's at 8am & leaves NYC at 6pm. Cost \$40 per Person.
For registration and more information call Onnie Nappi 518-878-9267

FOOD for the JOURNEY

When we are away from home, we tend to eat differently. This is especially true when we are traveling. Meals tend to be taken wherever convenient, often fast food and not always nutritious but it is the price of being in a hurry to get from point A to point B.

In times past, travel food was not much better. It came in the form of a dense, dry and hard cake formed simply from flour and water. On land, it was known as “hardtack” and at sea as a “sea biscuit”. The advantage of these hard cakes was that they were easy to carry, packed a lot of calories in their small size and lasted for months. The disadvantages were that they were not particularly tasty and they were too hard to bite into. Travelers would have to soak them in water before eating them.

Elijah, our traveler from the first reading from the book of Kings, had his own traveling food in what translators call “hearth cake”. When we hear this, we probably think of a plate of pancakes served for him by God’s angel. But this hearth cake is as dense and dry as the hardtack or the sea biscuit. It’s a good thing that the angel also left a jug of water for Elijah. He probably needed it to consume the hearth cake. Once eaten he had the strength to make his long journey to Mount Horeb. We too are travelers. We are traveling through our Christian lives, a journey we began with Baptism when we were claimed for Christ and will ultimately end with our entry into eternal life in God’s Kingdom. And like Elijah, we need to be fed for our journey to meet God. Our food is the Eucharist.

The Eucharist, the Bread of Life, Communion, is composed of unleavened bread and wine. The unleavened bread harkens back to the flight from Egypt the Israelites made on Passover. It was their hardtack for the journey to the Promised Land. The wine was used by travelers to purify the uncertain water found along the way.

The Eucharist is more than simply food. It is Christ’s very self. *“I am the bread that came down from heaven,”* Jesus tells us in the Gospel for today. Christ is our nourishment for our journey through this life. His blood, as seen in the Eucharistic wine, purifies us for our imperfections and sins.

When we are able to see the world through this perspective, the perspective of faith, our worship together can be more than a weekly obligation. The Mass can be experienced as a waystation for us life-weary travelers to stop, rest and nourish ourselves for the next leg of our life’s journey. It is here we can celebrate together with other travelers the wonders we have seen, the challenges we have overcome, the hope of seeing God face to face. It is also an opportunity for us to heal from the wounds the jagged pathways may have inflicted on us along the way. Our faith and the Mass we celebrate is indeed a hospital for our souls.

The Lord invites us to reach our destiny of eternal life. This is why he suffered so much and left us the Eucharist to make sure that we have what we need to finish our journey. As disciples of Jesus, let us take full advantage of “this living bread that came down from heaven”, the Eucharist, our food for the journey.

God Bless.... Fr. Isopo

PASTORAL CARE

There are two opportunities for our present and new Visitation Ministers for enrichment and spiritual renewal:

One day retreat, “Greening Our Lives” - A Pastoral Care Ministry Day of Retreat and Spiritual Renewal, on Wednesday, October 13, 9:00am-3:30pm at the Carondelet Hospitality Center. This is an opportunity together for prayer, reflection and conversation for those serving in the Visitation Ministry and for those who feel called to join in this vital parish ministry. Registration is required and space is limited. To view the complete flyer, visit www.rcda.org/pcretreat or contact Kristin Black, St. Luke’s Pastoral Care Associate at 518 347-9955 or stlukescare@gmail.com for registration or for more information.

Pastoral Visitation Training

A four-session, 12 hour formation and skill building workshop entitled, “Pastoral Visitation to the Sick, Elderly and Homebound” will be held on **Mondays, September 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30pm-8:30pm** and on **Saturday, October 2 from 8:30am-3:00pm at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Clifton Park.** The program will provide information on: that art of pastoral visitation, communication skills, illness issues; spiritual assessment, grief and loss, suffering and faith; death and dying; ritual and sacraments in pastoral ministry, theology of pastoral care and care giving issues. Weekly sessions include presentations and interactive exercises as well as readings.

Pre-registration is necessary and limited to 28 attendees. Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 31.

For a registration form or additional information call Kristin Black at 518 347-9955 or stlukescare@gmail.com.

NIGHTTIME PRAYER for AUGUST

Loving God, We pray that you will fill us with love, Love in our thinking, love in our speaking, love in our doing and love in the hidden places in our hearts; love of our neighbors, near and far, love of our friends, new and old; love for those with whom we find hard to bear and love for those with whom we work; love for those with whom we take our ease; love in joy, love in sorrow, love in life and love in death; so that at length we may dwell in your Kingdom forever.

Amen

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ST. LUKE'S PARISH

EMBRACING THE 21ST CENTURY

AUGUST 8, 2021

A VISION FOR ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's Parish is a culturally, economically and socially diverse community of baptized men, women and children, who, inspired by the wisdom of the Gospel and by the tradition of the Catholic Church, are committed to fulfilling the Ministry and Mission of Jesus Christ.

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to build up the Kingdom of God, to affirm and give witness to the values and teachings of Jesus Christ as expressed in the Word of God and the teachings of the Universal Church.

As people of Faith, we are called to welcome, dignify and respect all God's people. We are called to serve the needs of others by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

We are called to celebrate the Eucharist as the Apex of our Catholic faith and Christian life. We are called to make life choices that reflect our willingness to grow in faith as the Holy People of God. (Adopted by St. Luke's Pastoral Council November 1997)



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