

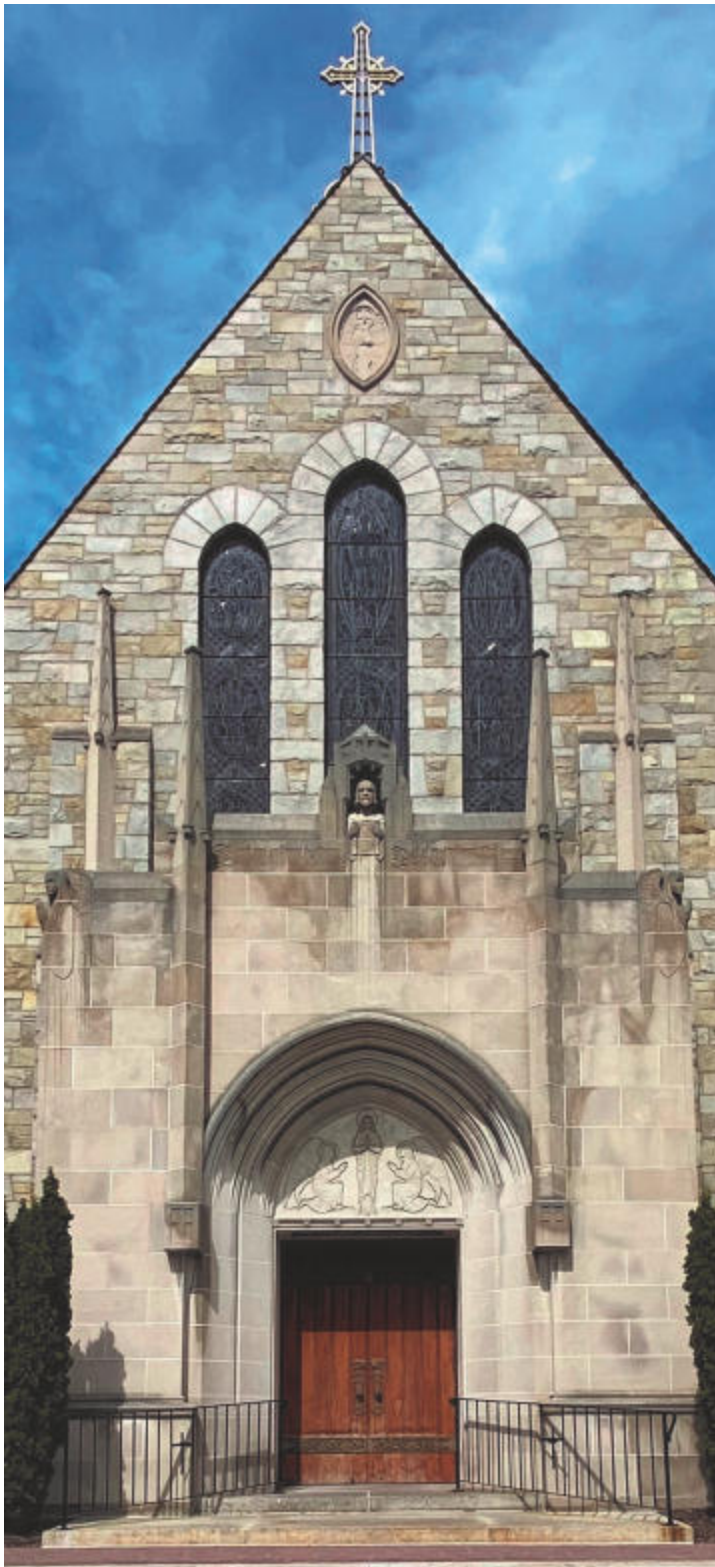
# St. Luke's Church

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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.


**CORPORATE NAME:  
ST. LUKE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK**



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.




**INFORMATION NIGHT**  
RCIA is a friendly, relaxed and prayerful process that helps adults learn more about the Catholic faith, as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation.  
Do you know a non-Catholic who is showing interest in the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who has missed out on First Communion or Confirmation? Do you know someone who has been baptized in another faith tradition, i.e., Methodist, Lutheran... or someone who has not been baptized in any faith? Or, perhaps a family member, co-worker or neighbor who might be quietly wishing to join loved ones in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is intended to help these adults get closer to God, to receive good answers to their questions, to prayerfully discern whether God is calling them to the Sacraments and full membership in the Catholic Church.  
**Sometimes people need a gentle nudge. An easy way to invite them without being pushy or preachy is to give them an RCIA brochure, found in the Gathering Area and at the Furman Street exit, and accompany them to the Information Night on Tuesday, September 21, 6:30pm in the Pastoral Center or call Fr. Isopo at 518 346-3405.**



**WEEK of AUGUST 23 - 29**

**DAILY MASS at 11:00am**

- Monday Mary Amisano req Stodolka Family  
Thomas H. Comick req Kevin Hanley
- Tuesday Carmen Rosales req Marilyn Keyser  
William & Delores Hanley  
req Kevin Hanley
- Wednesday **NO SERVICES**
- Thursday Eusebio Hontucan req Mildred Hontucan  
Bday Intentions of Sherrill Redmond  
req Ann Schillaci  
Bday Rem. Josephine Isopo  
req Dennebaum Family  
Coppola Family  
req Lynn Dennebaum Family
- Friday David Coutant req Pat Gray  
Daniel VanDerWerken  
req Eileen & Mike Clark  
Bill Witts req Kathy Richmond  
Mary Hubel req Chuck Bruns  
Joseph J. Catafano  
req Daniel & Jeanne Ciampino
- Saturday 4:00 PM William Gengenbach, III  
req Stodolka Family  
Orlo J. Hulett, Sr.  
req Gail, Shelly & Orlo, Jr.  
Daniel VanDerWerken  
req Kelly & Doug Bergen
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- 11:00 AM



*For First Time and Expectant Parents*

At St. Luke's, the birth of each child is a joyous occasion for the whole parish family. We look forward to welcoming your child into the family of God's people through the faith-filled celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Because Baptism is a sacrament of initiation, parents should be registered members of the parish into which they initiate their child. Recognizing the expectation of the Church that parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith, St. Luke's requires special formation for both parents through a Baptism Preparation Class.  
**The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at 2:00pm in the Church. Both parents are required to attend prior to scheduling a date for Baptism.**  
To register for the class or for more information, please call the Parish Office, 518 346-3405.





**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE**

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Bishop Scharfenberger will be the celebrant. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or any wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration. For more information or to register, please call 518 453-6644 or to register by email: Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.



**PRAYER for the CHURCH**

By St. Ambrose

“Let the Word of God come; let it enter the Church;  
 Let it become a consuming fire,  
 That it may burn the hay and stubble,  
 And consume whatever is worldly;  
 There is heavy lead (heavy metal) of iniquity in many;  
 Let it be molten by divine fire;  
 Let the gold and silver vessels be made better,  
 In order that understanding and speech,  
 Refined by the heat of suffering,  
 May begin to be more precious.”  
 Amen



**“THIS is HARD, WHO CAN ACCEPT IT?”**

Why is it so hard to accept the teachings of Jesus in a deep and meaningful way? Why do we turn to the needs of the flesh so easily and away from the spirit of trust so quickly? Today’s Psalm cries out: *“I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall ever be in my mouth”*. Yet, we stray, choosing instead what we believe we have some control over.

It is no wonder that the followers of Jesus questioned his teaching; they were difficult to understand and went against their world view. In many cases, it was just plain unbelievable. Yes, *“this is hard, who can accept it?”* as the disciples asked. Of course they were shocked. They were being called out of their comfort zone. Imagine the anxiety that was created among them in a world that was deeply divided and confusing. They were trying to survive in conflicted times where taking the familiar way out may have looked to be the safest! Here was this man, Jesus, with his feet firmly planted above and below, asking them to consider a new way of understanding God. Jesus was asking them to trust in the Spirit with words that were beyond their understanding. The disciples that walked away could only grasp what they knew to be true. They were not willing to trade a ‘sure thing’ for something so irrational and mysterious.

In our culture today, we too find these teachings difficult and the flesh tempting. It seems easier to leave the Word of God behind us for the sake of intellectual rationale. Having and wanting more has become a god of power and can block us from the spirit of faith and love. It becomes easier to walk away in pursuit of the temptations of the flesh while leaving the spirit behind.

Faith can take a back seat to tech screens, sports and many other extracurricular activities or wants, needs and desires of more new possessions. There is hardly a moment to sit back and soak up the mystery of our faith. The words of John’s Gospel can very easily be laid over life as we struggle with each new temptation that calls us away from the spirit. Yet, we hunger for God without awareness. The challenge is to keep the Gospel front and center remembering, like the disciples, we *“have come to believe and are convinced that you are the holy One of God.”*

Judas, Peter, even John the Baptist faltered, just as we do, yet Jesus continues to offer forgiveness and opportunity to give up the flesh in trade for the spirit. It is a journey of constant conversion and it requires something from us. It requires mindfulness with trust and, perhaps, not for all, a cross tattooed on the right wrist as a reminder that *“no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father”*.

God Bless..... Fr. Isopo



**SAINTS of the WEEK**

**AUGUST 23 - 27**

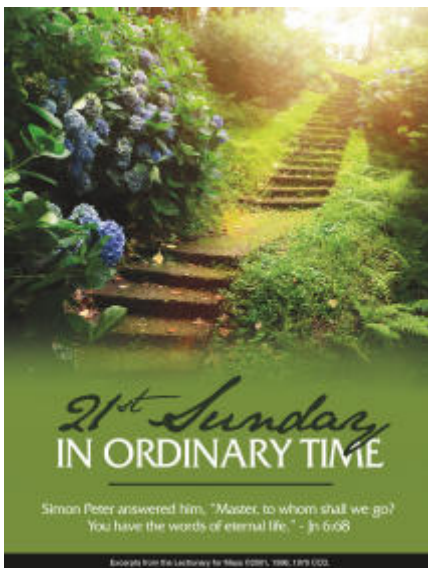
**Feast Days will be celebrated at the 11am Mass at St. Luke’s (except Wednesdays) and the 12:15 Mass at St. Joseph’s (Mon.-Fri.)**

- Monday, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Tuesday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Wednesday St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Friday, St. Monica

*AUGUST 22, 2021*

## Ministries & Services

Adult Christian Initiation	Nocturnal Adoration
Altar Servers	Society
Bereavement Ministry	Office Volunteers
Building and Grounds	Pastoral Council
Central State Street	Prayer Chain
Ecumenical Cluster	Readers
Choir	Sacramental Preparation
Elizabeth Ministry	Small Faith
Finance Council	Communities
Formation Ministry	Special Ministers of the
Greeters	Eucharist
Hospitality	Spiritual Direction
Martha Ministry	Ushers
Musicians	Visitation Ministry



### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

St. Luke's School of Religion  
Grades Pre-K-11

### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Altar Rosary Society

### **ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH SERVICES**

Counseling and Referral, Elderly and Family Care  
Hospital, Nursing Home and Home Visitations  
The Daily Bread Food Pantry

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook - stlukes Schenectady  
(Must be typed as shown including space)  
Twitter - @stlukes14  
You Tube - St. Luke's, Schenectady NY  
Website - [www.stlukesschenectady.org](http://www.stlukesschenectady.org)

ST. LUKE'S PARISH  
EMBRACING THE 21ST CENTURY

*AUGUST 22, 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)



## **WE WELCOME YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church;  
No matter what your current family or marital situation;  
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