

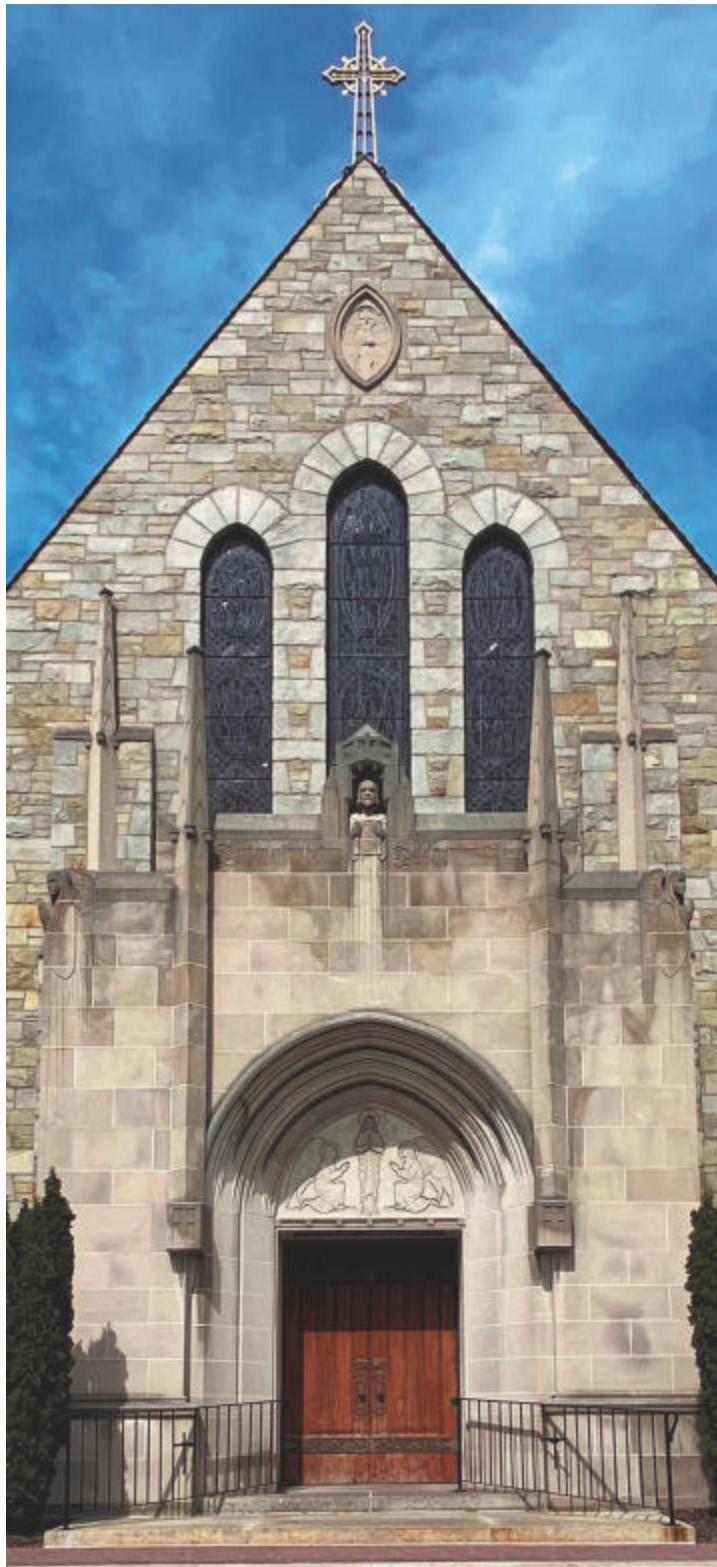
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Ann Olbrich 518 346-3537

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


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



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.

Thank You. 

Many thanks to those whose work and ministries, often unnoticed, help make things run smoothly at St. Luke's:

- † To those who count and process the weekly collection
- † To those who wash and prepare the Altar linens.
- † To those who help pick up the wind-blown trash around the parish grounds and keep things tidy
- † To the Visitation Ministers who visit our home-bound parishioners and those in health care facilities
- † To the adult Funeral Servers who give of their time to serve
- † To all our parishioners who support our ministries by their weekly contributions


ST. LUKE'S IS SPONSORING THE ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY ROSARY RALLY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 AT NOON IN THE CHURCH.
ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. ALL ARE WELCOME.



WEEK of JANUARY 10 - 16
DAILY MASS at 11:00am

- Monday Raymond Franklin req Eileen S. Pedicone
Donlyn DeAngelo req Marilyn DeAngelo
- Tuesday Francis Crane req Connie Pollock
Rita Deibert req Nancy Mountain
- Wednesday **NO SERVICES**
- Thursday Jim Bartholomew req Mary Ann Fiminski
- Friday
- Saturday 4:00 PM Margaret Mary Puccio
req Daily Bread Food Pantry
Richard Swiecicki req The Tanski Cousins
22nd. Ann. Gus Leschen
req Gloria Leschen
- Sunday 8:00 AM Coppola Family req Lynn Dennebaum
11:00 AM Robert Shaw req Michael Maloney
Helen Nagle req John & Betsy Rivett
Gavin & Lorraine Peck
req Stephen Peck

TRANSLATOR NEEDED
St. Luke's Pastoral Care Office is in need of someone who can help communicate with an elderly woman who speaks only Spanish. If you are bilingual in English/Spanish and would like to volunteer some time, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 518 347-9955 or stlukescares@gmail.com.

 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
American Red Cross Needs Your Help

The American Red Cross of Eastern New York has an URGENT need for certain volunteers in this area. The Volunteer positions that need to be filled quickly include:

- BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS** to warmly welcome donors to blood drives, help with check-ins and help donors have a positive experience.
- DISASTER ACTION TEAM MEMBER** to provide immediate assistance to individuals and families affected by a disaster, typically a local home fire.

For more information or for opportunities for partnerships, please contact, joineny@redcross.org or call 518 387-9441.

**HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
NO ONE SHOULD GO WITHOUT HEAT THIS WINTER**

A household can receive a one-time HEAP benefit for heat if they are eligible. Eligibility is based on income, household size and how the home/apartment is heated. Anyone can apply for the HEAP benefit online at myBenefits.ny.gov, or households that already receive assistance may qualify for a one-time emergency HEAP benefit if they are at risk of getting their heat shut off or are running out of fuel.

For more information or to apply, contact the Department of Social Services at 518 382-0383.

PASTORAL CARE

Tips on how to stick to your New Year's Resolutions

- † Make sure your resolution is realistic for you
- † Focus on positive self-talk. Congratulate yourself every time you take a step toward your resolution.
- † Avoid berating yourself if you should fall back or break a resolution, just brush yourself off and start over again.
- † Stick to your resolution by considering it a promise to yourself, not a test of your will power.
- † Avoid situations that put you in temptation's path, meaning if you are on a diet don't go to the ice cream parlor!

PRAYER for a NEW YEAR



God, grant us this year a wider view so that we can see others faults through your eyes.

Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue, neither the adult... nor the young.

Give us patience and grace to endure and a stronger faith so we may feel secure.

Instead of remembering, help us to forget the irritations that caused us to fret.

Freely forgiving for some offense and finding each day a recompense.

In offering a friendly, helping hand and trying in all ways to understand that all of us, whoever we are, are trying to reach an unreachable star.

For the great and the small, the good and the bad, the young and the old, the sad and the glad are asking today, is life worth living?

The answer is only in loving and giving, for only love can make us kind and kindness of heart brings peace of mind.

By giving love, we can start this year to lift the clouds of hate and fear.

Amen

Author - Helen Steiner



"GOD WITH US"

We celebrate this weekend the Baptism of the Lord which brings to a close the season of Christmas. These weeks of Christmas have been a time in which we have celebrated the amazing grace of God coming into our human history by being born into our human family.

So, as our cultural calendar marks the beginning of a new year, the Baptism of the Lord ends one season and begins another, Ordinary Time and the start of Jesus' public ministry. And, during Ordinary Time, we will again hear the story of our salvation in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. But for today, the inspired Word of God teaches us who Jesus is as he begins his mission and ministry on earth. In our reading from the prophet Isaiah, we learn that who Jesus is, was foretold by the prophet: a bearer of justice who will do so quietly, "*not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street*". With Jesus the message is not shouted out, not forced upon us, but his message is cultivated from within us. As Jesus is Emmanuel "God with Us," he will bring about justice by being just; by living justly; by showing us how to live justly and so showing us what is possible when we follow his example. The lived message of our Savior is meant to quietly call us to change our hearts by living justly.

Who Jesus is, is also demonstrated for us in St. Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus. As a humble servant, Jesus submits himself to the baptism of John; it is here that we learn by the opening of the sky, the descent of the Spirit like a dove, and the voice of God speaking from above that Jesus, the humble servant, is the new way for the human family to connect with and to be in relationship with God. God's full immersion into our humanity is in the person of Jesus.

Today's Gospel gives us a clearer vision and understanding of exactly who "God with us" truly is. As God's servant and Son, we are reminded that the mission and ministry of Jesus is not about powerful words of persuasion or about loud displays of intimidation. Rather, Jesus' mission was about living a life that cultivates justice and peace.

By living justly, by performing acts of love and mercy, by speaking, not shouting, words of hope and promise and peace, the mission that Jesus began at his baptism is his demonstration to the world of what it means to live in a world where "God is with us". Life with Jesus, God with us, is a life that brings light to our eyes and our hearts to liberate us from the blindness that impairs us and that only causes separation and division. In the mission of Jesus, God with us gives us a guiding light of justice and love that sets us free from our imprisonment to the darkness of hatred, violence and all forms of toxic ways of thinking and acting. Living life with "God with us" as Jesus shows us, is living our lives with a purpose and direction that heals, unifies, forgives and liberates. On this feast day, we are invited to follow Jesus' example and come to experience in our lives the joys of living life with God with us!

God Bless..... Fr. Isopo

JANUARY 9, 2022

Ministries & Services

Adult Christian Initiation	Nocturnal Adoration Society
Altar Servers	Office Volunteers
Bereavement Ministry	Pastoral Council
Building and Grounds	Prayer Chain
Central State Street	Readers
Ecumenical Cluster	Sacramental Preparation
Choir	Small Faith
Elizabeth Ministry	Communities
Finance Council	Special Ministers
Formation Ministry	of the Eucharist
Greeters	Special Events Committee
Hospitality	Stitches of Love
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
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You Tube - St. Luke's, Schenectady NY
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ST. LUKE'S PARISH
EMBRACING THE 21ST CENTURY

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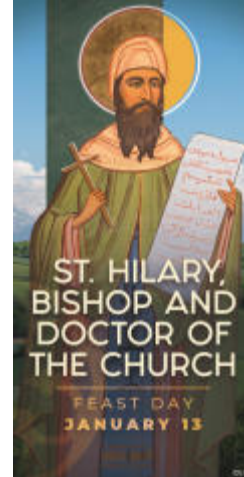
A VISION FOR ST. LUKE'S

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!

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