

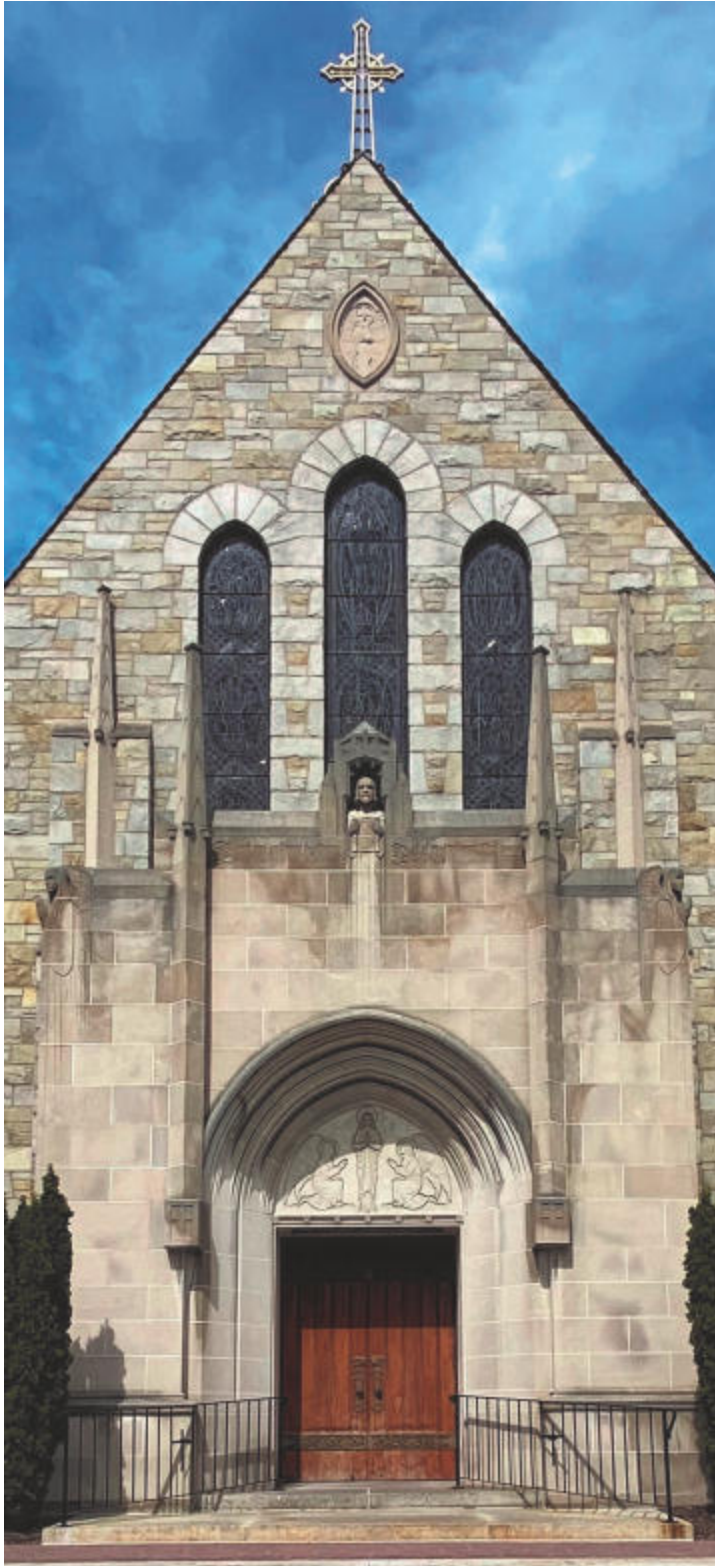
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

The Parish Office and Food Pantry will be **closed on Monday, January 17** in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am.



In the February packet of contribution envelopes there are 2 special ones: the **Fuel Collection** and the **Evangelist**. As a point of reference, our budgeted amount for fuel is \$2700.00 per month and the cost to the parish for the Evangelist Newspaper is \$18.00 per household.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

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 17 - 23

DAILY MASS at 11:00am

- Monday Marguerite M. Lynch req Mary Thomas
- Tuesday 20th. Ann. Lucille Crane req Mark & Connie Pollock
Onna Pollock req Mark & Connie Pollock
- Wednesday **NO SERVICES**
- Thursday Mary Jane Smith req Stapleton Family
- Friday Frank Carlino req Mary Ann Fiminski
- Saturday Helen Nagle req Arthur & Betty Atanasoff
4:00 PM Mary Jane Smith req Eileen & Mike Clark
- Sunday 8:00 AM Christine Empie req Linda Lupe
11:00 AM Timothy Oleksiak req Patty, Kim, Gillian & Tyler

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The end of year Contribution Statements are available for those who need them for income tax purposes or for personal records. Please call the Parish Office at 518 346-3405 or email slrcc7@gmail.com to request your record of giving and to arrange pick up.

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.

Bible Study  The Book of Revelation, one of the most puzzling and misunderstood books of Scripture is explained by Scott Hahn and Mark Shea in 25 easy to understand lessons. The study will be divided into two semesters: a Spring semester of 13 lessons beginning on January 18 and a Fall semester of 12 lessons beginning after Labor Day. The Study will be offered at two times: a morning session on Wednesdays from 9:15-10:45am at St. Luke's Pastoral Center and an evening session on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm at St. John the Evangelist School.

For more information or to register, please call Rich Winslow at 518 852-0508 or email rwinslo2@nycap.rr.com.



St. Luke's is hosting a Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross Blood Services on **Friday, January 28th From 10am-2pm in St. Luke's Pastoral Center**. A number of volunteers will be on hand to help with the process and all COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

The blood drive is **by appointment only**. Please make an appointment by calling 1 800 RED-CROSS or go to www.redcross.org and enter the sponsor code: St.LukesSchenectady.

SAINTS of the WEEK
JANUARY 17-21

Masses 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. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday,	Week of Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25
Thursday,	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr and St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

HAS OUR HOUR COME?

In today's Gospel, according to St. John, we find Jesus weighing the best way to proclaim who he is. The story is set at Cana: Jesus and his mother and disciples are at a wedding feast when the host had just ran out of wine. Jesus had not yet begun his public ministry, but his mother knows that he has much to share with his community. While she encourages him to do something, he hesitates, saying, "My hour has not yet come".

Perhaps Jesus had imagined beginning his ministry with a well thought-out speech, explaining how his teachings and thinking is different from others who came before. In the middle of a celebration of someone else's wedding was not the right time for that. With a little more nudging from his mother, he found that there was a way to show everyone who he is without making himself the center of attention: simply transforming some water into wine, averting a minor crisis for the hosts and allowing the celebration to continue. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus leads with action.

As his ministry progresses, Jesus does a lot of talking, preaching his message and explaining what it is that makes him so different. But, he never stops backing up his words with actions; healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, forgiving the sinner, including the excluded. Jesus shares his gifts for his community, not only in moments of crisis, but throughout his day to day ministry.

In my forty plus years of ministry, I have had numerous conversations with people that have begun along the lines of, "I'm Catholic but...". Sometimes that 'but' can act like a safety pin, as a small signal of differentiation from the people who claim to be Catholic, 'but' exclude, marginalize or belittle. "I'm Catholic, but I'm not prejudiced. I'm Catholic but I believe in gender equality. I'm Catholic but I struggle with certain parts of the faith. This desire to set ourselves apart may be influenced by the abuse of power, lack of honesty or transparency or scandal in the world around us and even in the institutional Church.

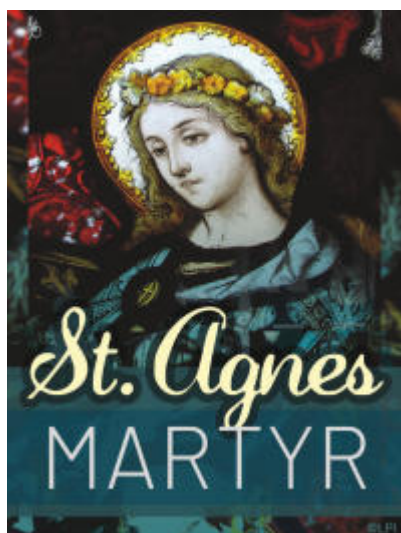
How do we tell the world who we are when a proclamation of our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ is tangled up with the complications of history, politics and the actions of individuals that run contrary to our values? Let us take a page from Jesus' play book and begin with action. The second reading from St. Paul reminds us that each of us is blessed with different gifts, to use in service of building a better world: gifts of knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy and more. We can each draw on our particular gifts in our day to day work, proclaiming to the world through our actions that we are the kind of people who want to create and foster loving, respectful inclusive communities where we live, work and pray.

God Bless..... Fr. Isopo

JANUARY 16, 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 Communities
Elizabeth Ministry	Special Ministers of the Eucharist
Finance Council	Special Events Committee
Formation Ministry	Stitches of Love
Greeters	Ushers
Hospitality	Visitation Ministry
Martha Ministry	
Musicians	



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

ST. LUKE'S PARISH
EMBRACING THE 21ST CENTURY

JANUARY 16, 2022

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;
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
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