

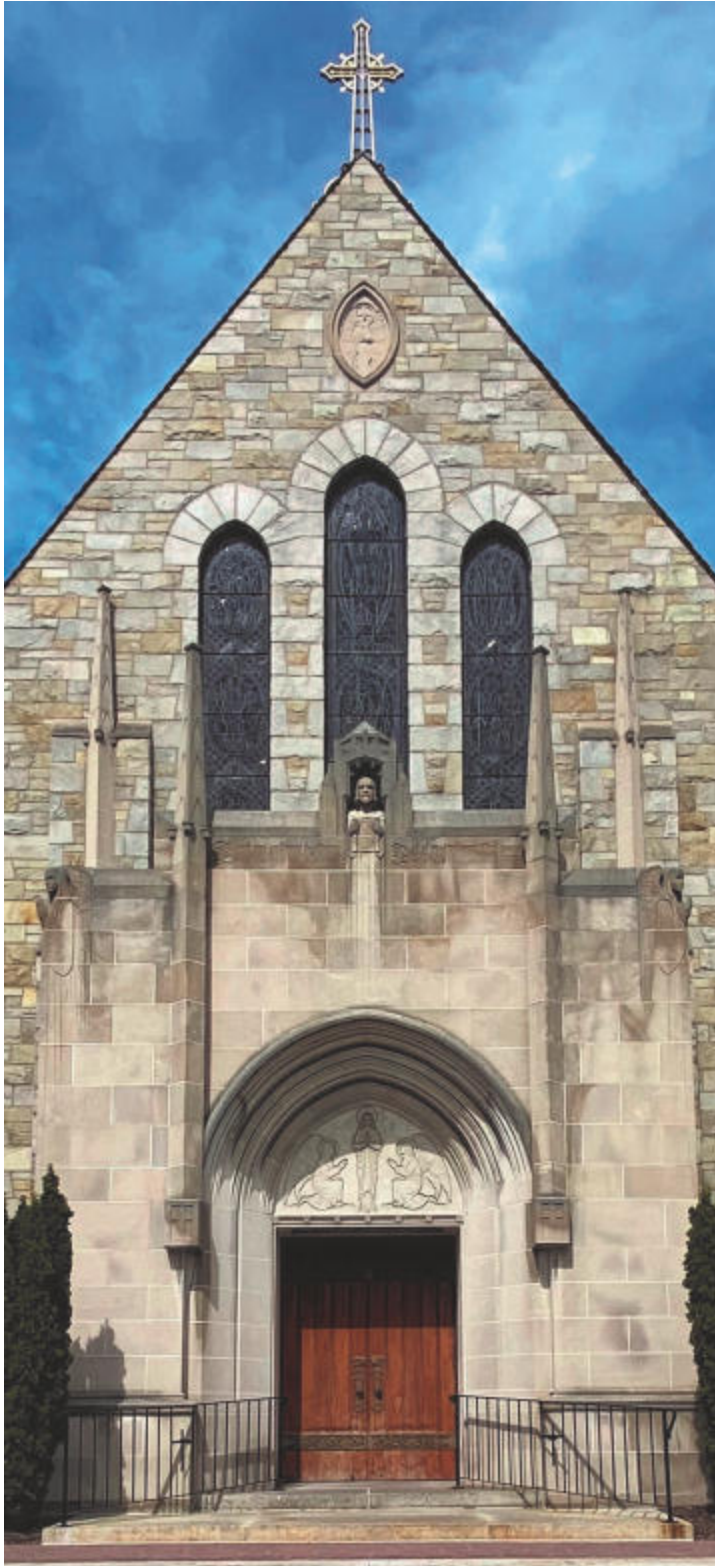
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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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Reconciliation 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 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.

**ST. LUKE'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
SIGN-UPS ARE NEXT WEEKEND**
You are invited to participate in creating our 2022 Lenten Devotional. This year's reflections will focus on the theme "Through Eternity, I Will Sing On". Parishioners are invited to write a short reflection on how this theme touches your life, or what it means to you or how it helps you to prepare to celebrate Easter. The reflections will be published and ready for Lent. **Those who wish to use your thoughts and writing skills to help others, may sign-up next weekend in the Gathering Area after all the Masses.**

Save THE Date!
**MARDI GRAS/SHROVE SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
FOLLOWING the 8:00am MASS**



**WEEK of FEBRUARY 24 - 30
DAILY MASS at 11:00am**

- Monday
- Tuesday Jeanne Karandy req Joyce Brua
- Wednesday **NO SERVICES**
- Thursday
- Friday Andrew M. Cook req Andrew & Mary Cook
- Saturday Nora H. Gerling req Family
4:00 PM Yvonne P. Rice req Family
Sunday Mary Jane Smith
8:00 AM req Eleanor Ann & Paul Olbrich
11:00 AM Deceased members of the
 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

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.

A NEW YEAR THOUGHT
A little boy and his father visited a country store and upon leaving the store, the owner of the store offered the little boy some free sweets. "Get a handful of sweets", the store owner told the little boy. The boy stood there looking up at his father. The owner repeated himself, "Son, get a handful of sweets, it's free". Again the little boy did not move, continuing to look up to his father. Finally the father reached into the candy jar and got a handful of sweets and gave it to his son.
As they walked back home, the father stopped and asked his son why he did not grab a handful of the candy. The boy with a big smile on his face looked into the face of his father and said, "Because I know that your hand is bigger than mine".
So whatever your needs are for 2022, please place them in the Father's hand in heaven, because his hand is bigger than yours.
Have a blessed time in the New Year!
(This was sent via email from a friend of Fr. Chris who is a priest in India.)



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.



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.

SAINTS of the WEEK

JANUARY 24-28

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. Francis deSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday,	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday,	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Loving and gracious God, we ask your blessing upon our men and women who are called to the priesthood, diaconate and religious community life.

We place their needs before you and we ask you to give them the courage and energy to be selfless in their response to your call.

May their hearts be generous and open to your will.

We ask this for all those discerning their vocation in the Diocese of Albany, through Jesus who calls us to follow him as disciples and server leaders of others.

Amen

ANTICIPATION

Have you ever anticipated something for a longtime? Those who have, recognize the importance of counting down the months, days, and at times, even the minutes. Sometimes the wait can be excruciating and seem endlessly slow. Think of children days before Christmas, anticipating when they can open their presents; think of those applying for a job or a promotion or students waiting to hear from a college they applied to, all waiting eagerly for an answer.

The waiting for something with a fixed date feels different from the waiting for things without a clear indication of when or if it will happen. This type of waiting is harder because it requires much more patience and faith. People who want to be married, but have yet to meet 'the one', often talk about if and when it will ever happen. Couples who carry the heavy burden of infertility know the difficulty of waiting and hoping.

In today's Gospel, from the evangelist, Luke, we hear the fulfillment of something the Jewish people had anticipated, not for years or even decades, but for centuries. Jesus stands before them and shares the words of the prophet Isaiah: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."* I'm sure those seated in the synagogue had heard those words hundreds of times before. But Jesus did not stop there, he continued and said, *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing"*. I can imagine people's ears perked up, almost in disbelief at what they had just heard. Hope had sprung. His words shocked the room back to life. Sometimes when we wait for something for so long, we find ourselves unprepared for the moment when it finally happens. The Messiah was there! Their wait was over! This must have been a huge relief to those who had anticipated this day for so long, right?

The people in that synagogue had spent their entire lives dreaming of how they thought the Messiah should look like and act. When Jesus was in their presence, they chose not to see him for who he was. They would rather have kept waiting for the Messiah that they had in mind. They would rather give into their doubt than to imagine that God had a different plan from what they expected. The words of the prophet suddenly did not sound as appealing if they were coming from Jesus who was not concerned with earthly power or prestige. He cared about living in solidarity with the poor and oppressed and reaching out to the lonely, the least and the last.

Perhaps like those in the synagogue, it is easy for us to anticipate having our own desires fulfilled. We want the waiting to yield the results we hope, but the challenge for each of us is to let God surprise us at times with a new vision. Waiting for fulfillment takes patience and faith, but recognizing fulfillment takes adaptation and resignation to God's will. We can find holiness in both if we open our hearts to it.

God Bless..... Fr. Isopo

JANUARY 23, 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 23, 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!

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