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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

WELCOME

Please pray with us, celebrate with us, and walk together with us in faith. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, welcome to all! May God bless us all.

<u>CLERGY</u>

Rev. George Villamthanam, Administrator Rev. Bijoy Joseph, Parochial Vicar Deacon Frank Hann

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS - M-F - 8:00 AM WEEKENDS - SATURDAY - 5 PM SUNDAY - 7:30AM 10:30AM 6:00PM HOLYDAYS - 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM *CONFESSIONS - 3:15 - 3:45*

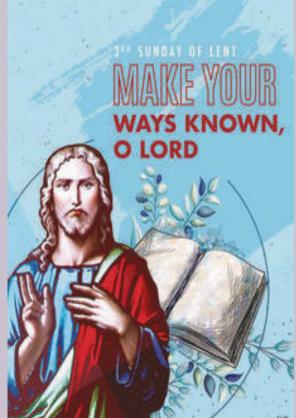
<u>SECRETARY - Jane Thomas</u> Office Hours M-T-W-TH. 9-1

FAITH FORMATION KIM BOCCHINO, CATECHETICAL LEADER 860-875-4951 stlukere@gmail.com

<u>RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for</u> Adults FRANK HANN 860-462-8032

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office or pick up a yellow Registration form located at either entrance to the church.



<u>BAPTISM</u>

Parents are asked to call DEACON FRANK HANN AT 860- 462-8032 to register for the Baptismal preparation. Parents must be registered at St. Luke's.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements of weddings must be made with the Pastor at least six Months before the date of the Wedding.

CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 5:00PM

+CRUCIANO SAVONA R/B THE FAMILY <u>SUNDAY, MARCH 20,</u> <u>7:30AM</u>+GREG DICIOCCIO,SR R/B ELAINE WAUDBY <u>10:30AM</u>+JEAN BRADY R/B KIM BOCCHINO <u>6:00PM</u>HEALING MASS (LIVING) JAMES CAIRNS R/B HIS SISTER JANE

MONDAY, MARCH 21 8:00AM +LUCIANO CAMPISI R/B SR.GUYTINA TUESDAY. MARCH 22 - 8:00AM +GREGORY DICIOCCIO SR. **R/B M/M HENRY C. KRESKE** WEDNESDAY - MARCH 23 -8:00AM **+RALPH HALBACH 34TH ANNIVERSARY R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT** THURSDAY - MARCH 24 -8:00AM **+STEPHANIE MOORE BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE** R/B THE FAMILY FRIDAY - MARCH 25 - 8:00AM +CARMEN TORRES R/B MILDRED **BI OVISH** SATURDAY - MARCH 26 - 5:00 +GREGORY DICIOCCIO SR. **R/B MIKE & ANNE MARIE KOSILLA** SUNDAY - MARCH 27 7:30AM +ENDRE & JOHANNA HOPPERSTAD R/B CATHY HOPPERSTAD 10:30AM +IRENE BARAN R/B PENNY HARRINGTON 6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Please pray for those who have gone to their Heavenly Father. Ronald Barbero, Carol McMahon, Terry Kelly, Lisa Heaney, Frederick Bailey, Barbara Kelliher, Gregory DiCioccio, Sr, Jean Brady & Jeannette Hyland.

Please pray for those who are sick. Lord, Our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings.

For your servants who are sick, especially from our Parish Family, we ask that vour blessing will give them strenath to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Our Lord. Amen

Charlie Allen, Wanda Allen, Calista Bailey, Louise Barbero, Jody & Laura Behrendt, Emma Benavivich, James Cairns, Tina Chamberlin, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Jeanne Ferruolo, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips. Troy Russell, Briane Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Geraldine Spino, Eugene & Judy Veillette, Sheila Waterhouse & Morris Webber.

CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE COMMUNITY NEWS



Faith Formation Registration 2021-2022

Our Faith Formation program runs Kindergarten through Confirmation in Grade 10. We welcome all current and new families with students in these grades. Contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at (860) 875-4951 or email stlukere@gmail.com.

Grade 9 Confirmation Year 1 Class 2021-2022

All 9th grade students are to turn in their completed Service to Other Logs no later than April 27, 2022. We encourage all Confirmation students to make Youth Group part of their life by attending the monthly meetings. We do require them to attend at least 3 Youth Group meetings each year between September 2021 and May 2022.

Grade 8 Pre-Confirmation 2021-2022

All 8th grade students must turn in their completed Service to Others Log by April 27, 2022. An additional 10 service hours need to be completed in grade 9. All 8th grade students are also required to attend 3 Youth Group meetings between September 2021 and May 2022.

Faith Formation Upcoming Classes/Events March 20 - Sunday 9-10:15am Grades K-5 March 20 - Sunday Grade 9 Confirmation Family Mass 10:30am March 22 - Tuesday - 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-9 March 23 - Wednesday 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-9 March 27 - Sunday 9-10:15am - Grades K-5 March 29 - Tuesday 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-9 March 30 - Wednesday 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-9 April 3 - SUNDAY 9-10:15AM - Grades K-5 April 3 - Grade 1 Parent Meeting & Retreat 9:45am April 3 - K & Grade 1 Family Mass 10:30am April 5 - Tuesday 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-9 April 6 - Wednesday 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-9

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 Mass - CLOW will be held on March 20 and 27th, April 3, 24 and May 1 during the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Center. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

GOD IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE IN CONTROL...TRUST HIM!"

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

IN THE VERNON DEANERY, 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD, WILL BE HELD AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH-ST. BERNARD CHURCH, 25 ST. BERNARD'S TERRACE, ROCKVILLE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25 FROM 7:00AM -7:00PM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 STARTS THE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS MASS. THE NEW TIME IS 5:00PM

CT RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Has your marriage become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring? Are you thinking of divorce or separation? The Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to improve communication, better resolve conflicts fairly, and rediscover why you fell in love. Next weekend is April 22-24. 1-800-470-2230. to register/for more information

CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE COMMUNITY NEWS



REGULAR COLLECTION .. MARCH 13 \$ 4,204.00

UKRAINE COLLECTION - \$3,153.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 20

"HE SAID TO THE GARDENER, 'FOR THREE YEARS NOW I HAVE COME IN SEARCH OF FRUIT ON THIS FIG TREE BUT HAVE FOUND NONE." (LUKE 13:7)

WE CAN ALL BE LIKE THE BARREN TREE AT TIMES. DO YOU CLING TO WHAT YOU HAVE OR DO YOU GENEROUSLY SHARE WITH OTHERS? HOW WILL YOU RESPOND WHEN GOD ASKS YOU WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH ALL THE GIFTS HE HAS GIVEN YOU? REMEMBER, NOT ONLY ARE WE CALLED TO BE GENEROUS, WE ARE CALLED TO DEVELOP AND NURTURE OUR GIFTS. AND RETURN THEM WITH INCREASE. REMEMBER, WE ARE CALLED TO BE GENEROUS WITH ALL OF GIFTS; ESPECIALLY THE ONE THAT MEANS THE MOST TO YOU.

MISSION STATEMENT

In order to witness as a better Christian Community in this third millennium, we, the members of Saint Luke Parish solemnly resolve to provide a worship and prayerful environment that stimulates the spiritual growth to every individual, to sacrifice time, talent and treasure in gratitude for God's generous blessings to His greater glory and for the people in need.

*To promote Christian formation through religious instruction that foster/nurture the spiritual development of our children, our young people and grown-ups.

*To encourage tolerance, openness, honesty and forgiveness to one another.

*To promote the virtues of Justice, Peace, and Human dignity that:

- address injustice experienced by all peoples , especially women and minorities;

_take action to counteract violence in our society and to foster the sacredness of human life from conception to the grave.

CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY - 8:30-9:30AM AND THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7PM WITH THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND

DYING.



ST. LUKE MARIAN DIVINE MERCY WELCOMES YOU! EVERY MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 3PM WE MEET AT CHURCH TO PRAY THE NOVENA CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY. WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING ANY FORM OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ANGUISH, FOR THE END TO ABORTION AND FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD. WE ADDED THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS M-F THIS YEAR. IF YOU CHOOSE TO JOIN US, PLEASE COME 20 MINUITES BEFORE 3PM. PLEASE USE THE SIDE ENTRANCE CLOSE TO THE RECTORY.

2022 ACA LAUNCH/VIDEO WEEKEND MARCH 19/20

RECENTLY MANY OF YOU RECEIVED A LETTER AND BROCHURE DESCRIBING THE MANY PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES DIOCESE **SUPPORTS** THAT THE THROUGH THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. TODAY, WE WILL WATCH A HEARTFELT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COTE THANKING YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND KINDNESS DURING LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN. OVER THE NEXT WEEK, AS YOU REFLECT ON MANY BLESSINGS, YOUR PLEASE REMEMBER GOD CALLS EACH OF US TO BE GENEROUS IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED. WE THANK YOU FOR ANY SACRIFICIAL OFFERING THAT YOU CAN MAKE. PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED ACA GIFT/PLEDGE CHURCH ENVELOPES TO NEXT WEEKEND OR IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE, YOU MAY FIND ONE AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH.

LENTEN REFLECTION; WHY PRAY?

Sometimes we find prayer difficult. We have a hard time concentrating on what we really want to say in prayer. Sometimes our prayer becomes routine. We do not get the answers or results we are looking for. It is important to note here that doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is the definition of crazy, ARE YOU DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER WHEN YOU PRAY? HAS YOUR PRAYER LIFE BECOME MUNDANE AND UNINSPIRING?

If so, this Lent is a great time to "<u>change it up!"</u> This week we will focus on ACTS prayer. ACTS is an acronym for a simple, but powerful way to pray.

<u>A</u>- ADORATION <u>C</u>-CONTRITION <u>T</u>- THANKFULNESS <u>S-</u>SUPPLICATION

The acronym helps us remember the steps of prayer and acts as a guide to open up our conversation with God. You can pray with ACTS anytime that works for you! While there's never a need to rush through prayer, this 4step prayer method is a great way to spend a couple minutes with God, whenever you can.

<u>A - Adoration</u> Begin your prayer in adoration and praise of God. Let yourself be filled with wonder at who God is and how He is present in your own life. <u>C-Contrition</u> Next, ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of the sins for which you are sorry. Ask for God's mercy and grace. Tell God what you need forgiveness for at this moment.

<u>T- Thankfulness</u> Thank God for the gifts in your life. Try to notice the gifts you often take for granted and be especially mindful of not taking them for granted in the future.

<u>S- Supplication</u> Offer up your hardship and worries to God. Pray for the people in your life, for those who are suffering, for the needs of all people throughout the world.



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