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SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2023

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.

CLERGY

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays - M-F 8:00 AM
Weekends - SATURDAY 4PM
Sunday - 7:30AM, 10:30AM, 6PM
Confessions - Saturday 3:15-3:45

SECRETARY - Jane Thomas

Office Hours - M-T-TH 9-1

FAITH FORMATION

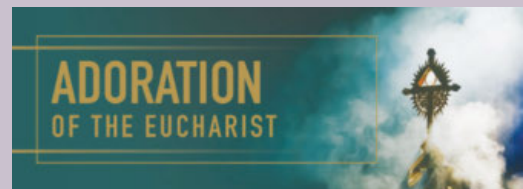
Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader
860-875-4951 stlukere@gmail.com

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Deacon Frank Hann 860-462-8032

BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Hann
@ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and
God parents should be practicing Catholics.



Join us every Tuesday - 8:30 am to 9:30 am and the first Thursday of every month at 7pm with the Divine Mercy Prayer for the sick and dying.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the Parish Office or pick up a yellow Registration form located at either entrance to the Church.

MARRIAGES

Couples should make arrangements
By registering their marriage
intentions at the rectory 6 months in advance.

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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023
7:30AM +FOR ALL DECEASED
MEMBERS OF ST LUKE PARISH
10:30AM FOR FAITH FORMATION
FAMILIES
6:00 PM, FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 8:00AM
+JAMES & MARJORIE MARR
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 8:00AM
+RICHARD PAUL
R/B VINCENT & ANITA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6,
8:00AM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE
MILITARY
12:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
7:30AM +FOR ALL DECEASED
MEMBERS OF ST LUKE PARISH
10:30AM FOR OUR GRADE 9
STUDENTS & FAMILIES
6:00 PM, FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



IN LOVING MEMORY

Wilson Flynn, Eugene Veillette

PRAYER 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 your blessing will give them strength 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, Tina Chamberlin, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Jeanne Ferruolo, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Joseph King, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Joan Smith, Melanie Smith, Eugene & Judy Veillette, Sheila Waterhouse & Morris Webber.

MISSION DECLARATION

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.

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FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

Our Faith Formation program runs through Confirmation in Grade 10. We are looking forward to Growing In Faith Together! Contact Kim in the Faith Formation office with questions or to enroll your children.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - Important Dates

January 24th & 25th – before class Gown Measurements

February 28th & March 1st – Confirmation Reconciliation 6:45 pm

Thursday March 2nd at 6:30 pm – Confirmation Rehearsal for both students & sponsors.

Saturday March 4th at 11am - Confirmation Mass

CONFIRMATION 2024 - GRADE 9 - IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday January 8th - Confirmation Commitment Mass at 10:30 for students and families

Sunday January 22nd - Year 1 Confirmation Parent and Student Retreat. All Students and at least one parent will attend from 12:30 - 2:30

Service to Others and Youth Group Grades 8 and 9

All 8th and 9th grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service and turn in their completed Service to Other Logs no later than April 26th, 2023. 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 2022 and May 2023.

FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - Tuesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 5-10

January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Wednesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 6-10

January 8th, 22nd, 29th - Sunday Classes 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-5

Sunday only No Class January 15th

February 7th, 14th, 28th - Tuesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 5-10

February 1st, 8th, 15th, March 1st - Wednesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 6-10

February 5th, 12th, 26th - Sunday Classes 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-5

No Classes February 19th, 21st and 22nd

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 am Mass

We are excited for all children age 4 through 5th grade to join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on January 8th, 22nd and 29th.

"Love, Joy & Peace can be yours because of the grace of Jesus Christ.
Happy New Year 2023!."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Regular Collection - December 17, 2022
\$4,685



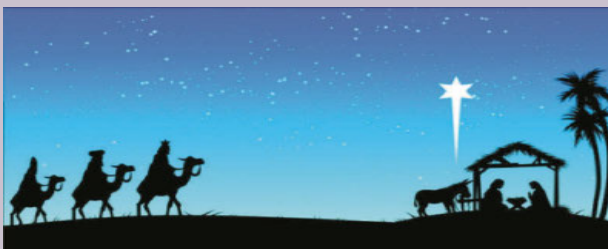
PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, January 7 at 8:30AM. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaile program can help. Retrouvaile is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Other experience conflict and arguments in their relationships. Most don't know how to change situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next local weekend in Connecticut is January 20-22, 2023. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email: 3002r@retrouvaile.org or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>

January 6th - Feast of Epiphany



ST. LUKE MARIAN DIVINE MERCY

Welcomes You! Please join us 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. Use the side entrance close to the Rectory

ST. ANNE GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Please join us for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:30am in the Parish Center. Wishing all a peaceful New Year! For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at larainekndy@yahoo.com

ST LUKES WOMEN'S GUILD

New members, Welcome! Please join us on the first and third Friday of every month at 10 AM in the Parish Center, as we come together to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel. Join us at our upcoming meetings on January 6th and January 20th. For additional information or to join Please call - TRACY KEARCHER at 203-578-0489

CENACLE GROUP

The St Luke Cenacle Group is a prayer group that meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the parish center. We pray for the Catholics who have left the faith or lost the belief of The Real Presence in the Eucharist. We reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. We end the meeting with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the sick and dying in our families, and our parish especially for those who died unexpectedly. All are welcomed. For more info please see Sue Beers, Laraine Kennedy or Deacon Frank.

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Church of St. Luke Lending Library

Look for our monthly Newsletter inserted into this weekend's Bulletin or stop by the Lending Library to pick up a copy and see our featured titles for January!

Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

Every year at the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, Bishop Michael Cote announces the Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award to honor woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Church. The award is named after Mary our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our trust. The winner will be presented with a plaque and a check for \$200 made out to the charity or ministry of her choice. The recipient will also have her name on a plaque hanging in the Diocesan offices. Nominees should: display strong faith, be committed to living out Catholic/Christian values, display spiritual leadership at the local and diocesan level(s), display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church, been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has moved the parish community forward through her vision. The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full and submitted by January 30, 2023. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Our St. Luke Church Community came together to give the gift of warmth to those in need this holiday season! The annual Mitten Tree collected a wonderful 139 hats, 95 scarves, 98 pairs of gloves/ mittens and 59 pairs of socks. They'll be donated to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, Ellington Human Services, Cornerstone and Hockanum Valley. We thank you for your generous donations. Merry Christmas! God bless!



COMING to St. Luke's Church in 2023...

First Friday Devotion!

Beginning January 2023, St. Luke's Church will be offering a Mass for the First Friday Devotion from 12:00-12:30. This will be held at noon to allow those that work to attend during their lunch hour. Please spread the word and plan to join us on Friday January 6th at 12 noon. And save these dates to your 2023 calendar:

In these days of great turmoil, it is urgent that we renew our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the spirit of reparation. The practice of the nine First Fridays is a powerful way to do this, as He Himself gave us this devotion as a sure way of consoling His Sacred Heart. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

- Fall Leaf Collection - The Property Management Committee this year has cleaned the Church grounds of leaves. The effort was headed up by Justin DiGiacomo and has saved the parish approximately \$800.
- Sanctuary Lights - All 14 sanctuary LED lights bulbs have been replaced with new high intensity spot lights. This will allow Father George & Father Bijoy at the altar & Sanctuary to be illuminated in a brighter setting. This effort was headed up by Jack Schirra.
- Carillon System - The bells are ringing!!! The old Carillon system was damaged during an Eversource electrical surge which stopped all the bells from ringing. The Property Management Committee met with a vendor and selected a new state of the art Verdin Sonata Carillon. It will continue to ring on the hour from 8:00AM to 8:00PM including the Angelus at Noon. There will also be more songs & bells rung as recommended by Father George, Father Bijoy, Ellen O'Shaughnessy & Tom Curtiss.
- A special thanks to Paul Gilbert for coordinating the above projects and for all his dedication and support in maintaining our Parish.

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