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*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

*FEBRUARY 26, 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

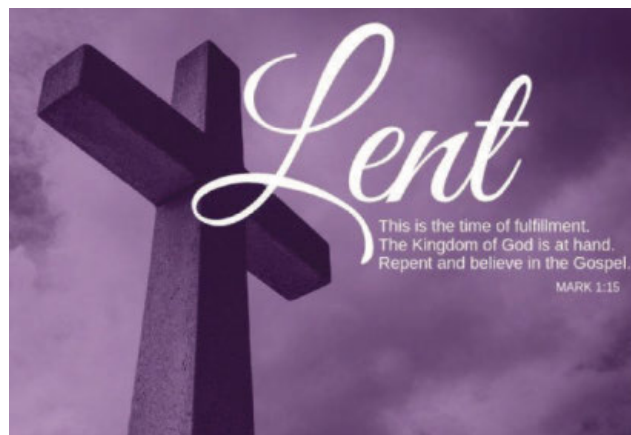
Deacon Frank Hann

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

Call the Parish Office, pick up a yellow Registration form located at either entrance to the Church or register on our website.

## MARRIAGES

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

# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

## LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00PM +JOSEPH CIANCI

R/B HIS WIFE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

10:30AM +WENDY CIPARELLI - 6TH  
ANNIVERSARY

R/B THE FAMILY

6:00 PM FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 8:00AM

FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN AND  
THEIR FAMILIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 8:00AM

FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND AN END  
TO THE WAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 8:00AM

FOR THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS VOLUNTEERS AT THE  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:00AM FOR A SUCCESSFUL PARISH  
MISSION

12:00 PM FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:00PM +CYNTHIA PELLEGRINI-JOHNSON  
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:30AM +RITA GIRARDINI

R/B THE COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

10:30AM FOR OUR GRADE 8 STUDENTS &  
FAMILIES

6:00 PM +FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST  
LUKE



### IN LOVING MEMORY

Wilson Flynn, Eugene Veillette, Joan  
Plonski, Gloria Dauphinais, Mary O'Neill,  
Richard Dyjak, Michael Maloney, Clifford  
Daley, Jean Sharon

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### 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, Carol DiCioccio, 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, Judy Veillette, Sheila Waterhouse & Morris Webber.

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### 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.

# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Jesus, sometimes it can feel as though you cannot hear us. Help us to keep asking for help and to be patient, waiting with trust, knowing you will answer our prayers at the right time.

--Amen

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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! (GIFT) Contact Kim at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com with questions or to enroll your children.

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### Faith Formation Classes and Events

*February 26<sup>th</sup>* - Sunday 9-10:15 am -  
Grades 1-5

*February 28<sup>th</sup>* - Tuesday 6:45-8pm -  
Grades 5-10

*March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>* - Wednesday  
6:45 - 8pm - Grades 6-9

*March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>* - Sunday 9-10:15am -  
Grades 1-5

*March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>* - Tuesday 6:45 - 8pm -  
Grades 5-9

*Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am* - Confirmation  
2023 Mass

*Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>* - Grade 8 Family Mass 10:30  
am

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

We invite all children age 4 through 5th grade to join us during the 10:30 Mass on *February 26<sup>th</sup>* and *March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>* for CLOW. CLOW is held in the Parish Center.

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### Confirmation 2023 - Grade 10

Please keep all of our Confirmation candidates, their confirmation sponsors, and families in your prayers.

*Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>* at 6:30 pm -  
Confirmation Rehearsal for both  
students & sponsors

*Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>* at 11am -

### Service to Others and Youth Group Grades 8 and 9

All 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service and turn in their completed Service to Other Logs no later than *April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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*.

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# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE COMMUNITY NEWS



REGULAR COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
\$ 7,615



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## First Friday Devotion!

Join us for First Friday Mass from 12:00 to 12:30 at St. Luke Church. This will be held at noon to allow those that work to attend. Please save these dates to your 2023 calendar: 3/3/23, 4/14/23, 05/05/23, 06/02/23, 07/07/23, 08/04/23, 09/01/23, 10/06/23, 11/03/23, 12/01/23

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## Church of St. Luke Lending Library

### The 5-R's of a daily Examen:

- 1) Relish the moments that went well and all of the gifts I have today.
- 2) Request the Spirit to lead me through my review of the day.
- 3) Review the day.
- 4) Repent of any mistakes or failures.
- 5) Resolve, in concrete ways, to live tomorrow well.

Taken from: *Reimagining The Ignatian Examen* by Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ

Check out a copy from the *Lending Library* for more insights on the daily Examen!

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Lent has begun. Psalm 51: "Create a clean heart in me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Renew and transform your relationship. How? Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA  
Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>

## 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

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## ST. ANNE GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Please join us for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Save the date for our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am in the Parish Center. We really hope to see you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at [hearttau@aol.com](mailto:hearttau@aol.com) or Laraine at [larainekndy@yahoo.com](mailto:larainekndy@yahoo.com)

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## ST LUKES WOMEN'S GUILD

New members, Welcome! Please join us on the first and third Friday of every month at 10:30AM in the Parish Center, as we come together to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel. Join us at our upcoming meetings on February 17<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or to join Please call - Tracy Kearcher at 203-578-0489

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## 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 or Laraine Kennedy.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

St Luke Parish is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am to 5:30pm in the Church Hall. You may schedule your appointment now at:

[www.redcross.com](http://www.redcross.com)

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## Save the Date



Irish Night will be Sat, March 18 after the 5:00pm Mass! TICKETS ARE \$25 AND CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER THE MASSES OR AT THE RECTORY M-TH 9-1. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR! We are having a raffle and are looking for new items for the raffle. You can leave them off at the rectory M-TH 9-1.

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## OPERATION RICE BOWL: Our Lenten Program: For Lent for Life

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love of disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers

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***DONATIONS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE RECTORY KITCHEN ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS OUT TO ST LUKE PARISH AND NOTE KITCHEN RENOVATIONS. THANK YOU!***

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The Our Lady of Fatima Council 4122 Knights of Columbus

is pleased to announce this year's St Patrick Day Corned

Beef dinner will partner with the with Pro-Life to support Birthright and other crisis pregnancy centers in the area through the new KofC program, "Aid and Support After Pregnancy". The "ASAP" program goal is to help mothers and babies by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) formally launched July 15 to bolster local Knights' assistance for mothers and children in crisis. For every \$500 that a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home — up to \$2,000 in the 2022-23 fraternal year — the Supreme Council will add \$100, a 20% increase. We also plan to support KofC youth programs. See next week's bulletin for St Patrick's Dinner registration details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26 - Pancake Breakfast (8am to 10am)  
Feb 26 - Youth Group (7:00pm to 8:15pm)  
Mar 1 - Blood Drive (9:30am to 5:30pm)  
Mar 3 - 12pm Mass - First Friday Devotion  
Mar 4 - Confirmation - 11 am  
Mar 5 - Coffee and Donuts (after 10:30 Mass)  
Mar 6 - Mar 8 - Parish Mission  
Mar 18 - Irish Night  
Mar 26 - Youth Group (7:00pm to 8:15pm)  
Apr 2 - Coffee and Donuts (after 10:30 Mass)

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## SAVE THE DATE:

Our SAINT LUKE PARISH MISSION will be March 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Father Wade Menedes from the Fathers of Mercy will be speaking at all the Masses March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Then Father will be leading us in a meditation Of the Holy Eucharist Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday sessions. All are welcome! Invite a friend .

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## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Office of Faith Events invite you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

\*Mar 3: Through the eyes of the bereaved

\*Mar 17: Through the eyes of seniors

\*Mar 24: Through the eyes of the family

\*Mar 31: Through the eyes of social justice

The stations will begin at 7 pm. The stations will take place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all six. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin,, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).  
NOTE: we will not be holding the stations on Friday March 10.

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## VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 - 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ext. 304 or email her at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

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