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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 1, 2023

WELCOME

Please pray with us, celebrate with us, and walk together with us in faith. We 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

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM
First Friday Mass - 12:00 PM
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Winter
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Spring, Summer, Fall
Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

INTERIM SECRETARY - Karen Luciano

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the Parish Office, pick up a yellow registration form located at both entrances to the Church or register on our website.



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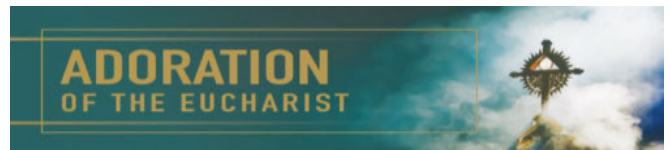
Please contact Deacon Hann at 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

MARRIAGES

Couples are encouraged to make arrangements by Registering their marriage intentions at the rectory of-fice 6 months in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Rectory Office if you or someone you know is ill or homebound and would like to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Anointing of the Sick.



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

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Lord, Hear our Prayer



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00PM +DALE PITZEN
R/B THE FALLON FAMILY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30AM +MARION OTT
R/B ALYCE MAYER

10:30AM FOR OUR GRADE 4 AND 5 STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 8:00AM

+LUCILLE GENOVESI
R/B WAYNE & GAIL REYNOLDS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 8:00AM

+GEANINE & ONIL LANDRY
R/B GEMMA MARQUIS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 8:00AM

+VIC COHUN
R/B ANN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 8:00AM

+LYDIA PEREZ
R/B THE BLOVISH FAMILY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6,

8:00AM +HENRY THOMAS
18TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B JANE, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN
12:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00PM +WALTER TENERO
R/B ALYCE MAYER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30AM MAX
BIRTHDAY BLESSING
R/B NANA
10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA AVERY
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



IN LOVING MEMORY

Wilson Flynn, Eugene Veillette, Joan Plonski, Gloria Dauphinais, Mary O'Neill, Richard Dyjak, Michael Maloney, Clifford Daley, Jean Sharon, Joseph Dachowski, Geraldine Spino, Morris Benson, Carmen LaChance, Patricia Williams, Fran Dobitsky, Theresa Roberts, Luciana DeCarli, Phyllis Mantie, Dorothy Enes, Noella Chouinard, Gilbeth Spencer, Lou Martochio, David J. Logan, Lucille Genovesi, John Thompson

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, Marge Griffin, Deacon Harry Grospitch, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Joseph King, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Stanley Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Joan Smith, Melanie Smith, Jane Thomas, Judy Veillette, Bill Vieweg, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber, Edward Wysocki

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 adults.

-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 News

“LIFT - Living In Faith Together! As we lift each other up in prayer and grow together in our Faith!”

Faith Formation 2023-2024

Welcome Back! We wish all of our students a great school year! Faith Formation classes have started, contact Kim with any questions or to register. We are looking forward to a year of *Living In Faith Together (Lift!)* as we lift each other up in prayer and grow together in our Faith! Our Faith Formation program runs through Confirmation in Grade 10. For more information, contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Classes and Events:

Sunday, October 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th - class from 9-10:15 am - Grades K-5

Tuesday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 5-10

Wednesday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 6-10

Sunday, October 1st - Grade 4 and 5 Family Mass at 10:30 am

No class on Sunday October 8th

Sunday, October 29th - Grade 6 and 7 Family Mass at 10:30 am

No classes Tuesday, October 31st and Wednesday, November 1st

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

Welcome Back! We are excited for another year of Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 Mass. CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on September 24th, October 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome! We are still in need of CLOW ministers.

Contact Kim for more information or to volunteer

Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First

Eucharist Important Dates

Sunday, November 19th - Grade 3 Parent & Student Mass Workshop

Sunday, December 10th - Grade 2 Parent & Student Reconciliation Workshop

Confirmation 2024 - Grade 10

Sunday December 3rd - Confirmation Candle Mass at 10:30 Mass

Sunday December 3rd - Confirmation Student Retreat until 3:45pm

Sunday March 10th, 2024 Confirmation Mass at 1 pm++

Confirmation Retreat - Grade 9

Sunday January 28th - Grade 9 Confirmation

Commitment Mass at 10:30 Mass

Sunday January 28th - Grade 9 Parent & Student

Confirmation Retreat until 2:30pm

Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 and 10

All 8th, 9th grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service, answer a few reflection questions and turn in their completed Service to Others Logs no later than April 30, 2024. We encourage all 8th, 9th and 10th grade 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 and May.

ATTENTION FAMILIES

St. Luke's is recruiting new altar servers for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a great opportunity to serve your parish and earn community service hours while doing so! Training is provided to all new servers and you can serve at the same Mass that your family attends each weekend. Please contact Steve Autieri, Altar Server Coordinator, at smautieri@gmail.com if you are interested.

Church of St Luke Lending Library

“It is no use walking anywhere to preach, unless our walking is our preaching.”

~St. Frances of Assisi

Feast Day: October 4th

Stop by the **Lending Library** and see our new Fall book selections

Church of Saint Luke Community News



September 24, 2023

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$3,540

The Annual St Luke Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner!

The Tea Cup Raffle Committee is looking for donations. We are looking for items valued at \$25.00 or above. Here are some suggestions - but please feel free to use your own creative ideas!

- Items that men would appreciate such as tools, golfing items, gift certificate
- Tickets to a game such as Patriots or UCONN men's or women's basketball
- Spa day such as certificate for mani/pedi or a massage (reputable place)
- Handcrafted items
- Bundle 2 or 3 items such as kitchen items, toys, baby items
- If you have one, how about offering a weekend stay at AirB&B or VRBO
- Gift certificate for restaurant

Raffle items will be accepted now until Sunday October 15th. Donations received after October 15th may be held for next year's bazaar or used in a basket at the Basket Table. Please drop off donations to the rectory M-F 9 – 1 pm or the Faith Formation office during classes.

Feel free to call or text Loretta at 860-202-5791 if you have any questions. With your support, we can have a successful raffle. Thank you!

Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner

Celebrating Catholic education in the diocese honoring Sister Mary Cabrini S.C.M.C. – Sacred Heart School, Taftville, LTC (RET) Larry Fitzgerald – Sacred Heart School, Groton/ Saint John Paul II Catholic School, Middletown, and Jayne Anne Vitale – Xavier High School, Middletown, will take place on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for cocktail hour and 5:00 p.m. for dinner at the Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station 55 Bridge Road Haddam, CT.

Tickets sales are well underway and are \$150/person and \$100 for Priests, Religious, Ministry Directors, & current Diocese of Norwich Catholic School Faculty & Staff. All proceeds benefit students attending our diocesan Catholic elementary schools. To purchase tickets, reserve a table, list a congratulatory ad for our honorees, donate a silent auction item or for sponsorship opportunities please contact Gina Foster at 860-886-1928 ext. 115, gfooster@norwichdiocese.net or visit us at: <https://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship>



ST. LUKE MARIAN DIVINE MERCY

Come visit our church to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM, Monday through Friday. If you find yourself alone, you never are. JESUS is with you! Pray for our parish family, our church and our world. Please use the side entrance close to the rectory

ST. LUKE'S CONFRATERNITY OF ST JOSEPH GROUP

This group consists of a group of men that meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center at 6:30 pm to study and discuss aspects of our Church and faith. Meetings typically last an hour (occasionally a little longer). We are currently using Matthew Kelly's "**Rediscover the Saints**" as our discussion guide. All men of the Parish are welcome to join. Questions or for more information, please contact Jack Schirra at (860) 830-7853

ST LUKE CRAFTERS

St. Luke Crafters fills three rooms in the Parish Center at the Annual Christmas Bazaar with items they have crafted throughout the year and items made by parishioners. Food gifts are a perennial favorite and sell quickly. Do you make jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, etc. please consider donating several jars. Do you crochet or knit? Scarves and hats for both adults and children are always popular. If you have a craft or hobby, please consider donating an item you have made. 100% of the proceeds go to Saint Luke Church. All items can be dropped off at the Rectory. Please include your name and contact information

Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith! Rediscover God's Unconditional Love, Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts, develop a deep and meaningful prayer life, experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation. For two weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 3rd, 5th, 10th, and 12th at 7:00-8:30 pm, Our Lady of Sorrows, 14 Prospect St, Essex. Register online At manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events

RESPECT LIFE

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ST. LUKE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th SAVE THE DATE!

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at St. Luke on Sunday, October 8th at 1 PM, outdoors in front of our St. Francis of Assisi statue, with a special blessing of your family pet(s). Sign-up sheets are available at both entrances of the Church this weekend September 9th and 10th through September 30th/October 1st weekend.

We ask that your pet(s) be on a leash, crated or otherwise under control. We are looking forward to seeing you and your pet(s) at this special event.

This event will be held **rain or shine!** In case of inclement weather, our event will be held in the Church basement. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Gilbert at 860-871-2923 or Dottie Curtiss at 860-875-8574.



SECOND BANNES OF MATRIMONY

Louis Gomba
and
Hannah Lafleur

PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 A.M. 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 the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

St. Luke Community Rosary

Come and pray with us on Sunday October 15th at 9:45am. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate during this month is to pray the Rosary!

Please join our Parish Community outside on the church front steps. We are looking forward to coming together as a community and praying the Rosary. All parishioners are encouraged to join us in prayer on October 15th. No experience needed! Rosaries and information on how to pray the rosary will be available that morning

UPCOMING EVENTS

all events are held in the Parish Center unless other wise noted

Oct 1 - Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 Mass Church Hall
Oct 3 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
Oct 5 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7 pm
Oct 6 - First Friday Mass - 12 noon Church
Oct 6 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Oct 8 - Blessing of the Animals - 1 pm - St. Francis Statue
Oct 9 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Oct 15 - St. Luke Community Rosary - 9:45 am
Oct 17 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
Oct 17 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
Oct 18 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Oct 20 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Oct 23 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Nov 1 - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation
Nov 2 - All Souls Day
Nov 2 - Memorial Mass 7 pm
Nov 3 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm
Nov 3 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Nov 3 - Christmas Bazaar - 5pm to 8 pm
Nov 4 - Christmas Bazaar - 9am to 2pm
Nov 5 - Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 Mass Church Hall
Nov 6 - Liturgical Committee - 6:30 pm
Nov 9 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7 pm
Nov 13 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Nov 15 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Nov 17 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Nov 21 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
Nov 23 - Thanksgiving
Nov 27—Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

2023 Mission Combine Collection

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will aid the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Please read the letter for the Mission Combined Collection by Bishop Cote included in this week's parish bulletin. Please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of October. Your support is greatly appreciated

*Please join us on Thursday,
October 5th for Adoration of the
Eucharist and Friday, October
6th for our First Friday Mass at
12pm*

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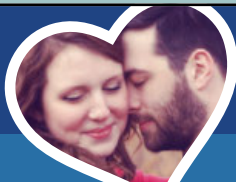
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