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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 15, 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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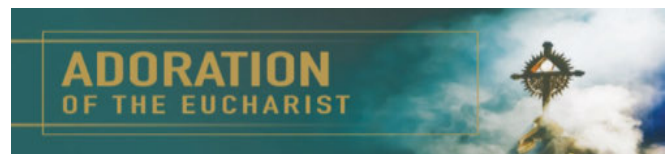
Please contact Deacon Hann at 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

MARRIAGES

Couples are encouraged to make arrangements by Registering their marriage intentions at the rectory office 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 Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Prayer for the sick and dying.

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Lord, Hear our Prayer



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00PM +JOHN THOMPSON
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30AM +ELEANOR & JOHN PLONSKI, SR
R/B JOHN, JR & SISTER SUE

10:30AM +ANGELO & ROSE TARASCIO
R/B TINA & FAMILY

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 8:00AM

+GARY PELLEGRINI
3RD ANNIVERSARY
R/B THE FAMILY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8:00AM

+EDA BUDARZ
R/B LINDA TIMURA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 8:00AM

JANICE & JOHN
HEALING MASS
R/B JACKIE CHASSE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:00AM

+BILLY COSGROVE
2ND ANNIVERSARY
R/B HIS SISTER MARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30AM +JANICE O'BRIEN
R/B JOHN PLONSKI & JAMES BUSHNELL

10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00PM +LUCILLE BEERS
R/B SUSAN BEERS



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 Gropitch, 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 Catholic 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 15th, 22nd, 29th - class from 9-10:15 am - Grades K-5

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

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

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

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

Sunday November 5th, 12th, 19th - class from 9-10:15 am - Grades K-5

Tuesday November 7th, 14th, 28th - class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 5-10

Wednesday November 8th, 15th, 29th - class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 6-10

No classes November 21st, 22nd, and 26th

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 October 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.

Cradle Fund Collection

Next weekend we will be having a second collection for the Cradle Fund which is used to assist needy, expectant mothers in caring for their unborn or newly born children. It also provides financial support for birthright programs

Church of St. Luke Lending Library

Prayer to St. Luke - Feast Day: October 18th

Most wonderful St. Luke, you are animated by the Heavenly Spirit of Love. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, you also showed His Divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May the Holy Spirit, instruct of the faithful, help me to understand Christ's words and faithfully apply them in my life. Amen.

Stop by the **Lending Library** and see all our book selections.

Church of Saint Luke Community News



OCTOBER 8, 2023

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$6,247

Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich! Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our bi-weekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list today



October 15 is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

It was established in 2002 and passed in the United States House of Representatives in 2006, to honor, celebrate, and remember babies who

have passed away due to miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, and other causes of infant loss. The aim of this day is to raise awareness of the estimated 1 in 4 individuals and families whose lives are altered by the death of their children, during pregnancy, at birth and in infancy. Below is a prayer written by Mother Angelica, a sister of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN. It was written to comfort parents who have suffered a pregnancy or infant loss.

My Lord, my baby is dead! Why, my Lord – dare I ask why? My child will not hear the whisper of the wind or see the beauty of its parents' face – he/she will not see the beauty of Your creation or the flame of a sunrise. Why, my Lord?

"Why, My child – I will tell you why. You see, the child lives. Instead of the wind your child hears the sound of angels singing before My throne. Instead of the beauty that passes, your child sees everlasting Beauty – your child sees My face. Your child was created and lived a short time so the image of his/her parents imprinted on his/her face may stand before Me as their personal intercessor. Your child laughs with a special joy that only the innocent possess. My ways are not the ways of humans. I create for My Kingdom and each creature fills a place in that Kingdom that could not be filled by another. Your child was created for My joy and his/her parents' merits. Your child has never seen pain or sin. He/She has never felt hunger or pain. I breathed a soul into a seed, made it grow and called it forth."



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 Youth Group is requesting donations for our Children's Room at the Church Bazaar. We are seeking small gifts, trinkets and other fun items that children can purchase at a low cost as gifts for their family members! These items can be new or gently used. Any donations can be brought to the back of the Parish Hall, specifically labeled "Children's Room".

ST LUKE CRAFTERS

The St. Luke Crafters are looking for several parishioners who would be willing to make a once a year commitment by assisting our crafting members sell items at our booths during the Annual Christmas Bazaar. We are looking for parishioners who could volunteer two or three hours on either Friday evening between 5-8, or Saturday between 10 am - 2pm. The Bazaar is the scheduled for the first weekend on November each year. For more information, contact Cathy Peck at cathy.peck@gmail.com or 860-882-7696

ST. ANNE GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Are you a grandmother? Or do you just feel like one? The St Anne's Guild is starting again on October 17, 2023 in the Parish Center at 10:30 AM. We are a group of ladies who are grandmothers or act as grandmothers. Some of the topics we discussed last year were: How can we help each other? Misbehavior that was ignored by parents. Discipline problems or Special Needs. How to keep Christ in Christmas. Long distance grand parenting, and can't be in contact with the grandchildren. Non Catholics are welcome and so are ladies who act as grandmothers. Come join us and bring a friend.

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Laraine Kennedy larainekndy@yahoo.com

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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



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 22nd. Donations received after October 22nd 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!

ATTIC TREASURES

We will begin to accept Attic Treasures starting Monday October 16th through Sunday October 29th. No Attic Treasures will be accepted after that date. We will not accept books, CD's, DVD's or electronics. Please be sure the items are clean.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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
Oct 31 - Halloween
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 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
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 11 - Mass starts at 4PM
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

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U. S. Bishops Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at both entrances of the church. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity and helping our missionaries continue the work of Christ.

2023 ACA update

As of September 29, 2023, Saint Luke Parish, Ellington has donated \$33,872.00 or 77.64% of its goal, and 30.23% of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support

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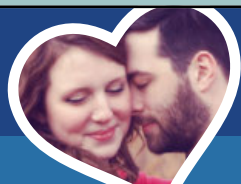
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