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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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 3:15 to 3:45

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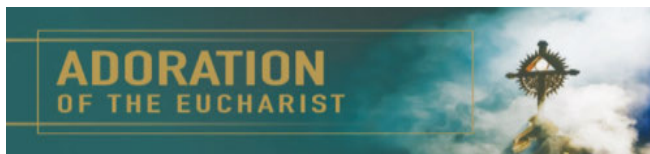
Please contact Deacon Hann at 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Nashwinter, Camella Fesco

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, Cooper Somberg, 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00PM +JOHN DECARLI

R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30AM +FRANCIS POIRER

R/B THE FAMILY

10:30AM +CAROL NEWTON

R/B BARRY NEWTON

6:00PM +EVA CIOFFI

22ND ANNIVERSARY

R/B HER DAUGHTER ELAINE & FAMILY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:00AM

WOODLAKE AT TOLLAND - COMUNICANTS

R/B ELLEN O'SHAUGNESSY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 8:00AM

+FRED BAILEY

R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 8:00AM

+DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY OF PAUL &

MARILYN GILBERT

R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 8:00AM

+GARY QUINN

3RD ANNIVERSARY

R/B GAIL QUINN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:00AM

+DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MARY

REGAN

R/B MARY REGAN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00PM +HOLLY BAGNALL REEB

R/B PATRICIA GUILLERAULT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30AM +JOSEPH F. GIRARDINI

R/B THE COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

10:30AM +EUGENE VEILLETTE

1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

R/B HIS WIFE JUDY

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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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

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 Catholic Faith! Our Faith Formation program runs Kindergarten through Confirmation in Grade 10. For more information, contact Kim Bocchino in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Classes and Events:

Sunday December 10th, 17th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Tuesday December 12th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday December 13th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

Sunday December 10th – Grade 2 Parent Student Reconciliation Workshop 9am

Sunday December 10th – Grade 8 Family Mass at 10:30 Mass

No Classes December 19th, 20th, 24, 26th, 27th, 31st, January 2nd and 3rd.

Sunday January 7th, 21st, 28th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Sunday January 7th – Grade 2 Family Mass at 10:30

No Class Sunday January 14th

Tuesday January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

Sunday January 28th – Grade 9 Confirmation Commitment Mass at 10:30

Sunday January 28th – Grade 9 Parent & student retreat 10:30-2:30pm

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

Join us each Sunday for (CLOW) Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass. CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on December 10th, and 17th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First Eucharist

Important Dates

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

Confirmation 2024 - Grade 10

Confirmation Reconciliation in class March 5th and 6th.

Confirmation Rehearsal TBD at 6:30 pm

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

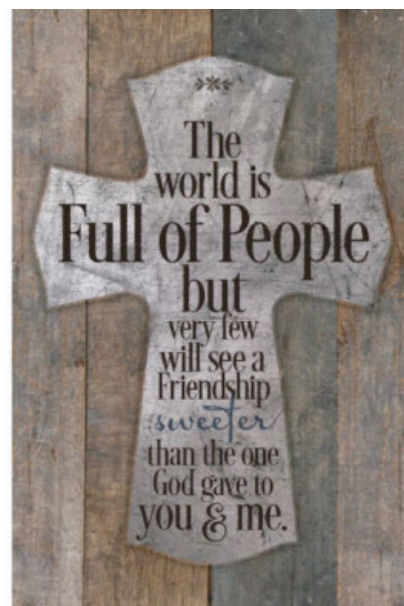
Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 and 10

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.

Give the Gift of Warmth



This is the last weekend the Mitten Tree will be up. Let us remember the people who are cold by keeping them warm with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks



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Community News



DECEMBER 3, 2023

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,639

MAINTENANCE - \$2,078

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday, December

12, 2023. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, Tel: 860-456-3349 / email: aposthispano@gmail.com

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for *A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows*, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19, 2024. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net



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 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. For additional information or to join, please call Kim at 860-875-4951

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. 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, Dec 19th**, at 10:30am In the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com

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 information, please see Sue Beers or Laraine Kennedy

RCIA

Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every Month at 6:30 pm. Please see Deacon Hann for more information

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What Are Spiritual Exercises?

The Spiritual Exercises grew out of Saint Ignatius Loyola's personal experience as a man seeking to grow in union with God and to discern God's will. He kept a journal as he gained spiritual insight and deepened his spiritual experience. He added to these notes as he directed other people and discovered what "worked." Eventually Ignatius gathered these prayers, meditations, reflections, and directions into a carefully designed framework of a retreat, which he called "spiritual exercises."

Join us for an Advent themed reflection and introduction to The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. There will be two sessions for you to choose from.

Choose whichever one is convenient for you. After the session you will be given a practical exercise to reflect on. The next session will be:

Monday, December 11th - 7:00pm - Church

Wednesday, December 13th - 8:30am after 8am Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd - 4:00 pm

Confessions - 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday, December 24th - 7:30 am &
10:30 am

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Children's Mass - 4:00pm

Evening Mass - 10:00 pm

NO 6:00 pm MASS

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Masses - 7:30am and 10:30am



ADULT CHOIR

O COME, ALL YE...SINGERS!

The adult choir welcomes you to join them as they prepare music for Christmas.

Our fun and light-hearted rehearsals will be held from 7-8:30p in the choir loft on Wednesdays, 12/13 and 12/20 to prepare for Mass on Sunday, 12/24 at 10pm. No prior experience necessary!

Please direct all questions to Elana Owens via call or text: 860-798-5818

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

Dec 9 and Dec 10 - Mitten Tree - last weekend

Dec 10 - Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 Mass Church Hall

Dec 11 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Dec 16 and Dec 17 - Giving Tree

Dec 19 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am

Dec 20 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm

Dec 23 and Dec 24 - Giving Tree - last weekend

Dec 24 - Masses will be 7:30 am and 10:30 am (Reg Sunday)

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Children's Mass at 4:00pm, and Mass at 10:00 pm

Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day - Masses at 7:30 am and 10:30 am

Dec 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
2024

Jan 1 - Happy New Year

Jan 4 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7pm

Jan 5 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm

Jan 5 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am

Jan 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 7 - Coffee and Donuts after 10:30 Mass - Church Hall

Jan 8 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Jan 16 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am

Jan 17 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm

Jan 19 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am

Jan 22 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"We are suffering almost every moment of our life. There is always something that is a little hard. There is always some pain there that we sort of walk right over and don't take seriously. But that pain is a cross. Are we taking it up? Are we acknowledging it? Are we saying yes? Often, it seems as if we are always willing to carry another type of cross than the one we already have."

Taken from the **Following Jesus - Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety** by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Stop by the **Lending Library** and browse our latest **Advent** book selections for some great titles

PRAY FOR PEACE!

Father, this second week of Advent, keep us in perfect peace as our mind is stayed on the truth of your powerful love. Thank you for your mighty, sovereign hand. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer. It's in the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen

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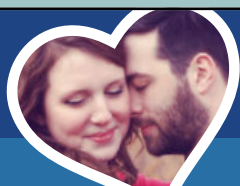
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