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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

**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.



**BAPTISM**

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

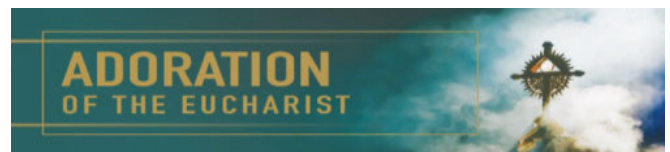
**MARRIAGES**

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.

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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.

# Church of Saint Luke

## Lord, Hear our Prayer



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6  
4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, THE EPIPHANY OF  
THE LORD  
7:30AM +FRANCES JAGIELSKI  
R/B JOHN  
10:30AM FOR GRADE 2 STUDENTS &  
PARENTS  
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, THE BAPTISM OF  
THE LORD  
8:00AM +ALL DECEASED FAMILY &  
FRIENDS OF THE GAY FAMILY  
R/B THE CAROL ANN & ROBERT GAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 8:00AM  
+THERESA ROBERTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 8:00AM  
+DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY OF  
THE DICIOCCIO FAMILY  
R/B CAROL DICIOCCIO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 8:00AM  
+DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY OF  
THE KENNEDY FAMILY  
R/B BOB & LORRAINE KENNEDY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 8:00AM  
+GARY PELLEGRINI  
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
R/B THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13  
4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14,  
7:30AM +FATHER TOM  
12TH ANNIVERSARY  
10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA  
AVERY  
R/B THE FAMILY  
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



### IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Nashwinter, Carmella Fecso, Irene Tolisano,  
Mark McPartland

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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, 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

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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 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.

# Church of Saint Luke

## Faith Formation News

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

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### Faith Formation 2023-2024

We are *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](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).**

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### Faith Formation Classes and Events:

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

*Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 2 Family Mass at 10:30

No Class Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

*Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

*Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 9 Confirmation

Commitment Mass at 10:30

*Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 9 Parent & student retreat 10:30-2:30pm

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### 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 January 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. All children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

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### Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First Eucharist Important Dates

*Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 2 Family Mass

*Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 3 Candle Family Mass

*Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>* – Grade 3 First Communion Workshop

*Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>* – Grade 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass

*Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>* – Grade 2 First Reconciliation 9:30am

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### Confirmation 2024 - Grade 10

Confirmation Reconciliation in class March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation Rehearsal TBD at 6:30 pm

*Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024* Confirmation Mass at 1 pm

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### Confirmation Retreat - Grade 9

*Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 9 Confirmation

Commitment Mass at 10:30 Mass

*Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 9 Parent & Student

Confirmation Retreat until 2:30pm

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

All 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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This year our Faith Formation students were invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus “*Keep Christ in Christmas*” Essay and Poster Contest. We are pleased to say we had many students participate and 4 of the winners were from our parish!

We congratulate all students who participated.

Especially Alyssa Kearcher and Emma Smolenski on their winning posters and Amber and Samantha Watt on their winning essays. The winning poster entries will go on to the State contest. Good luck Alyssa and Emma!



## PRAY FOR PEACE



# Church of Saint Luke Community News



DECEMBER 24, 2023

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$4,891

DECEMBER 25, 2023

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - \$8,844

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

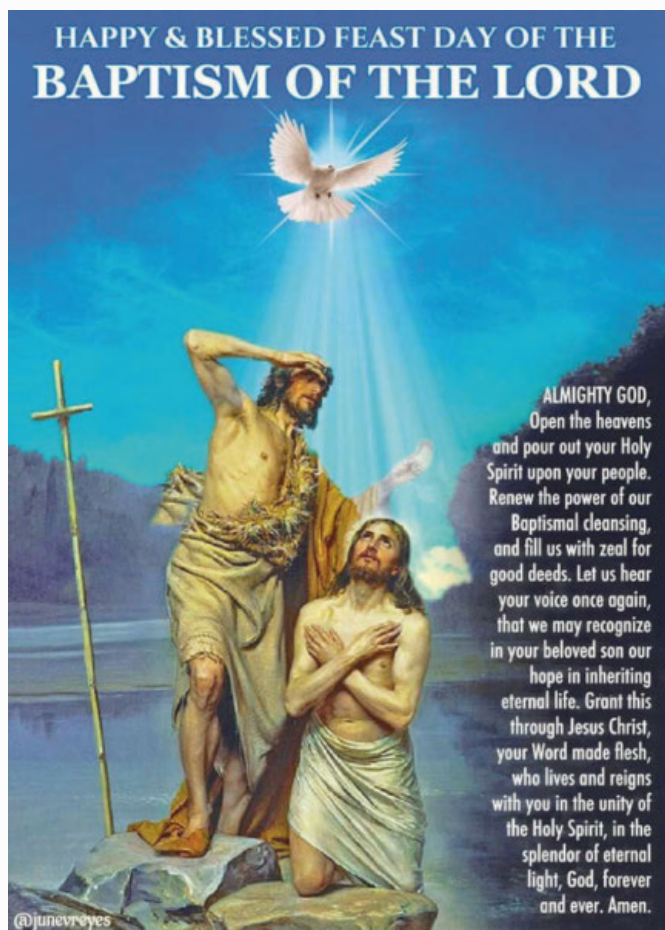
### Epiphany of the Lord

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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January 8, 2024



## 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.

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

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## 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

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## The Mitten Tree

Our parish members showed their love and generosity once again this Christmas Season. Our Annual Mitten Tree collected 161 pairs of gloves/ mittens, 162 pairs of socks, 136 hats and 40 scarves for a total of 499 brand new and hand crocheted winter items, that's 200 more than last year! Our donations were enthusiastically received by Ellington Human Services, Hockanum Valley, Cornerstone and Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

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## Crossroads for Christ

Calling All Young Adults! Ages 18-39, Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join one of Crossroads for Christ seven chapters today! Meeting in the greater Hartford area, Stamford, Middletown, Mystic, New Haven, Waterbury and Watertown. For more information go to [www.crossroads4christ.org](http://www.crossroads4christ.org) or email [info@crossroads4christ.org](mailto:info@crossroads4christ.org)

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## Norwich Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

To honor a woman in the Diocese for  
**Vision and Leadership in the Catholic Church**

This award will be given out by Bishop Michael Cote to a woman of faith in the Norwich Diocese. The award is named after Mary, our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our hope.

*The winner will be presented with an award and a check for \$200 made out to the Catholic charity, parish or diocesan ministry of her choice.*

Nominees should...

- \*Display strong faith
- \*Be committed to living out Catholic values
- \*Display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s)
- \*Display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church
- \*Have been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church
- \*Have 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 by **JANUARY 12, 2024**. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).

**\*To access application go to the Office of Faith Events Website\***

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## Celebrate Marriage

It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, "Celebrate Marriage," will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at [claughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:claughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

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 9 - Property Management Committee Meeting - 6 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  
Feb 1 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7:00pm - Church  
Feb 2 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm  
Feb 2 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am  
Feb 4 - Coffee & Donuts after 10:30 am Mass - Church Hall  
Feb 5 - Liturgical Committee meeting - 6:30 pm  
Feb 11 - Pancake Breakfast -  
Feb 12 - Cenacle Group - 6:30pm  
Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday - Masses at 8 am and 7 pm  
Feb 16 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am  
Feb 20 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am  
Feb 21 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm  
Feb 26 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

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## A PRAYER FOR JANUARY

Dear Heavenly Father, It is wonderful for us to start a new year, but as the month goes on, January can be hard for many. The cold and dreary weather, the calm after Christmas, and other elements can make January a tough month. Please help me remain positive in your joy instead of the temporary happiness of the world, and please be with those who are deeply down and need you now God. Amen

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## Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"We should never disparage traditional forms of prayer. We must never assume that the popular devotions of years ago have become meaningless, when the problem is simply that we now fail to find the meaning in them."

Taken from **Praying Constantly - Bringing Your Faith to Life** by Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel.

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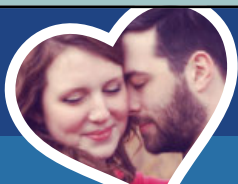


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