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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 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.



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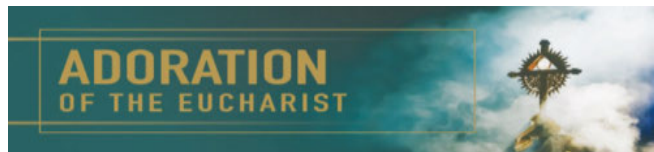
Please contact Tracy and Tim Kearcher @ 203-578-0489 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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, 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 8:00AM

+TO ST JUDE FOR A FAVOR RECEIVED

R/B A PARISHIONER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 8:00AM

+MELANIE CRAFT

R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 8:00AM

+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KEMPSKI
FAMILY

R/B MARY FITZPATRICK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 8:00AM

+JEAN BRADY

R/B SISTER GUYTINA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 8:00AM

+JANICE VALADE

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE & FIRST
ANNIVERSARY

R/B THE FAMILY

+GREG DICIOCCIO

2ND ANNIVERSARY

R/B CAROL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00PM +ARTHUR AUBE

R/B MARIA SAVONA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30AM JOHN DECARLI

R/B THE FAMILY

10:30AM +PATRICIA LOETHEN

R/B THE SCHUBERT FAMILY



IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Nashwinter, Carmella Fecso, Irene Tolisano,
Mark McPartland, Arthur Aube

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, 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.

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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 *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:

No Class Sunday January 14th

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

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

Wednesday January 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

Sunday February 4th, 11th, 25th - class from 9-10:15 am - Grades K-5

Tuesday February 6th, 13th, 27th - class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 5-10

Wednesday February 7th, 14th, 28th - class from 6:45-8pm Grades 6-10

Sunday February 4th - Grade 3 Family Candle Mass at 10:30a,

Sunday February 11th - Pancake Breakfast

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 21st, 28th, and February 4th, 11th and 25th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!



Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First Eucharist Important Dates

Sunday February 4th - Grade 3 Candle Family Mass

Sunday March 3rd - Grade 3 First Communion

Workshop

Sunday March 3rd - Grade 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass

Saturday March 23rd - Grade 2 First Reconciliation 9:30am

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.



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!

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Community News



REGULAR COLLECTION

DECEMBER 31, 2023 - \$4,837

JANUARY 7, 2024 - \$2,639

MAINTANANCE/JANUARY 7, 2024 - \$1,541

GIVING TREE - \$2,685

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - JOHN 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it’s easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

The Cornerstone Food Cupboard
3 Prospect Street - Rockville, CT 06066

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Cans of condensed soup
- Canned pasta
- Canned tuna
- Rice side dishes such as Rice-a-Roni or Knorr pouches
- Peanut butter
- Ramen noodles
- Instant potato pouches
- Canned fruit

Because we provide clients with pre-packed bags of nonperishable foods, we have to limit the weight and size of food items. Therefore we ask for regular size food items instead of large or family size items or multi-pound items.

We greatly appreciate all donations, including grocery store gift cards!



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.

Go Green Parish

Form a creation care group

Organize a parish group consisting of clergy, staff, parishioners (parents, young adults and youth of varied ages) to meet and discuss “Go Green” ideas and initiatives for the Parish. Invite environmental speakers and activists to meet with the group to raise awareness in various ways.

How to Evangelize-Hospitality

Choose a marginalized group from your surrounding community that is “under served”. Reach out as a parish to provide for some of their basic needs while at the same time inviting them to be part of your worshipping community. Faith is empty unless we put it into action- “To Love is to Serve”



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 mclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

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St. Luke Ministries

Ushers - Ministry

Ushers play a vital role in the worship experience, ensuring that all who attend our services feel welcomed, comfortable, and able to fully participate in the liturgy. As the face of the Church, ushers are responsible for many things, including greeting parishioners, and assisting with the collection of the offertory. If you are interested in joining, send an email to stlukeushers@gmail.com

Lectors - Ministry

A lector is the person who proclaims the readings at Mass. This person also reads the Prayers of the Faithful and announcements at Mass. A lector must have a desire to minister in this capacity at the Eucharistic liturgy. This ministry in the Church requires a person who is of excellent character and serious about the practice of their faith. The lector must believe that Sacred Scripture is the Word of God and have deep respect for God's presence in that Word. For more information contact Erin Jones @ joneserin923@gmail.com

Youth Group - Ministry

St. Luke Youth Group is a great way for kids to stay close to God, to His mission, and to like-hearted friends. It is a way to stay strong in mind, body and spirit. And it is a way to stay real about what's most important in life.

We plan for each monthly Youth Group Night to include group prayer, a fun activity, a service activity, and music.....St. Luke Youth Group goes beyond the classroom with great opportunities for kids to explore, experience and live their Faith!

The Youth Group meets one Sunday a month following the 6 pm Mass until 8:15 pm. For more information contact our Youth Minister, Brigid McGrath StLukeChurchYM@gmail.com

Altar Servers - Ministry

Altar servers (boys and girls) help the priest and deacon during the liturgy, especially the Holy Mass, funerals, weddings, and other special occasions. They have several supporting duties to carry out by assisting the priest celebrant as necessary. Contact Steve Autieri @ smautieri@gmail.com for more information

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For adults who wish to be confirmed, or are interested in the Catholic Faith or wish to become Catholic.

RCIA or The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a ministry for those adults who have not received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation and now wish to receive these Sacraments. Classes begin in October and end during Holy week with the Sacraments being received at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday each year. Contact the rectory for more information. This program is currently run by Deacon Frank Hann 860-462-8032.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

Jan 15 - 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 29 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Feb 1 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7:00pm - Church

Feb 2 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm

Feb 2 - Groundhog Day

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 7 - Choir Rehearsal - 7-8:30pm

Feb 11 - Pancake Breakfast -

Feb 12 - Cenacle Group - 6:30pm

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

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

Music Ministry

Make a Joyful Noise!

The Saint Luke Adult Choir invites you to join them for the following rehearsals and masses in Q1 2024:

FEBRUARY:

Rehearsal Feb 7 @ 7p in the choir loft

Mass Saturday Feb 10 @ 4p

Ash Wednesday Mass Feb 14 @ 7p

MARCH (Prep for Easter Triduum):

Rehearsal Wednesday Mar 6 @ 7p in the choir loft

Rehearsal Thursday Mar 14 @ 7p in the choir loft

Rehearsal Wednesday Mar 20 @ 7p in the choir loft

Rehearsal Wednesday Mar 27 @ 7p in the choir loft

Holy Thursday Mass Mar 28 @ 7p

Good Friday Service Mar 29 @ 3p

Easter Vigil Saturday Mar 30 @ 8p

No prior music experience necessary. Please contact Elana (860) 798-5818 or elanaowens@gmail.com for additional information

Please consider joining one of our ministries as we come together as a parish family.

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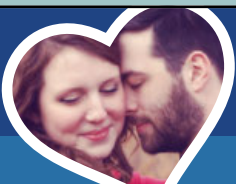
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