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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 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

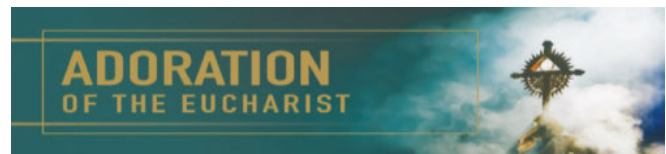
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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, 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
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 8:00AM

+ANNA DRACZYNSKI
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
R/B THE FOX FAMILY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 8:00AM

+DAVID & HELEN MARR
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 8:00AM

+P.V. VIJAY KUMAR
R/B VINCENT & ANITA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 8:00AM

+SUSAN SPELLACY
5TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B HER SISTERS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 8:00AM

+THERESE KELLEY
R/B STEPHANY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00PM +CARMEN TORRES
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B DAUGHTER, MILLIE BLOVISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
10:30AM FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



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:

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

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

Wednesday January 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 Thursday March 7th at 6:30pm

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.



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Community News



REGULAR COLLECTION
JANUARY 14, 2024 - \$5,973

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us



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



TAX TIME!

If you need a letter of your contributions made to St. Luke Parish for 2023, please contact the Rectory at 860-875-8552 between 9am and 1pm, Monday through Thursday.



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.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on April 19th!

Join us for a fun night out! Spend time with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy an adult night out that begins here at St. Luke's at 5:30 for appetizers and drinks. Then, names of guests (singles or couples) will be drawn at random, and they will join their host back at the host's home for a dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, and wine. Following dinner everyone will come back together for dessert at St. Luke's.

Tickets for the event will be \$15 per person. More details on how to purchase tickets in March.

Interested in Hosting? There is no ticket charge for those hosting since you will cover the cost of the food for your guests and will get 2 bottles of wine to bring home to share with your guests.

Questions? Contact Earlene at 860-466-0401

This is a great way to unwind, have fun, and get to know other parishioners, so save the date! We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE THE DATE

Calling all Parishioners

Join us Sunday February 11th for Our 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast!

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served from 8-10am in the Church basement.

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of the Prayer

- Mother Teresa

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St Luke's Committees

Property Management - Committee

The property management committee maintains the physical assets of the Church, Parish Center and Rectory. We develop and manage the completion of projects. We welcome new members! Contact Fr. George at (860) 875-8552 or Karen at (860) 573-7768

Golf Committee - Committee

The Golf Committee is a group of volunteers who are interested in golfing. Since 2002, they have organized a parish golf tournament once a year for fun, fellowship and fundraising. The tournament is the number one fund raising program for St. Luke Church. New members are always welcome! If interested or what more information please contact Kitty Walker at (860) 462-1185

Liturgical Committee - Committee

The Liturgical Committee consists of the leaders of all the various ministries in Saint Luke's that impact Liturgy. Our purpose is to plan liturgies and evaluate the effectiveness of our liturgy and rituals. The committee also invites input from anyone who has a love for Liturgy. We occasionally work to develop educational opportunities for the Parish through Liturgy. If interested, contact Deacon Hann at (860) 462-8032

Liturgical Decorating - Committee

The Liturgical Decorating Committee decorates the Church for each Liturgical season. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Deacon Frank at (860) 462-8032.

Social Committee

The social committee plans and assists with various social events in the parish. Some of the recent events include Irish Night in March, Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Parish Picnic & Christmas Bazaar. They also assist as needed with funeral receptions and liturgical events.

New members/ideas welcome! Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Contact Janet at 860-508-7254 for more information.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic men's service organization started on March 29, 1882 by the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Are you looking for a rewarding community organization where you can volunteer and make a difference in people's lives? Has God has been whispering in your ear? Maybe you just want to help others? We are always looking for new members/friends. You must be 18 years or older to join. The Knights are dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Contact Ray Luciano @ 860-573-1187 for more information

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 - 7-8:30 pm

Feb 11 - Pancake Breakfast - 8-10 am

Feb 12 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

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 16 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm

Feb 20 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am

Feb 23 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm

Feb 21 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm

Feb 26 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Flower Garden Committee

The Flower/Gardening Committee works to keep the Church grounds beautiful.

The Committee takes care of all the established perennial church and rectory gardens. They meet in late April/early May to assess and plan for the season. A perennial plant sale is held in May to raise funds to purchase annuals for the church and rectory planters. Spring duties include pruning of the bushes and roses. Summer maintenance weeding, watering and deadheading spent flowers is done according to member's individual schedules with a commitment of a few hours a month from May through October. Annuals used in the planters in the front and back of the church and rectory during the summer are replaced with silk flowers in the fall, winter and early spring. No gardening experience needed.

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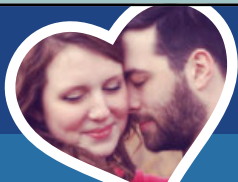
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