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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
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**JANUARY 28, 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.

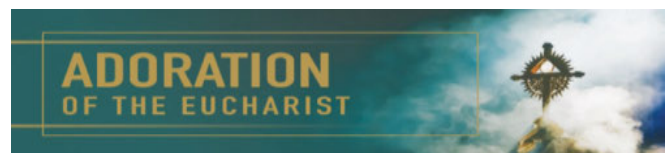
**MARRIAGES**

Couples are encouraged to make arrangements by Registering their marriage intentions at the rectory of-fice 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 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 8:00AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 8:00AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 8:00AM  
+THERESA ROBERTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 8:00AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
8:00AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
12:00PM +MARK MCPARTLAND  
R/B JOE & KIM BOCCHINO AND FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
4:00PM +ELLEN PERRY  
R/B JOHN & LIZ DEITELBAUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
10:30AM FOR GRADE 3 STUDENTS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES  
6:00PM +MARK MCPARTLAND  
R/B NANCY RUDEK



### IN LOVING MEMORY

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

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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 Gropitch, 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

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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 28<sup>th</sup>* – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

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

*Wednesday January 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

*Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>* - class from 9-10:15 am - Grades K-5

*Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>* - class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 5-10

*Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>* - class from 6:45-8pm - Grades 6-10

*Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>* - Grade 3 Family Candle Mass at 10:30am

*Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>* - Pancake Breakfast

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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 28<sup>th</sup>, and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<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 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 2<sup>nd</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 Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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

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### Confirmation 2025 - 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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### Vacation Bible School Camp 2024

SAVE THE DATES - August 6-8<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to be having Vacation Bible Camp again this summer for children age 4 through the 6th grade (Fall 2024). VBS will run from 9-12 noon Tuesday - Thursday August 6-8th. Mark your calendar now and look for registration details in April! We will also need adult and teens in grades 7-12 to volunteer

**Growing  
Together  
in Faith**



# Church of Saint Luke

## Community News



REGULAR COLLECTION  
JANUARY 21, 2024 - \$8,773

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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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 [mclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

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### 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.

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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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### 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

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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. Join us at our upcoming meetings on **Feb 2nd and Feb 16th**. For additional information or to join, please call Carolina Braga @ 860-212-2495 or email @ [braga.caroli@gmail.com](mailto:braga.caroli@gmail.com)

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### 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 **February 20th**, at 10:30am In the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at [hearttau@aol.com](mailto:hearttau@aol.com) or Laraine at [laraineknndy@yahoo.com](mailto:laraineknndy@yahoo.com)



# Church of Saint Luke

## 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!

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
Calling all Parishioners  
Join us Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> for  
Our 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast!

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

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**FIRST FRIDAY MASS -  
FEBRUARY 2ND AT 12:00PM  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

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**ADORATION OF THE  
EUCHARIST- THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1ST AT 7:00PM.  
ALL ARE INVITED TO COME!**

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## 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

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## **HYGIENE KIT DRIVE**

Collecting items to donate to the Cornerstone Foundation in Vernon Rockville, CT. Accepting donations of socks, feminine products, shampoo and conditioner, soap, diapers, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste,

hairbrushes, hats and gloves.

Please drop off items in bins located at Crystal Lake Elementary School, Ellington High School or St. Luke Church. Collecting donations from 1/22/24 - 2/12/24

Sponsored by Noelle Krawczynski, senior at Ellington High School, for her Senior Capstone Project

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## **Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass**

Will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, February 3 at 8:30 A.M.**

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

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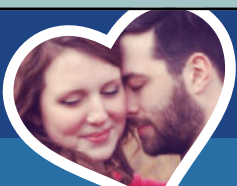
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