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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 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](mailto: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.

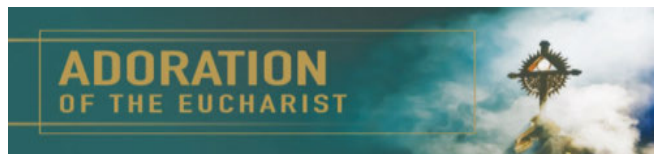
### MARRIAGES

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.

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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, 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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8:00AM

+ALBERT OTT

R/B ALYCE MAYER

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**4:00PM** +ANNA DRACZYNSKI

R/B THE FOX FAMILY

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30AM +ART AUBE

R/B WAYNE & GAIL REYNOLDS

10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA  
AVERY

R/B THE FAMILY

6:00PM +RAYMOND RAMSEY

R/B THE FAMILY



### 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 Girardini, 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, John Rice, 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 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 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 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass

*Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>* - Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop

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

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**MASS TIMES**  
**8:00 AM**  
**7:00 PM**

### 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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### 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



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**Stations of the Cross to begin on  
Friday, February 16th at 7pm**





# Church of Saint Luke

## Community News



REGULAR COLLECTION  
JANUARY 28, 2024 - \$3,859

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’ - Mark 1:35, 38*

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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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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### The Way of the Cross



The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

- February 16: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled
- February 23: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- March 1: Through the eyes of marriage
- March 15: Through the eyes of Mary
- March 22: Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection.

Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all five. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at

[mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 8.

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### Church of St. Luke Lending Library

“Christ wanted to stay close to us in a unique way. Before he gave his life for our sins, he gave us the gift of his Real Presence in the Eucharist. That Real Presence of Christ remains with us in the consecrated Hosts that are kept in the tabernacle even outside of Mass. As St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) reportedly once said, ‘When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.’”

Taken from **Behold The Lamb of God - 60 Questions and Answers on the Mystery of the Eucharist** by Edward Sri

Stop by the Lending Library and browse our latest **Eucharistic Renewal** and **Adoration** book selections for some great titles.

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## The 2024 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference

will once again be themed "Dinner with Jesus", at the Georgina's Restaurant, Bolton, CT, March 13, 5:30- 9 PM. Bring your sisters, daughters, friends and fellow parishioners to be inspired and fed in a deep and meaningful way with women from around the diocese for this for this very special event. Our keynote speaker will be the 'Catholic Evangelista', Sonja Corbitt, as always the year's recipient of the Our Lady Queen of Hope Award will be announced, and a silent auction and basket raffle will add to the fun! Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance, main course dinner options are chicken Francaise, baked scrod, or eggplant parmigiana. To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> Seating is limited so don't delay in reserving your space! Questions? Call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304

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The office of Faith Events is looking for silent auction items for this year's Women's Conference on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations like major league baseball, basketball, or football tickets; a week's vacation at a rental property, artwork, or fine jewelry. If you have an item you would like to donate please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

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## Beginning Experience Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of Hudson Valley, invites men and women of all ages who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to an in-person weekend retreat at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY. Upcoming dates are April 19-21, 2024, and October 18-20, 2024. For information or to register, please call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Jim at 845-220-7883. Visit their website at [www.beginningexperiencehv.org](http://www.beginningexperiencehv.org)

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**COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL  
BE SERVED AFTER THE 10:30  
MASS THIS WEEKEND.  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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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## 2ND ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us **Sunday February 11th from 8-10am** for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and fruit in the Church basement. We look forward to seeing you!

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## Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:

### For Lent For Life

For 51 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.



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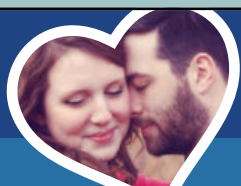
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