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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 11, 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

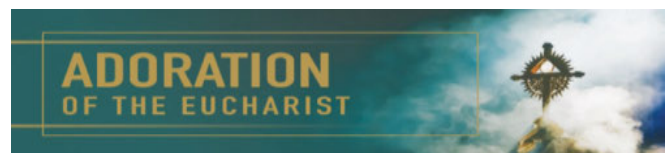
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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, 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 FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 8:00AM

+ANNA WALSH

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

R/B THE COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 8:00AM

+MARK MCPARTLAND

R/B KIM & JOE BOCCHINO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, ASH

WEDNESDAY

8:00AM +STEPHANIE MOORE

R/B THE MOORE FAMILY

7:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00PM +ART AUBE

R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30AM +MARK MCPARTLAND

R/B THE WAUDBY & PECK FAMILIES

10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Nashwinter, Carmella Fecso, Irene Tolisano,
Mark McPartland, Arthur Aube, Barry Newton, Paul

Riley

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

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

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

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

Sunday February 11th - Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Tuesday March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 5-10

Wednesday March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – class from 6:45-8 - Grades 6-10

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

Thursday March 7th 6:30pm - Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday March 10th - Confirmation Mass at 1pm

Sunday March 17th – Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop 9am

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

Sunday March 24th – Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

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 11th and 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First Eucharist Important Dates

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

Sunday March 17th - Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop

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

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.

Vacation Bible School Camp 2024

SAVE THE DATES - August 6-8th.

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



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



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Community News



FEBRUARY 4, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,533

MAINTENANCE - \$2,697

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

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. Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 8.

ASH WEDNESDAY

(FEB 14)

MASS TIMES

8:00 AM

7:00 PM



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.

LENTEN RECIPE

CREAMY PARMESAN TOMATO AND SPINACH TORTELLINI SOUP

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- red pepper flakes to taste (optional)
- 1/4 cup flour (rice flour for gluten free)
- 3 cups vegetable broth or chicken broth
- 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 8 ounces cheese tortellini (gluten free for gluten free)
- 1/2 cup parmigiano reggiano (parmesan), grated
- 10 ounces spinach, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup heavy/whipping cream or Greek yogurt
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup basil, chopped (optional)

Directions

1. Melt the butter in a pan over medium heat, add the onion and cook until tender, about 5-7 minutes.
 2. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and cook until fragrant, about a minute.
 3. Add the flour and cook for another minute.
 4. Add the broth, tomatoes, tomato paste and tortellini, bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the tortellini is tender, about 10 minutes.
- Add the parmesan, let it melt, add the spinach, let it wilt, add the cream, season with salt and pepper to taste, remove from heat before adding the basil.

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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



The office of Faith Events is looking for silent auction items for this year's Women's Conference on March 13th. We are looking for donations like major league baseball, basketball, or football tickets; a weeks' 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



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!

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:

For Lent For Life

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 51 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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
Mar 1 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Mar 1 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm
Mar 1 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm
Mar 3 - Coffee and Donuts - after 10:30 am Mass
Mar 4 - Liturgical Committee - 6:30 pm
Mar 6 - Choir Rehearsal - 7-8:30 pm
Mar 8 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm
Mar 10 - Confirmation - 1 pm
Mar 10 - Daylight Saving Times begin
Mar 11 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Mar 14 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7pm (date change)
Mar 14 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:8:30 pm (Thursday night)
Mar 15 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm
Mar 15 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Mar 16 - Mass will return to 5 pm
Mar 19 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
Mar 20 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Mar 20 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:8:30 pm
Mar 22 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm
Mar 24 - The Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)
Mar 24 - Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 25 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Mar 27 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:8:30 pm
Mar 28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
Mar 29 - Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Mar 29 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm
Mar 30 - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Mar 31 - The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)



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

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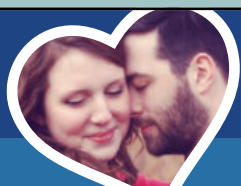
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