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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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

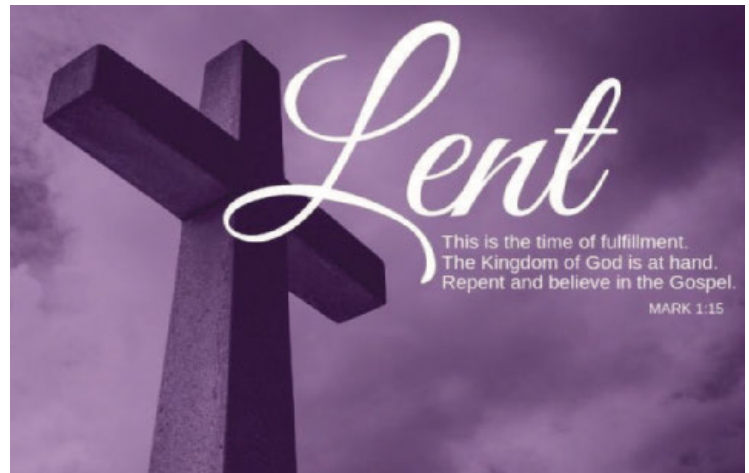
RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



BAPTISM

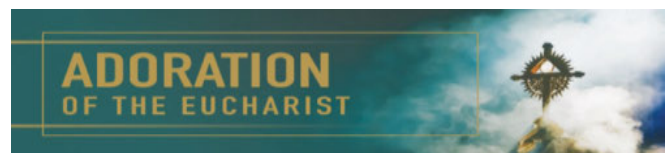
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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.



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 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8:00AM

+CARMELLA FECO

R/B MARC GIAGUINTO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 8:00AM

+JERRY WELCH

R/B THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00PM +JOSEPH CIANCI

R/B HIS WIFE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30AM +FRED THOMAS

R/B JANE

10:30AM +WENDY CIPARELLI

R/B JESSICA CIPARELLI

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Nashwinter, Carmella Fecso, Irene Tolisano,
Mark McPartland, Arthur Aube, Barry Newton, Paul
Riley, Deacon Harry Grospitch

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, 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:

No classes February 18th, 20th, and 21st

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

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

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

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 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 Fridays at 7pm



Church of Saint Luke Community News



FEBRUARY 11, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,248

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

1st Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, February 20th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

RCIA RETREAT

The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team are gearing up to assist Candidates and Catechumens prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Spend the day discovering God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience God's mercy in reconciliation. The Holy Spirit Awaken Retreat for RCIA will take place on Saturday, February 24th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill from 9:30am – 5pm with Mass from 5pm to 6pm. To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ex.305.

VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. This Lent, speakers Fr. Brian Romanowski, Judy Kosteini- Director of the New England Biblical School, Fr. Michael Phillippino, and Mary Ellen Mahon- Retired Secretary for Catholic Formation in Manchester will reflect on the upcoming scriptures for our Mission. The mission will begin on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 14th. To register, contact Marianne at (860) 848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net



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

Shrimp Scampi

Ingredients

12 oz. linguine
1 1/2 lbs extra large shrimp, peeled and deviened
3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
3 Tbsp unsalted butter
4 garlic cloves, minced (4 tsp)
1/2 cup dry white wine*
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/8 tsp red pepper flakes (optional)
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley



Instructions

Cook linguine according to package instructions. Reserve 1/4 cup pasta water before draining in case you'd like to thin the dish later.

Meanwhile, melt butter with olive oil in a 12-inch skillet just over medium heat. Add garlic and saute 1 - 2 minutes until just lightly golden (don't brown or it can taste bitter).

Add wine and simmer until reduced by half, about 2 - 3 minutes.

Add in shrimp in an even layer season with salt, pepper and red pepper flakes and cook until shrimp turn pink, about 1 1/2 - 2 minutes per side.

Stir in lemon juice and parsley, then toss shrimp and sauce with pasta. Thin with pasta water as needed. Serve immediately.

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Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:

For Lent For Life

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

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Go Green Parish

Use cloth instead of paper in your kitchen

Paper towels are the most common household waste. Instead of using paper towels and napkins, use dish towels and cloth napkins. This will significantly reduce the amount of waste in your household. And it's an easy switch everyone can make!

Evangelization Corner

Invite a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker to attend Mass (or any event sponsored by your Church) with you. It's a great way for them to see you practicing your faith and that is usually a side of ourselves we do not share with others. Be the witness for others that someone was for you!

Diocesan Catholic Schools Basketball Tournament

Come out to St. Bernard's School on Friday March 2nd after 3pm, Saturday March 3rd all day, and Sunday March 4th to cheer on your favorite Catholic Elementary Teams as they compete to see who will be the Diocesan Champion. Admission is \$5 for a game or \$10 for a weekend pass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Feb 20 - St. Luke Crafters - 6-8pm

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 20 - March For Life - 1 pm - CT State Capitol

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)

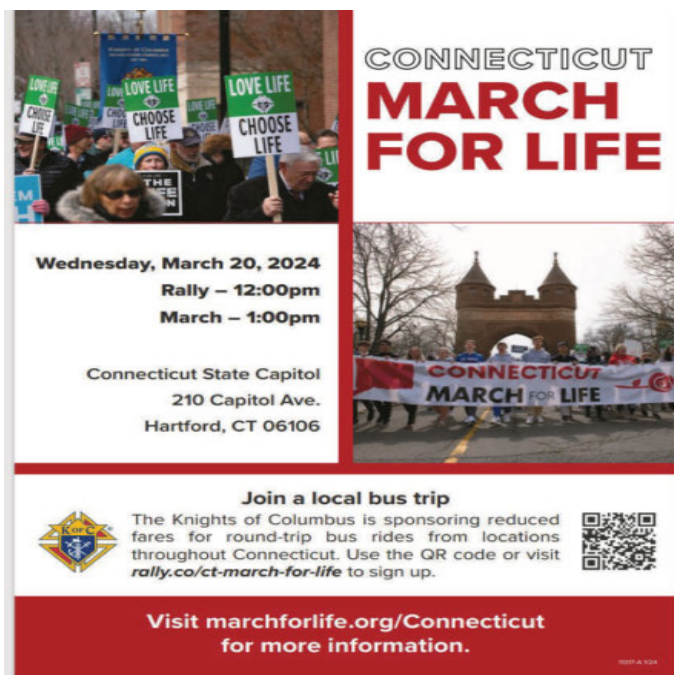
Mar 31 - The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

A Calling For Lectors

Have you ever considered becoming a Lector? A lector passes on the joy of scripture when they share the Word of God during the Mass. *"The Joy of Being a Lector"* describes it, "As you increase your understanding of this ministry, and how to carry it out well, you will discover that you become stronger in your faith in other ways, too. You will discover that a lector is far more than someone that simply stands up and reads aloud from the Lectionary. Much, much more than that." Lectors proclaim the Word of God!

We are seeking individuals to become lectors. Training, coaching, and support are provided. Please consider joining our ministry and sharing your voice with others.

If you are interested, want more details and/or have questions, please contact Father George, Father Bijoy, Deacon Frank, or Erin Jones.



CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Rally - 12:00pm
March - 1:00pm

Connecticut State Capitol
210 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Join a local bus trip
The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring reduced fares for round-trip bus rides from locations throughout Connecticut. Use the QR code or visit rally.co/ct-march-for-life to sign up.

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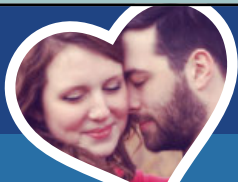
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