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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 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

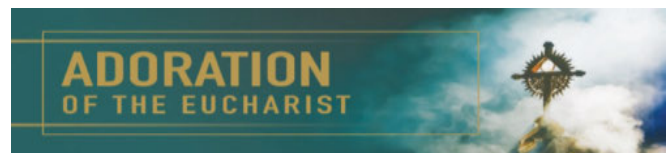
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 8:00AM

+IDA CIRIACO

R/B DONNA LEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 8:00AM

TO ST JUDE FOR A FAVOR RECEIVED

R/B A PARISHIONER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 8:00AM

+DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH

R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 1,

8:00AM TO ST JUDE FOR A FAVOR
RECEIVED

R/B A PARISHIONER

12:00PM ANNE & TOM BOCCHINO

R/B JOE & KIM BOCCHINO

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

4:00PM +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:30AM +SR. PUSHPA

R/B VINCENT & ANITA

10:30AM FOR OUR GRADE 2 & GRADE
3 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

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, Ann Marie Desjardins, 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

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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 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 18, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$6,562

ASH WEDNESDAY- \$779

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

2nd Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!” he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council #4122 for preparing the Pancakes and sausages for our Annual Pancake Breakfast and to Janet DeForge, Jane Rothe and Steve Autieri for serving. A big thank you to all our parishioners who participated. It was a huge success because of you!



First Friday Mass
March 1st
12:00 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 Irish Potato Soup

Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
4 medium green onions, sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced
3 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 ¾ cups Swanson® Chicken Broth or Swanson® Certified Organic Chicken Broth or Swanson® Natural Goodness® Chicken Broth
⅛ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 ½ cups milk

Directions

Melt butter in a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add green onions and celery; cook and stir until onion is translucent, 5 to 7 minutes.

Add potatoes, broth, and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Add milk and blend with an immersion blender until smooth. Continue to cook until heated through, 3 to 5 more minutes.

Dear parishioners,

Thank you all so much for the generous donations gifted to my Hygiene Kit Drive Capstone Project. I was pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming amount of donations I got, and I will now be able to assemble even more kits than I had originally planned! Because of your help, my project will be a great success!

With lots of gratitude,
Noelle Krawczynski

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ACA

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2024 ACA, *One Faith, One Family*, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 9/10, 2024. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.

ACA

The final total for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank you very much **Saint Luke Parish, Ellington** for your generous donations in the amount of **\$36,837.00** which was **84.43%** of your goal. Throughout 2023 **30.83%** of your parishioners donated and each donation made gave support to the diocesan ministries. We are very happy to report that all the generous donations made to the 2023 brought our total to \$2,626,115.69. While this did fall slightly short of our \$2,700,00.00 goal it is truly a testament to all the hard work and generosity that our parish communities continue to show. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. Our new 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family" campaign is set to begin, and the first letter should be arriving soon. For more information or to donate, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 5 - St. Luke Crafters - 6-8 pm
Mar 6 - Choir Rehearsal - 7-8:30 pm
Mar 7 - Confirmation Rehearsal - 6:30 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 19 - St. Luke Crafters - 6-8 pm
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 - Coffee and Donuts - after 10:30 am Mass
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)

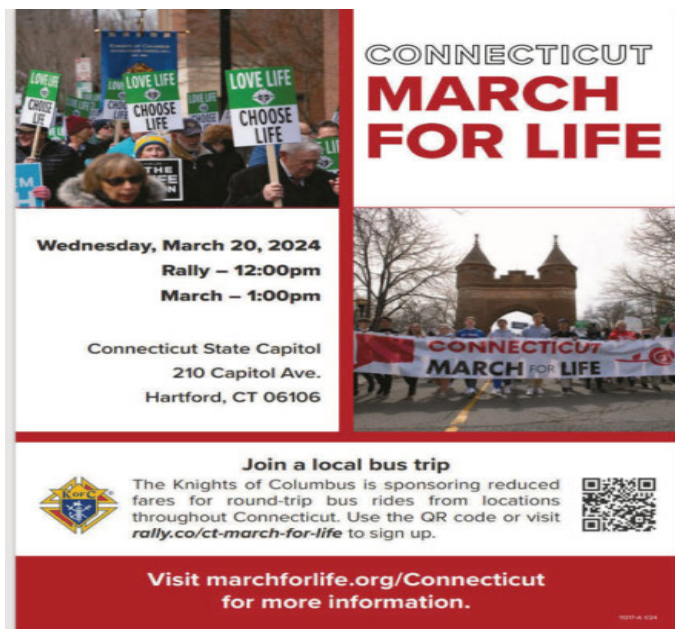
Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"The third seismic shift that occurs in the inner life is when we stop doing our prayer and start giving ourselves to prayer.

Giving yourself to prayer means showing up and letting God do what He wants to do with you during that time of prayer. It means letting go of expectations and agendas for our time with God."

Taken from *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory - A Spiritual Pilgrimage* by Matthew Kelly

Stop by the **Lending Library** and pick out a great book to read during this Lenten season.



The poster for the Connecticut March for Life features a collage of images: a group of people holding "LOVE LIFE CHOOSE LIFE" signs, a large banner with the same text, and a building. The text on the poster includes:

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.

Visit marchforlife.org/Connecticut for more information.

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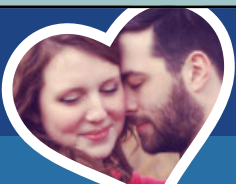
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