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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 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

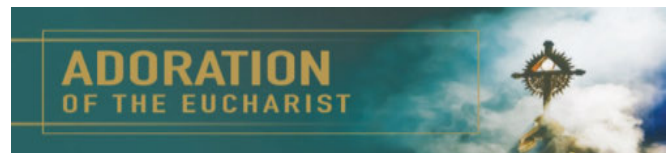
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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, 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

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 8:00AM

+CYNTHIA PELLEGRINI JOHNSON

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

R/B THE FAMILY

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 8:00AM

+HARRY & EDITH JOHNSON

R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 8:00AM

+DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH

R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 8:00AM

JEFF

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

R/B MOM

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00PM +MARK MCPARTLAND

R/B ST. LUKE CRAFTERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:30AM JONATHAN

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

R/B MOM

10:30AM FOR OUR CONFIRMATION
STUDENTS

6:00PM +FLORENCE BRENNAN

R/B THE FAMILY



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

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, Pacita Llmido, Ellen Lohnes, Richard
Marcinek, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Frank Penta, 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 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 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



Knights of Columbus Council 4122

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner

Sunday, March 17th

Pick up Times: 1:00pm-3:00pm

St. Bernard Church Hall

Dine-in or Take-out

Click go to the following link to order by March 13th

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/eb431724-fe4a-4411-ae6-8e1afb2465e8>

Dinners are \$20/person, including a generous portion of butcher cured corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and dessert (provided by BSP Youth Ministry).

Proceeds from the dinner will go to support Cornerstone. Additional donations for Clairvaux House, can be made on the order form. A portion of the dinner proceeds will also support Blessed Sacrament Youth Ministry.

If you are unable to order online, send the following information and a check payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 4122" for \$20/meal.

Please include: Name, email, phone, and # meals

Mail to: Tom Stauffer, 10 Moser Dr., Ellington, CT 06029

Questions? Call 860.682.0762 or Email Knights4122@cath-comm.org



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Community News



FEBRUARY 25, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$8,062

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God?

"Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

ACA

Recently many of you received a letter and brochure describing the many programs and ministries that are supported through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Today, we will watch a heartfelt message from Bishop Cote thanking you for your prayers and kindness during last year's successful campaign. Over the next week, as you reflect on your many blessings, please remember God calls each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. We thank you for any sacrificial offering that you can make. Please bring your completed ACA gift/pledge envelopes to church next weekend or if you have not received one, you may find one at both entrances of the Church.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7pm



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

Stuffed Spaghetti Squash-broccoli and Cheese

Ingredients

- 1 spaghetti squash
- 1 c shredded cheddar cheese plus extra to top it
- 2 T olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 c raw broccoli, chopped
- 1/2 tsp thyme



Instructions

Cut spaghetti squash in half and scrape out seeds. Place cut side down on a baking sheet and bake at 400 for 40 minutes or until a fork can poke it easily. While your squash is baking, make the filling. Place oil and onion in skillet and cook on low until translucent. Add garlic, red pepper, salt, thyme and broccoli. Stir and cook until broccoli just turns bright green. Don't cook it until it's tender because it will cook longer in the oven.

Mix in cheddar cheese.

Scrape the strings of squash out of the shell with a fork and place in skillet.

Mix all ingredients together and place them back in the squash shell.

Top with more cheese.

Bake in a 350 oven until cheese is melted, bubbly and slightly browned.

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CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF



DEANERY DAY OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH FROM 7AM-7PM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH-ROCKVILLE

You are invited to come celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on this special day. Priests from the Vernon Deanery will be available from 7am through 7pm to hear confessions (see schedule below). We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to encounter God and His mercy through reconciliation. This is a time of seeking God's forgiveness and a change of heart.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Priest</u>
7:00—8:00AM	Fr. Larry Barile
8:00—9:00AM	Fr. Larry Barile
9:00—10:00AM	Fr. Steve Gulino
10:00—11:00AM	Fr. Bill Olesik
11:00AM—12:00PM	Fr. George Villamthanam
12:00—1:00PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
1:00—2:00PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
2:00—3:00PM	Fr. Peter Liszewski
3:00—4:00PM	Fr. Bijoy Joseph
4:00—5:00PM	Fr. Tadeusz Zadorozny
5:00—6:00PM	Fr. Rick Ricard
6:00—7:00PM	Fr. Rick Ricard



Please pray for our 10th grade Faith Formation Students as they prepare for Confirmation on Sunday, March 10th.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

All-powerful God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

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 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 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 23 - Palm Sunday Bake Sale - 5 pm Mass
 Mar 24 - Palm Sunday Bake Sale
 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)



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings time begins on March 10th. Saturday night Vigil
 Mass will begin at 5:00pm starting March 16th.

St. Luke's Movie Night - Save the Date

Come to learn more about your faith and the men and women who shaped its history and teachings.

Movie, snacks and fellowship!
 Don't miss out...join us on Tuesday, March 19th, 7pm, to learn more about St. Joseph our Spiritual Father.

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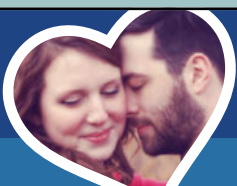
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