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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 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

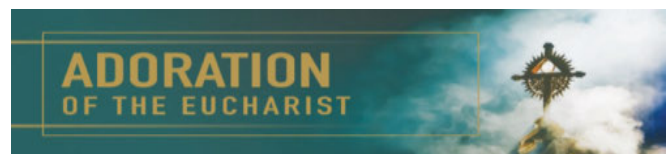
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 8:00AM

+MARY REGAN
R/B EARLENE PELLEGRINI

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 8:00AM

+MARY REGAN
R/B JOE & KIM BOCCHINO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 8:00AM

+FLORENCE BRENNAN
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 8:00AM

+CRISIANO SAVONA
R/B MARIA SAVONA & CHILDREN

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00PM +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
10:30AM +MARK MCPARTLAND
R/B MARC GIAQUINTO
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, Florence Brennan, Mary Regan, Frank Penta, Barbara Davis

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, Tonianne Anderson, 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, 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 10th, 17th and 24th – class from

9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Tuesday March 12th, 19th, 26th – class from

6:45-8 pm Grades 5-10

Wednesday March 13th, 20th, 27th – class from

6:45-8 Grades 6-10

Thursday March 7th - 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

No Sunday Class March 31st and April 7th

Sunday April 14th, 21st and 28th and May 5th – class

from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Tuesday April 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th – class from

6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday April 3rd, 17th, 24th and May 1st – class

from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

No Tuesday and Wednesday Class April 9th and 10th

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 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 17th - Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop

Saturday March 23rd - Grade 2 First Reconciliation

9:30am

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



Confirmation 2024

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmation students who were confirmed this weekend. May you always love Jesus as He loves you; trust in Him, pray to Him, make time for just the two of you; listen to Him, ask Him, and invite Him along on your life journey.

Tyler Baehre	Kaylee Baj	Emma Bontempo
Colby Casey	Jonathan D'Amour	Mia Fiasconaro
Michael Grimes	Carly Kaufman	Dylan Killoran
Justin LaFleche	Lylah McCauley	Tyler Owens
Nadia Piazza	Kylie Sakos	Jackson Stearns



Church of Saint Luke Community News



MARCH 3, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,301

MAINTENANCE - \$2,352

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with an increase of our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

ACA

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family". From ministry to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain and difficult times have increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card or envelope in the collection basket or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org or call (860) 886- 1928 to donate. Thank you and God Bless.



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

Traditional Newfoundland Cod au Gratin

Ingredients

1.5 pounds cod fillets (boneless and skinless), cut into bite-sized pieces (about 3 large fillets)
1.25 teaspoons salt, divided
1.5 cups milk, use 2 cups if you want things more saucy
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 yellow onion, peeled and minced
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon lemon zest, reserve lemon for wedges (4) for later
1 ¾ teaspoons dried dill (dill weed), divided (use less if you want less of a dill taste)
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup fresh bread crumbs

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
Place cod in a casserole dish (about 8-inch x 11-inch or something similar) and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon of salt. Set aside until you make the sauce. See "Notes" below if using cod fillets that have been previously frozen.
In a small saucepan, heat milk over low heat just to warm through (the milk will be used shortly for the sauce).
Meanwhile, in another saucepan, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium-low heat. Add onion and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes.
To onion, add butter. Once the butter melts, add flour and stir to form a paste. Cook, stirring often, about 3 to 5 minutes. Slowly add the warmed milk to this (½ cup at a time), whisking after each addition until thickened, about 3 to 4 minutes. Sauce mixture should coat the back of a spoon (mixture will be thick).
To sauce mixture, add remaining 1 teaspoon of salt, black pepper, lemon zest and 1.5 teaspoons of dill (you can use less, if you prefer). Stir to combine. Pour sauce mixture over cod, coating all fish. Stir to ensure mixture is incorporated well. Sprinkle cheddar cheese and croissant crumbs (or regular bread crumbs) on top of sauced fish mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes until bubbly and golden brown.



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Attention all Bakers:

Palm Sunday Bake Sale is March 23/24. We are looking for all kinds of goodies; cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, pies, breads, muffins, whatever is your favorite, are all needed.

Items can be dropped off on the parking lot side of church upstairs Saturday 3/23 after 2pm and Sunday 3/24 prior to 7:30 Mass only.

Please package your items as you would like them sold, we will not be repackaging.

Thank You!!!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on April 19th!

Join us for a fun night out! Spend time with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy an adult night out that begins here at St. Luke's at 5:30 for appetizers and drinks. Then, names of guests (singles or couples) will be drawn at random, and they will join their host back at the host's home for a dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, and wine. Following dinner everyone will come back together for dessert at St. Luke's.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses March 23rd/24th, April 6/7th and April 13/14th. Tickets for the event will be \$15 per person. Questions? Contact Earlene at 860-466-0401.

This is a great way to unwind, have fun, and make new friends!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

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 BE AT 5PM

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mar 19 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am

Mar 19 - St. Luke Crafters - 6-8 pm - CANCELED

Mar 19 - Movie Night - 7 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)

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.

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7pm



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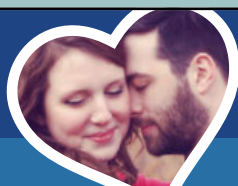
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