

# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 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 4:15 to 4:45

### 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.

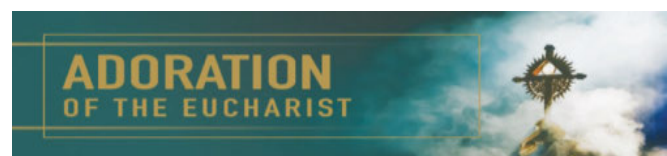
### MARRIAGES

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.

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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, MARCH 16

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

**7:30AM** +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH  
R/B THE WAUDBY & PECK FAMILY

**10:30AM** +MARK MCPARTLAND

R/B MARC GIAQUINTO

**6:00PM** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### MONDAY, MARCH 18, 8:00AM

+DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH  
R/B THE PELLEGRINI FAMILY

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 8:00AM

+WILLIAM & VIOLET MARR  
R/B THE FAMILY

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 8:00AM

+MARY REGAN  
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 8:00AM

+LOUISE CLOUTIER  
R/B THE FAMILY

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**5:00PM** +FRANK PENTA  
R/B ST. LUKE CRAFTERS

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY

**7:30AM** STEPHANIE MOORE  
R/B THE FAMILY

**10:30AM** +BILL CHAMBERLIN &  
KAYLA AVERY

R/B THE FAMILY

**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

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### 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 Lmido, 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

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### 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.

# Church of Saint Luke

## Faith Formation News

*“LIFT - Living In Faith Together! As we lift each other up in prayer and grow together in our Catholic Faith!”*

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### 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](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).

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### Faith Formation Classes and Events:

*Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>* – class from 9-10:15 am  
Grades K-5

*Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm  
Grades 5-10

*Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm  
Grades 6-10

*Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop  
9am

*Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>* – Grade 2 First Reconciliation  
9:30am

*Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>* – Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt  
No Sunday Class March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>

*Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>* – class  
from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

*Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>* – class from  
6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

*Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>* – class  
from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

No Tuesday and Wednesday Class April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>* – Grade 1 Parent Sacramental  
Meeting at 9:45am

*Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>* – Kindergarten and Grade 1  
Family Mass at 10:30

*Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>* – First Communion Rehearsal  
during class time

*Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>* – Teacher Appreciation Mass at  
10:30

*Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>* – First Communion Rehearsal in  
the Church at 6pm

*Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>* – Last Sunday Class Grades K-2, 4  
and 5

*Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>* – May Crowning and First Holy  
Communion – 10:30 am Mass

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. All children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

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### Confirmation 2024

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmation students who were confirmed last 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.

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 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 |

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### Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First

#### Eucharist Important Dates

*Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>* - Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop

*Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>* - Grade 2 First Reconciliation 9:30am

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### Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 and 10

All 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Vacation Bible School Camp 2024

SAVE THE DATES - August 6-8<sup>th</sup>.

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. Registration will begin on March 24th. We will also need adult and teens in grades 7-12 to volunteer



# Church of Saint Luke Community News



MARCH 10, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,586

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 5th Sunday of Lent

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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### ACA

As the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal "One Faith, One Family" continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable our ministries to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian needs to many. Pledge envelopes are located at the front and back entrances of the Church or you may visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment) or call (860) 886-1928 for alternate ways to give. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Holy Thursday - 7 pm Mass

March 29 - Good Friday - 3 pm

- Stations of the Cross - 7 pm

March 30 - Easter Vigil - 8 pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday - 7:30 am and 10:30 am

NO 6 pm Mass



### 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.

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### CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:30am.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of the Sick and for the Ordination of Priest. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**

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### HOLY THURSDAY MASS

If you would like to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, please call the Rectory at 860-875-8552. Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm.



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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!!!

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## 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!

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## PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT



Join St. Luke's Youth Group for our annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg

Hunt and Coffee and Donuts at 11:30AM to 12:15PM, after the 10:30 Mass. We will meet in the Parish Hall to start the activities.

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## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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 - St. Luke 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) 7 pm
- Mar 29 - Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - 3 pm
- Mar 29 - Stations of the Cross - Church - 7 pm
- Mar 30 - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) - 8 pm
- Mar 31 - The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

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## Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard."

-- St. Thomas Aquinas --

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

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Consortium of Manchester Catholic Elementary Schools  
Prospective Family Open House Events  
Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 8

St. James School: March 21st, 6:00pm

St. Bridget School: April 4th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Informational tours are also available by appointment. St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Tuition assistance is available for qualifying families. To learn more or RSVP for an Open House event, please contact Kathy at St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731, or Amy at St. James School, aguenther@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088 (#5).

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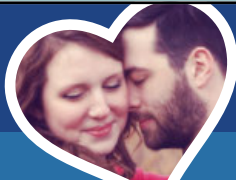
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