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THE PASSION OF THE LORD PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 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

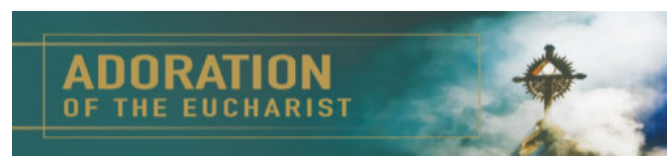
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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.



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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 8:00AM

+ELROY TORRES
R/B MILLIE BLOVISH

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 8:00AM

+FRANCIS & EMMA POIRER
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 8:00AM

+TERESA ROBERTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 PM

+FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 3:00PM

PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER

7:30AM +HENRY THOMAS
R/B JANE & THE FAMILY
10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
6:00PM **NO MASS**



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, Marge Girardini

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, Tonia Anderson, Calista Bailey, Louise Barbero, Jody & Laura Behrendt, Emma Benavivich, Tina Chamberlin, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Carol DiCioccio, Jeanne Ferruolo, Ann Marie Desjardins, 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

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!”

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 24th – class from 9-10:15 am

Grades K-5

Tuesday March 26th – class from 6:45-8 pm

Grades 5-10

Wednesday March 27th – class from 6:45-8 pm

Grades 6-10

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

Sunday April 21st – Grade 1 Parent Sacramental Meeting at 9:45am

Sunday April 21st – Kindergarten and Grade 1 Family Mass at 10:30

Sunday April 28th – First Communion Rehearsal during class time

Sunday April 28th – Teacher Appreciation Mass at 10:30

Thursday May 2nd – First Communion Rehearsal in the Church at 6pm

Sunday May 5th – Last Sunday Class Grades K-2, 4 and 5+

Sunday May 5th – 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 24th and April 14th, 21st, and 28th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

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.

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

Grade 3 First Holy Communion Important Dates

Sunday April 28th – Grade 3 First Holy Communion Rehearsal 9am

Thursday May 2nd – Grade 3 First Holy Communion 6pm

Sunday May 5th – First Eucharist and May Crowning at 10:30

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

Register Now - 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. Contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at stlukere@gmail.com for the registration link. We will also need adult and teens in grades 7-12 to volunteer



Church of Saint Luke Community News



MARCH 17, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$4,956

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Palm Sunday

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

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



A Palm Sunday Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you entered Jerusalem, great crowds waved palm branches and cried “Hosanna.” Save us now from our sins, and make us rejoice in you, our only Redeemer; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever.

~Amen



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.

CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK

As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit.

It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God’s people.

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

Tickets are on sale this weekend for our 1st Annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event. Tickets are \$15 per person. 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.

Questions? Contact Earlene at 860-466-0401. This is a great way to unwind, have fun, and get to know other parishioners!

**SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD
POLISH DINNER NIGHT**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024
5:00 p.m.**



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Stafford Springs, CT 06076**

Donation: \$15.00 per person

**Tickets are available, by calling the Parish
Office at**

860-684-2705 or Pat at 860-306-9419

Go Green Corner

SAVE WATER: Did you know only ~1.2 percent of water can be used as drinking water? The rest is locked up in glaciers, ice caps, and permafrost, or buried deep in the ground. That's why it's so important to conserve water where we can. According to the EPA, each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home. Here's how we can waste less water:

- Take shorter showers. If you struggle with this, play one or two of your favorite songs – and when it ends, be sure you're out!
- Place a bucket in the shower to catch water as you wait for the water to warm up. Then use it for watering your garden, or houseplants! You can also use this water for chores, like washing the dishes or mopping the floor.
- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth. Only turn it back on when you're ready to rinse.

Small changes that will make a big difference for our world!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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 26 - Chrism Mass - Cathedral of St. Patrick's, Norwich - 10:30 am
- 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)
- Apr 2 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- Apr 2 - Property Management Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Apr 4 - Adoration of the Eucharist - 7 pm
- Apr 5 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm
- Apr 5 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
- Apr 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 8 - The Annunciation of the Lord
- Apr 8 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
- Apr 16 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- Apr 16 - Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
- Apr 17 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
- Apr 19 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
- Apr 21 - Coffee and Donuts - after 10:30 am Mass
- Apr 22 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
- Apr 28 - Teacher Appreciation Mass and Lunch

Be An Evangelizer

Many believers feel it's their responsibility to "defend the Lord" when they're witnessing. But our job is simply to give out His Word and to allow the Word to do the work.

Remember, His Word is His power. Going beyond that by arguing and debating is a distraction and a time waster, and it should be avoided. So, don't debate! Just share the truth in love.

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"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown."

-- William Penn --

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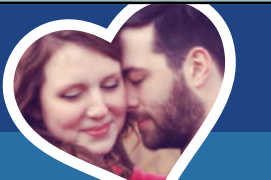
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