# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE 141 Maple Street, P.O. Box 246, Ellington, CT 06029 Phone: 860-875-8552 Fax: 860-872-6548 www.churchofstlukect.com Parish Email: stluke\_ellington@comcast.net

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

# MARCH 31, 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 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

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 8:00AM +FRANK PENTA R/B EARLENE PELLEGRINI

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 8:00AM +JOSEFINA KOWALSKI R/B HER HUSBANC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 8:00AM +ANITA WALSH R/B THE COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 8:00AM +MARGE GIRARDINI R/B PAUL & MARYLIN GILBERT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 8:00AM +THERESA ROBERTS 12:00PM +MARY REGAN R/B THE WOMEN'S GUILD

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 5:00PM +HENRY THOMAS BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE R/B JANE & CHILDREN

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7:30AM +MARGE GIRARDINI R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO 10:30AM FOR FATHER BIJOY FOR A SAFE JOURNEY 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, 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

# 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:

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*  $2^{nd}$ ,  $16^{th}$ ,  $23^{rd}$ ,  $30^{th}$  – class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 5-10 Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>h</sup>, 24<sup>h</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> – class from 6:45-8 pm - Grades 6-10 No Tuesday and Wednesday Class April  $9^{th}$  and  $10^{th}$ Sunday April 21st – 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 28th – 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



## <u>Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the</u> 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 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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### 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

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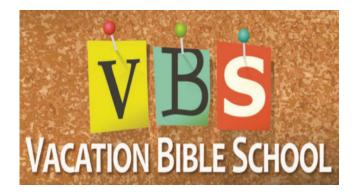
#### Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 and 10

All  $8^{th}$ ,  $9^{th}$  grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service, answer a few reflection questions and turn in their completed Service to Others Logs <u>no</u> <u>later than April 30, 2024</u>. We encourage all  $8^{th}$ ,  $9^{th}$  and  $10^{th}$  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 <u>stlukere@gmail.com</u> for the registration link. We will also need adult and teens in grades 7-12 to volunteer



# Church of Saint Luke Community News



# MARCH 24, 2024 REGULAR COLLECTION - early submission of bulletin will show balances next weekend

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Easter Sunday

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



3rd Annual

Spring-Cleaning Supply Drive

When: April 14 - April 28

To Benefit: Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Ellington Human Services Cornerstone Food Pantry

Sponsored by: St. Luke Women's Guild

\*Needed: all-purpose spray cleaner

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dish soap, laundry detergent

other cleaners

#### \*New, unopened, unexpired

Where: Boxes at the front and back entrances of the church.

Thank you for your generosity! (Call Anita at 860-803-4806 with questions.)

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### EASTER PRAYER

Dear Lord, may I realize afresh today what your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me. In Jesus' Name, 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.

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**ST. LUKE'S CONFRATERNITY OF ST JOSEPH GROUP** This group consists of a group of men that meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center at 6:30 pm to study and discuss aspects of our Church and faith. Meetings typically last an hour (occasionally a little longer). We are currently using Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover the Saints" as our discussion guide. All men of the Parish are welcome to join. Questions or for more information, please contact Jack Schirra at (860) 830-7853 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### CENACLE GROUP

The St Luke Cenacle Group is a prayer group that meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the parish center. We pray for the Catholics who have left the faith or lost the belief of The Real Presence in the Eucharist. We reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. We end the meeting with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the sick and dying in our families and our parish especially for those who died unexpectedly. All are welcomed. For more information, please see Sue Beers or Laraine Kennedy

# ST LUKES WOMEN'S GUILD

New members, Welcome! Please join us on the first and third Friday of every month at 10:30AM in the Parish Center, as we come together to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel. Join us at our upcoming meetings on April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or to join, please contact Carolina at <u>stlukewomenguild@gmail.com</u>

#### ST. ANNE GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Please join us for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Save the date for our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 10:30am In the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com

April 5th, First Friday Mass at 12pm

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# Church of Saint Luke

# 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!





Adoration of the Eucharist this Thursday, April 4th, at 7pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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 Rosary at 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

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# What is an Annulment?



If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren't quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, this informational workshop is for you. Join us:

#### Thursday, April 25, 2024, 7-8:30 P.M. St. Bernard Parish Hall 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Rockville, CT

Fr. Jeffrey Ellis of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will cover the numerous aspects of the annulment process including:

- $\blacklozenge$  Church teaching on marriage and divorce
- What an annulment is and isn't and why they exist
- Why a Catholic would need an annulment
  Grounds for annulment
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  Steps in the process and how to begin it
- Questions and answers

The annulment process may be the pathway you are seeking to healing, forgiveness and new joy.

For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office 860-848-2257, Ext 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please Join Us Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, for Adoration at 2PM and the Adoration of the St Faustina Relic. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow at 3PM.

