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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 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.



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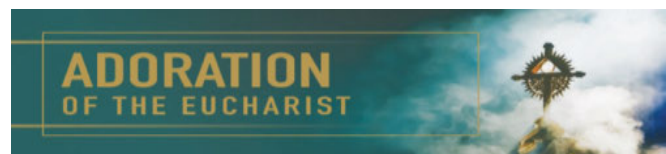
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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, 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

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 8:00AM

+HELEN DECARLI
R/B THE FAMILY

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 8:00AM

+DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH
R/B JOHN WRAIGHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 8:00AM

+MARGE GIRARDINI
R/B TOM & DOTTIE CURTISS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 8:00AM

+FRANK GAETANO
R/B THE FAMILY

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 8:00AM

+EUGENE GILBERT
16TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B PAUL & MARYLIN GILBERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:00PM +ARMAND & LORETTA LUCIANO
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:30AM +FRANK PENTA
R/B THE WAUDBY & PECK FAMILIES
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, 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, Barbara Donohue, Jeanne Ferruolo, Ann Marie Desjardins, 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.

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 April 7th

No Tuesday and Wednesday Class April 9th and 10th
Sunday April 14th, 21st and 28th and May 5th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Tuesday April 16th, 23rd, 30th – class from 6:45-8 pm
Grades 5-10

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

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

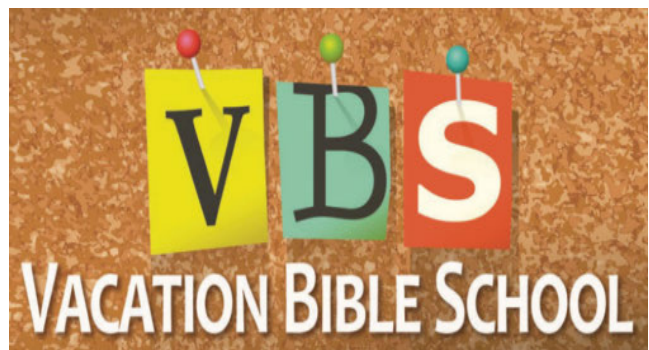
Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 and 10

All 8th and 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



REGULAR COLLECTION

MARCH 24, 2024 - \$5,070 Palm Sunday

MARCH 31, 2024 - \$7,507 Easter Sunday

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others



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
sponges
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.)

BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH DEACON KIM THOMPSON

brothers in Christ would like you to join us on Thursday-April 11th from 7pm – 7:45pm for our virtual session with Deacon Kim Thompson speaking on the relevance and history of Psalms inside the Mass. Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brothers in Christ fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or in-person. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



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.

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 19th. For additional information or to join, please contact Carolina at stlukewomenguild@gmail.com

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 larainekndy@yahoo.com

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!

BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY AWARDS BANQUET



Father George, Father Bijoy, Janet & Jim DeForge, Nancy & Justin DiGiacomo, Karen & Ray Luciano joined by other Vernon Knights and state Representatives of the Knights of Columbus, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville for the 48th Blessed Michael J. McGivney Awards Banquet, hosted by the Connecticut State Knights of Columbus Council.

This years honorees were the Bridgeport, Hartford and Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities.

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He was beatified on October 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of St Joseph in Hartford.

If you would like to become a member of the Knights of Columbus, contact Ray Luciano at 860-573-1187 or email at krluciano429@yahoo.com



PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

During May, the third Tuesday of the month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, May 21st following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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



Bereavement Support for Mothers The Diocesan Catholic Family

Services Office is sponsoring a day of support, reflection, and loving remembrance of 'A Child Who Was to Be,' a time of prayer and support for mothers who have lost a child to an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death on **Saturday, May 4** from 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall, 52 West Town St, Norwichtown. There is no fee, but registration is required by April 26. A light lunch will be included. To register contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Fundraiser



Please join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Charity Gala, Saturday, April 20, 6:30 pm at A Villa Louisa, Bolton CT.

RSVP on-line www.outreachtohaiti.org or call Outreach to Haiti 860 800 3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's long-standing mission in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Outreach provides nutrition & feeding programs, medical and healthcare aid, education sponsorship, parish twinning and more. The evening features a silent auction, cocktails, and dinner. The price is \$100.

Thank you for your support!

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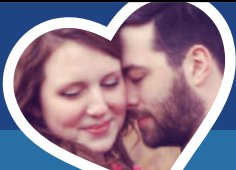
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