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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 28, 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  
Rosary - Monday through Friday 7:30 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

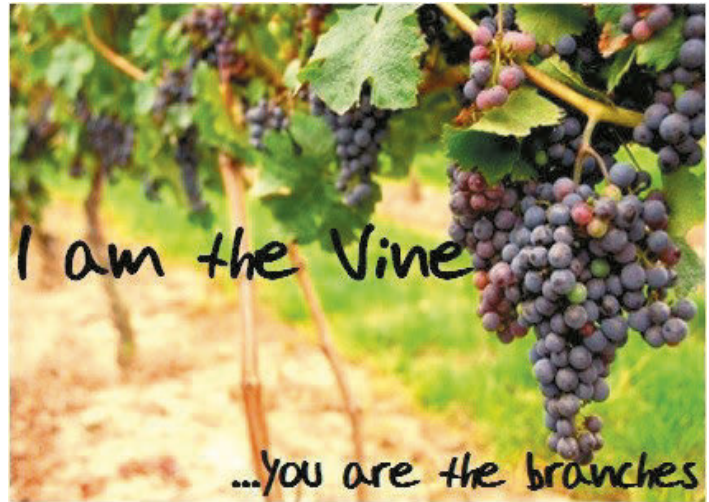
Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader  
860-875-4951  
stlukere@gmail.com

## 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.

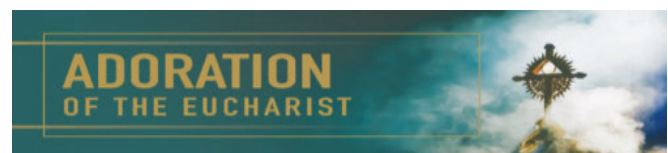
## MARRIAGES

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, APRIL 27

5:00PM +MAURICE & ELLENA GRIFFIN  
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
R/B TRICIA SCHUITEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30AM +RACHEL GILBERT  
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT  
10:30AM FOR ALL CATECHISTS &  
AIDES  
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 8:00AM

+MARGE GIRARDINI  
R/B THE PELLEGRINI FAMILY

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 8:00AM

+WAYNE REYNOLDS  
R/B THEODORE & JOAN KENYON

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 8:00AM

+ROSA SAVONA  
R/B MARIA

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:00AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
12:00PM +MARY REGAN  
R/B JOE & KIM BOCCHINO

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00PM +PAUL LABBEE  
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30AM +MARGE GIRARDINI  
R/B THE COHUN FAMILY  
10:30AM FOR OUR FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION STUDENTS  
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, Wayne Reynolds, Barbara Donohue

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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 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.”*

### 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).**

### A Special Thank YOU to our volunteer Catechists and CLOW Ministers

We at St. Luke's Parish are BLESSED with wonderful volunteers that share their faith and help grow the faith of their students. Please keep all of our catechists and CLOW ministers in your prayers. If you see them thank them and let them know how GRATEFUL we are as a parish for all they do!

Wanda Allen	Kim Bocchino	Carolina Braga
Tracey Brown	Jacqueline Cabrera	Dan Dunn
Rosalia Guerette	Jeannine Hintze	Tracy Kearcher
Jon McPartland	Janet Settle	Chris Snyder
Dan Sullivan	Courtney Stearns	Annie Vassuer
Kitty Walker		

CLOW Ministers: Carolina Braga & Gabi, Kristy Duddy & Mason, Marie Gray & Anthony, Tim Kearcher & Alyssa, Kate & Colleen McGrath and Simone & Keira Warner

### Faith Formation Classes and Events:

*Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>* – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5  
*Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>* - No Kindergarten Class  
*Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm Grades 5-10  
*Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm Grades 6-10  
*Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>* – First Communion Rehearsal during class time  
*Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>* – Teacher Appreciation Mass at 10:30  
*Tuesday and Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>* – Grade 9 Confirmation meeting for both parent and students at 7:30pm in the classroom  
*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 April 28<sup>th</sup>. All children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 am Mass

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

All 8<sup>th</sup> and 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.

### Register Now Vacation Bible School Camp 2024

Register NOW for Vacation Bible School Camp this summer for children age 4 through the 6th grade (Fall 2024). VBS will run from 9-12 noon Tuesday - Thursday August 6-8th. All parishioners can register now through May 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per child. Non-parishioners can register from April 22<sup>nd</sup> until May 15<sup>th</sup>, cost per child is \$15. Contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com) for the registration link or with any questions. We are in need of both adult and teens in grades 7-12 to volunteer, please contact Kim to volunteer.





# Church of Saint Luke Community News



APRIL 21, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,211

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” - 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

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## GARDEN CLUB IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help keep our church grounds looking beautiful! Volunteers are needed to help maintain the

many perennial gardens on the church property throughout the growing season. Tasks include weeding, pruning, deadheading and watering. An hour a week or anytime your schedule allows is all that is needed. No previous gardening experience needed, tools provided. Please contact Janet DeForge for more information at 860-508-7254.

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**Please join us for Holy Hour on Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm and First Friday Mass on May 3rd at 12 noon.**

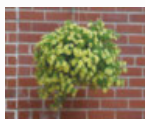
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4122

The Knights of Columbus, Council #4122 will be selling hanging flower baskets on Mother’s Day weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses.

**Checks or Cash only.**



## 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

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## 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

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## 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 May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or to join, please contact Carolina at [stlukewomenguild@gmail.com](mailto:stlukewomenguild@gmail.com)

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## 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, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am In the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact: Louise at [hearttau@aol.com](mailto:hearttau@aol.com) or Laraine at

[laraineknndy@yahoo.com](mailto:laraineknndy@yahoo.com)

# Church of Saint Luke



In collaboration with the U.S. Catholic bishops Eucharistic Revival, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center

presents an exhibit, *True Presence: The Eucharist in History and Art*, on view through September 8, 2024. Admission and parking are free. The McGivney Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven and open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 AM – 4 PM. More information: 203-865-0400 or michaelmcgivneycenter.org

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## 2024 ACA update

As of April 11, 2024, **Saint Luke Parish, Ellington** has donated \$26,789.00 or 58.77% of its goal, and 21.66% of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

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## Young Catholic Professionals



St. Joseph Saturday Morning Retreat in Waterbury. Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our St. Joseph Saturday Morning Retreat! Come

enjoy a morning of rest and reflection with Our Lord. Holy Mass and Confession will be offered. Let's take a moment to reflect on the Eucharist and our work as we close out the Easter season. We look forward to meeting you there!

**Where:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 62 St Michael's Dr, Waterbury, CT 06704

**When:** Sat, May 4th from 9AM - 1PM

**Who:** All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or [https://ycp.glueup.com/event/st-joseph-saturdays-retreat-waterbury-102259/?pk\\_campaign=widget-event-list](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/st-joseph-saturdays-retreat-waterbury-102259/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list)

E-mail [info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org](mailto:info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org) to learn more.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Apr 28 - Teacher Appreciation Mass and Lunch
- May 2 - Holy Hour - 7pm
- May 3 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm
- May 3 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
- May 5 - First Holy Communion - 10:30 am Mass
- May 5 - Crowning of Mary - 10:30 am Mass
- May 7 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- May 9 - Ascension of Our Lord - Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 11 & 12 - Knights of Columbus Flower Sale
- May 13 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
- May 15 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
- May 16 - Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
- May 16 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- May 17 - Women's Guild - Rosary at 10:30 am
- May 19 - Pentecost
- May 26 - Most Holy Trinity
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- May 27 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS. THEY WILL BE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT NEXT WEEKEND.**

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## Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"...in Joseph's dream, the "moon" very clearly stands for Rachel his "mother" (Genesis 37:9-10). When we remember that in the Jewish Bible, putting something or someone "under one's feet" is often an image for royal dominion (e.g., Psalms 8:7; 110:1-4), the implication of John's vision of a woman who is clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, and wearing a crown of twelve stars seems to be that the heavenly Mother of the Messiah is exalted above all Israel, including the patriarchs and matriarchs of old."

Taken from **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary** by Brant Pitre.

Stop by the **Lending Library** and browse through our new titles!

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## Prayer for World Peace:

*Almighty God, I pray for peace in our world, where there is often conflict and strife. Bring an end to violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, I pray. Amen.*



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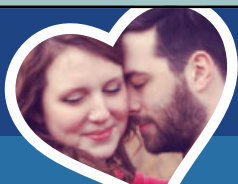
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