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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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

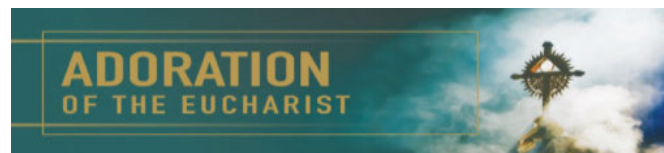
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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.



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, 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

MONDAY, MAY 6, 8:00AM

+JOSEPHINE SFERRAZZA
R/B DONNA LEE

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 8:00AM

+WAYNE REYNOLDS
R/B NEIL & MARY TAYLOR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 8:00AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

THURSDAY, MAY 9, ASCENSION OF THE
LORD (HOLY DAY)

8:00AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
7:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, MAY 11

5:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:30AM +WAYNE REYNOLDS
R/B JOHN PLONSKI
10:30AM +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH
R/B THE BOCCHINO 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, Wayne Reynolds, Barbara Donohue, Richard Riley

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

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* 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.**

First Holy Communion:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Gianmarco Braga	Graham Cook	Parker Hany
Grace Lanzoni	Ryder MacDonald	Rianna Nimal
Ivan Patino	Jessa Vesce	Matthew Vesce

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 May 5th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Sunday May 5th - No Kindergarten Class

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

Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 & 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 Other Logs. Completed logs were due April 30th, 2024. If you have not yet turned in your form please contact Mrs. Bocchino in the Faith Formation office.



Register Now Vacation Bible School Camp 2024

Looking for a "Stellar" Summer Camp? Look no further. Back by popular demand, St. Luke's is offering VBS camp again this year with a Stellar theme. Children will enjoy days filled with games, an imagination station, snacks, videos, and stories that will blast them into another world, while still getting practical tips on how we can shine Jesus's light. VBS will run from 9-12 noon Tuesday - Thursday August 6-8th. VBS is for children age 4-6th grade (fall 2024). Bring a friend, non-parishioners are welcome. Registration is open and closes May 15th. Cost is \$10 per child for parishioners and \$15 per child for non-parishioners. Contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at stlukere@gmail.com with questions or to register or scan this QRCode to register:



Church of Saint Luke Community News



APRIL 28, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$3,933

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

6th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

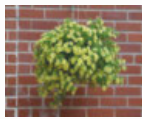


The Perennial Plant Sale will be held after all Masses on the weekend of May 18th & 19th

Attention gardeners! Are you dividing your perennials? Please consider donating any extra plants to the plant sale. Perennials, herbs, vegetable plants are welcome. Proceeds will be used to maintain the gardens and purchase plants for the church property. We are also in need of plant containers. Medium and large pots are needed. Please leave them next to the lawn/garden shed at the back of the parking lot.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4122



The Knights of Columbus, Council #4122 will be selling hanging flower baskets on Mother's Day weekend, May 11th and May 12th, after all Masses. The cost is \$20

Cash or Check only.

HOUSE OF GOD

Please be mindful of your fellow parishioners as you enter Church - remember this is the House of God. As we enter, we should be reverent and prayerful. All conversations should be held either outside or in a very quiet voice in order not to disturb others trying to pray.

~Thank you!

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 May 17th. 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, May 21st 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

Church of Saint Luke

Congratulations!



The following parishioners were elected to the St. Luke Parish Council for the 2024 - 2026 term.

Erica Hanlon Scott Zuffelato
Ann Vasseur Janet Settle
Tim Kearcher

Thank you to everyone who voted!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sixth Sunday of EASTER:



1 John 4:7: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.* Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to love one another more. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA
June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY
August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwwmectw.org/>

Father Tom Scholarship 2024



Applications for the Father Tom Scholarship can be picked up at the Rectory or Faith Formation office or

printed from our website. All applications must be submitted by 6pm Monday May 13th, 2024 directly to Father George. No incomplete applications will be accepted.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MASSES: 8:00am and 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- May 17 - Women's Guild - Rosary at 10:30 am
- May 18 & 19 - Perennial Plant Sale
- May 19 - Pentecost
- May 21 - Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
- May 21 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- May 26 - Most Holy Trinity
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- May 27 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
- June 4 - St. Luke Crafters - 6:00 pm
- June 6 - Holy Hour - 7:00 pm
- June 7 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm
- June 7 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
- June 10 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
- June 16 - Father's Day
- June 18 - Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am
- June 19 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
- June 20 - Summer Begins 😊
- June 21 - Women's Guild - Rosary at 10:30 am
- June 24 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek – Jesus, her Son."

~Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY
PRAY THE ROSARY**



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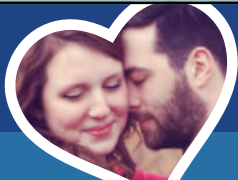
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