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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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

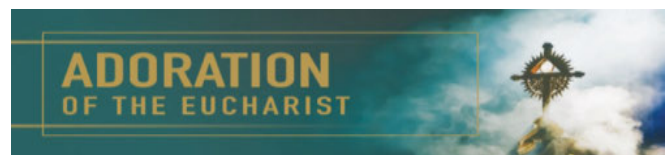
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 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

MONDAY, MAY 13, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 8:00AM
+LUCY NERON
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 8:00AM
+WAYNE REYNOLDS
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 8:00AM
+THERESA ROBERTS

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 8:00AM
+ELLA MATHIEU
4TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

SATURDAY, MAY 18
5:00PM +WAYNE REYNOLDS
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, MAY 19, PENTECOST
7:30AM +JANINE CIMMINO
R/B JOHN PLONSKI
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, Wayne Reynolds, Barbara Donohue, Richard Riley, Erika Phillips

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, Roberto & 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 *Growing in Faith Together!* Our Faith Formation program runs Kindergarten through Confirmation in grade 10. Registration Letters will be mailed in early July. For more information contact Kim Bocchino in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com.

New Family Registration

Is your family new to St Luke Parish or do you have school aged children this coming fall? Our Faith Formation program is for all grade levels up to and including Confirmation in grade 10. We welcome all new families with students in these grades to contact the office for registration information and so we can answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you and your children!

First Holy Communion:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received their First Holy Communion last 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

Faith Fun at Home this Summer

Parents spend time this summer reinforcing and growing your children’s Faith! Visit a Shrine, pray with your children, remind them to pray and find time as a family to pray, take a walk around the church property and explore the outside Stations of the Cross and the many statues on the property, travel to different Churches for mass, pray a rosary together. Send your Children to VBS Camp. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Looking for Faith Activities to do with your children at home this summer? Check out these websites and others for fun faith activities for the whole family:

www.catholicicing.com/, www.catholicmom.com/, www.teachingcatholickids.com/ and www.cultivatingcatholics.com

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



MAY 5, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,068

MAINTENANCE - \$2,721

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Ascension of Our Lord

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

– 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



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

Gardeners, please consider donating your extra plants to the plant sale. Perennials, herb and vegetable plants are welcome. Containers are available besides the lawn/garden shed at the back of the parking lot. Plants may be dropped off anytime after Thursday May 18th next to the “Plant Sale” sign in the back parking lot behind the rectory. Please label – Plant sticks will be available in the drop off area. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants and maintain the gardens on the church property.

For questions call Janet DeForge 860-508-7254

Volunteers are needed to clean and paint the outside railings at the front and back entrances to the Church and Rectory. Please contact Karen at the Rectory at 860-875-8552 Monday through Thursday 9am to 1pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4122

The Knights of Columbus, Council #4122 will be selling hanging flower baskets this weekend after all Masses. The cost is \$20

Cash or Check 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.

A Mother's Love

In the quiet of dawn, when the world still dreams, A mother stirs, her heart a constellation of love's gleam. Her hands, weathered and gentle, weave life's tapestry, Each thread a story of sacrifice, resilience, and boundless glee.

She cradles dreams in her arms, like fragile petals of spring, Nurturing hope, whispering secrets only mothers can bring. Her laughter dances through the house, a melody so sweet, Guiding us through storms, making life's bitter moments fleet.

Her eyes hold galaxies—the universe reflected within, A thousand wishes, a million prayers, etched on her skin. She knows our fears, our dreams, our hidden desires, Her love, an unwritten poem, set ablaze by celestial fires.

When we stumble, she's our refuge, arms wide open wide, Her embrace, a sanctuary where wounded hearts confide. She's the lighthouse in our storms, the compass in our night, Guiding us to safe harbors, where love's beacon burns bright.

So here's to you, dear mother, on this sacred day, May your love bloom eternal, in every word you say. For you are the sun that warms our souls, the moon that calms our seas, A symphony of grace and strength—a mother's legacy.



Happy Mother's Day !

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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.

Women's Guild Spring Cleaning Supply Drive

We would like thank all of you who donated cleaning supplies. We are grateful for all the donations and they have been delivered to Ellington Food Pantry, Crystal Lake Food Pantry and Cornerstone



The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center will host a presentation by Father Roger Landry, *The Christian Life as a Eucharistic Pilgrimage*, Saturday, May 18, at 1 PM. Father Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, will be escorting the Blessed Sacrament from New Haven to Indianapolis as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Other pilgrims joining him for the duration will be present too. Free admission and parking are available at the McGivney Center (1 State Street, New Haven CT 06511) For more information call: 203-865-0400 or michaelmcgivneycenter.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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

PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 19TH

Why We Wear Red on Pentecost

The color red has a deep symbolic meaning in Christian tradition and serves as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church. Just as flames of fire descended upon the disciples, enveloping them with divine power and inspiration, the color red ignites our hearts with fervor and zeal for our faith.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY PRAY THE ROSARY


The Saint Luke Cenacle Group invites you to join us for a Holy Hour from 6:30-7:30pm, Monday, May 13th, The Feast of our Lady of Fatima. This will be a silent Holy Hour ending with praying the Rosary for peace in our world and conversion of hearts to Christ.

Upcoming Events

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PILGRIMAGE CENTER

ONSITE PRESENTATION

The Christian Life as a Eucharistic Pilgrimage




Father Roger Landry

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 1 p.m.

Father Roger Landry will speak about the Catholic journey of faith before embarking on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

The session will include introductions of the Perpetual Pilgrims who will process with the Blessed Sacrament along the eastern (Seton) route, from New Haven to Indianapolis.

Scan the QR code to register for this free onsite presentation.



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