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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 17, 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 3:15 to 3:45

SECRETARY - Karen Luciano

Office Hours - M-T-TH 9-1

FAITH FORMATION

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

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Deacon Frank Hann
Phone: 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

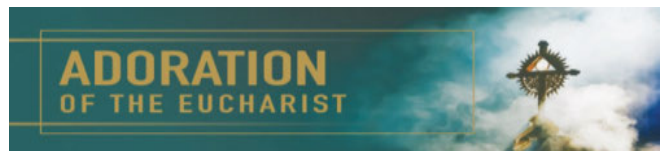
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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

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Lord, Hear our Prayer



Mass Intentions for the Week



IN LOVING MEMORY

SATURDAY, NOV 16

4:00PM +MR & MRS ELI CORMIER
R/B NANCY CIANCI

SUNDAY, NOV 17

7:30AM +ALLAN OTT
R/B ALYCE MAYER
10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA AVERY
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00PM + RAYMOND RAMSEY
R/B THE FAMILY

MONDAY, NOV 18, 8:00AM

+PACITA LLAMIDO
R/B LOUISE BARBERO

TUESDAY, NOV 19, 8:00AM

+FATHER FIRMIN LACHAPELLE
R/B GEMMA MARQUIS

WEDNESDAY, NOV 20, 8:00AM

+DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY OF THE
KENNEDY FAMILY

THURSDAY, NOV 21, 8:00AM

+ALLAN OTT
R/B ALYCE MAYER

FRIDAY, NOV 22, 8:00 AM

+MARGE GIRARDINI
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B THE COHUN FAMILY

SATURDAY, NOV 23

4:00PM +LISA HEANEY
R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, NOV 24 - *Feast of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30AM +FOR THE WHITE & WAUDBY
FAMILIES
R/B THE FAMILY
10:30AM +THERESA OFFREDI
R/B KIM
6:00PM + DICK JESUS & MANUEL JESUS MATOS
R/B THE FAMILY

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, Richard Dubay, Jeanne Ferruolo, Carol & Bob Gay, Marge Griffin, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Bob & Laraine Kennedy, Joseph King, Kathy Larew, Roberto Llamido, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Alan Pienkowski, 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



SANCTUARY CANDLE - NOVEMBER 17, 2024

In Loving Memory of Marge Girardini
Requested by: Joe

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.

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Faith Formation News

"God, thank you for giving us the gift of one another. Amen."

Faith Formation 2024-2025

We are off to a great year of ***Growing Together in Faith and Love of Jesus!*** Parents, students and catechists will spend time nurturing and growing our prayer lives and faith throughout the year. Our Faith Formation program runs through Confirmation in grade 10. Anyone who has not yet registered for classes contact the Faith Formation office. **For more information contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com.**

Faith Formation Classes and Events:

Sunday November 17th, 24th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-6

Tuesday November, 19th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday November 20th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Sunday November 17th – Grade 3 Parent and Student Mass Workshop

Sunday December 8th, 15th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-6

Tuesday December 3rd, 10th, 17th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday December 4th, 11th, 18th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9

Sunday December 8th – Grade 9 and 10 Family Mass followed by Confirmation Retreat

Grade 2 and 3 Important Dates

Sunday November 17th – Grade 3 Parent and Student Mass Workshop

Sunday January 12th – Grade 2 Parent and Student Reconciliation Workshop

Sunday January 12th – Grade 2 Family Mass

Sunday February 2nd – Grade 3 Candle Family Mass

Sunday February 23rd – Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop

Sunday March 2nd – Grade 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass

Sunday April 27th – Grade 3 First Eucharist Rehearsal

Thursday May 1st at 5:30pm – First Eucharist Rehearsal

Sunday May 4th – Grade 3 Crowning of Mary and First Eucharist Mass

Confirmation 2025

- Confirmation Candle Mass Sunday December 8th at 10:30 m Mass
- Confirmation Retreat Sunday December 8th after Mass to 3:45pm
- Confirmation Family Mass Sunday January 26, 2025 at 10:30 Mass
- Confirmation Reconciliation at class March 11th and 12th
- Confirmation Rehearsal Thursday March 13th at 6:30pm
- Confirmation Saturday March 15th at 10:30am

Any questions, contact Kim in the Faith Formation Office

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 am Mass

Please join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 Mass. CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on November 17th, 24th, December 8th, and 15th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

Service to Others & Youth Group – Grades 8 & 9

All 8th and 9th grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service, answer reflection questions and turn in their completed Service to Other Logs **no later than April 30th, 2025**. 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.*



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Community News



NOVEMBER 10, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$4,642

Thank you for your generosity

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration which began in 1974. This is a yearly celebration of Catholic Education throughout the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week for 2025 is: "Alive in Christ." The theme reflects on what it means to be fully alive as a human being in Christ. It is based on Pope Francis's words, "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 26-February 1, 2025. The companion to National Catholic Schools Week is Discover Catholic Schools Week which is celebrated on November 17- 23, 2024.

During these two weeks a year Catholic schools focus on the value of a Catholic education provided to young people and their contributions to the church, communities and our nation.

Catholic school education is an investment. Families work hard to cover the expense of tuition because they value faith-filled and quality academic formation for their children. Many families rely on financial assistance, scholarship opportunities and development support in order to bridge the gap. Donors are essential to their success. Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide.

Catholic school alumni are living examples of your Catholic school product. Whether students have moved on to high school or matriculated into college, a large part of their formation and readiness was established in their prior Catholic school experience instilled in them by dedicated teachers, administrators and religious orders.

Pope Francis said, "It's in school where one learns truth, good and beauty."

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus your Son, You have given to Your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet, and king, and have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word and guided us through His rule.

We thank You for the previous bishops who have shepherd the people of the Diocese of Norwich. We ask you, Father, to guide and enlighten those who are now tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man chosen be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of wisdom, joy and peace who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse and protector of the Church, our patrons Saint Patrick and Saint Ann, and ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bereavement Day of Prayer

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: Praying Your Good-byes on Saturday, December 7 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by December 2 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughin@norwichdiocese.net



Please join us in giving the Gift of Warmth to both children and adults in need this Christmas season. We will be running our annual Mitten Tree to collect mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks. There will be one tree located at the entrance of the church and a second tree located at the entrance of the parish center. Items may be dropped off between November 30th and December 11th. Thank you for your love and generosity.

Advent retreat for women

Welcome all women to a **FREE** Advent retreat for women entitled "Mary, Our Model of Joy!" It'll be virtual via Zoom on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, from 9am-noon. It's organized by a devoted group of women from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish (St. Mary, Coventry & St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs). Join us for a **FREE**, fun, & faith-filled morning with an inspiring talk, prayer, music, & great small group discussions! Just contact Elizabeth Percy, our retreat director, to register at tiggpercy@gmail.com. Hope to see your happy faces!

PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it’s never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Raffle

Do you want to Win \$10,000? It is the only prize awarded, with only 400 tickets sold; \$100 each. The raffle drawing will take place Noon on Monday, December 16 at the Outreach Office – just in time for Christmas shopping. To get your ticket call our office 860-800-3601 and ask for LoAnn, visit our website www.outreachtohaiti.org or send your check to Outreach to Haiti, 815 Boswell Ave., Norwich, CT 06360. Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti feeds malnourished children and expectant mothers, provides health care, education, and training for micro-businesses to thousands of families in the poverty-stricken, Christ the King neighborhood and fourteen parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Donations of any amount are gratefully received. God bless you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 19 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am
Nov 20 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Nov 20 - Choir Rehearsal (Christmas Kickoff) - 7:00 pm
Nov 24 - Youth Group Meeting - Church Hall
Nov 25 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Nov 28 - Thanksgiving
Nov 30 - Advent begins
Nov 30 - Dec 11 - The Mitten Tree
Dec 3 - **No Morning Mass**
Dec 4 - **No Morning Mass**
Dec 4 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Dec 5 - Holy Hour - 7:00 pm
Dec 6 - Women’s Guild - 10:30 am
Dec 6 - First Friday Mass at 12:00 pm
Dec 9 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Dec 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 11 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Dec 14 - Dec 21 - The Giving Tree
Dec 15 - Donuts and Coffee after 10:30 Mass
Dec 17 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am
Dec 18 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Dec 18 - Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Dec 20 - Women’s Guild - Rosary at 10:30 am
Dec 24 - Reconciliation - 3:15pm to 3:45pm
Dec 24 - **Christmas Eve - Masses at 4:00 pm and 10:00pm**
Dec 25 - **Christmas Day - Masses at 7:30 am and 10:30 am**

CRECHE PHOTOS



There has been such a positive response to the crèche photos on the Blessed Sacrament website that the Knights will be doing it again for this Christmas season. If you missed submitting your crèche photo so far, here is another opportunity. Each year we add new submissions to what has been submitted in past years. Both outside and inside displays have added to a beautiful program available on Blessed Sacrament’s website.

Remember, this is not a contest to see the best. It is hoped that your photo will encourage others to set up a crèche in their home as a way of remembering the real reason that we celebrate Christmas... it is to remember that Christ was born to bring salvation to everyone.

There is a deadline of Dec 20th for submitting your photos. Be sure to note that the submission is from a St Luke’s parishioner.

If you have not seen these truly inspirational displays the link to use is:

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/Service/KofC>

Photos can be submitted between December 1st and December 20th.

- They can be sent by email to bscrechepotos@gmail.com
- They can be sent by text to 860-519-9094



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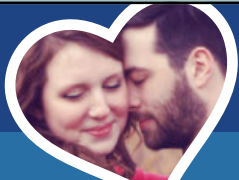
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