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FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 24, 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

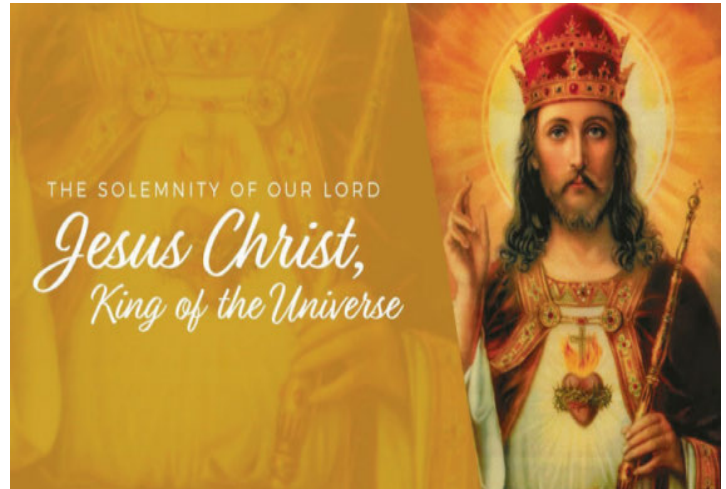
Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader
Phone: 860-875-4951
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RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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

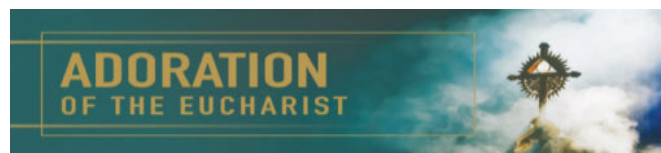
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 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

MONDAY, NOV 25, 8:00AM
+DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY OF
PATRICIA WITNOK

TUESDAY, NOV 26, 8:00AM
+NORMAN THIBODEAU
R/B GEMMA MARQUIS

WEDNESDAY, NOV 27, 8:00AM
+STEVE & THOMAS MOKOSH
R/B THE FAMILY

THURSDAY, NOV 28, 8:00AM
THANKSGIVING DAY
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, NOV 29, 8:00 AM
+STEPHANIE MOORE
R/B THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, NOV 30
4:00PM +LORETTA LUCIANO
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, DEC 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30AM +JOHN & BARBARA DONOHUE
R/B THE DONOHUE FAMILY
10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
6:00PM + FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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 24, 2024
In Loving Memory of Loretta Luciano
Requested by: Ray & Karen

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 24th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-6

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

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 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.*

Grade 2 and 3 Important Dates

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

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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



JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Come and sing for Christmas – no experience necessary!

The Saint Luke's Adult Choir will be singing at the 10p Mass on Christmas Eve and we would love for you to join us.

Rehearsals:

Weds 12/4 7-8p

Weds 12/11 7-8p

Tues 12/17 7-8p

Please call or text Elana with any questions (860) 798-5818

**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**



**GIVE
THANKS**



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Community News



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$6,644

Thank you for your generosity



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.

2024 ACA update

As of November 6, 2024, Saint Luke Parish, Ellington has donated \$33,362.75 or 73.19% of its goal, and 28.07% 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. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Bereavement Day of Prayer

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: Praying Your Goodbyes 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

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.



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



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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



THE ADVENT WREATH

The Individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel

signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God’s promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Though the Mercy Home Advent wreath does not include a white candle, this is a tradition that has become popular in modern day adaptations.

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity – because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 1 - First Sunday of Advent

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**



Bring Christmas Cheer with a Miracle Bag

This Christmas Day, St. Vincent de Paul Place will be spreading warmth and kindness by delivering roast beef dinners to those in need. Alongside each meal, we want to offer a “Miracle Bag”—a gift of essential items and thoughtful touches to remind each person and family that they are valued and not alone this holiday season.

Help Us Fill 700 Miracle Bags

Each bag will include items that bring warmth, comfort, and care, such as:

- ★ Warm hats and gloves for men and women
- ★ Shampoo and conditioner
- ★ Toothpaste
- ★ Shaving cream, razors, and deodorant
- ★ \$10 gift cards (to Walmart, grocery stores, or restaurants)

Share Your Heartfelt Words

We invite you or your group to add a personal touch to each bag. Create a card with uplifting messages, quotes, or drawings to offer hope and friendship during this challenging season. Many of our patrons face loneliness and struggle over the holidays; a simple note can make all the difference.

How You Can Help

Please bring your donations to St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff Street, before December 16th. You can drop off items in bulk or prepared as individual gift bags. Every donation, no matter how small, helps spread the warmth of the season.

For Questions or to Arrange a Drop-Off

Call: 860-889-7374
Email: Celia at cgs99@aol.com

All contributions are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated. Thank you for helping us share the spirit of Christmas!



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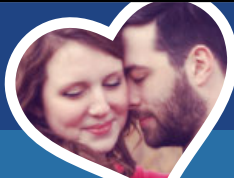
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