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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2025

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

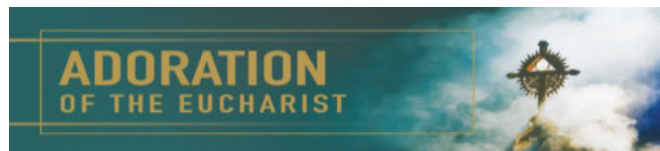
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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

SATURDAY, JAN 4

4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JAN 5, **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30AM +FRED THOMAS
FIRST ANNIVERSARY

R/B JANE

10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA
AVERY

R/B THE FAMILY

6:00PM +RICHARD PAUL
R/B VINCENT & RITA

MONDAY, JAN 6, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, JAN 7, 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8, 8:00 AM
+FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
BEERS FAMILY

THURSDAY, JAN 9, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, JAN 10, 8:00 AM
+FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
COHUN FAMILY

SATURDAY, JAN 11
4:00PM +ANN MARIE DESJARDINS
R/B JEANNINE BRICKEY

SUNDAY, JAN 12, **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
10:30AM FOR GRADE 2 STUDENTS &
THEIR FAMILIES
6:00PM +FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE WHITE & WAUDBY FAMILIES
R/B THE FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY

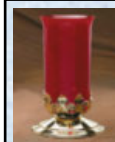


Susan Roberts

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, Virginia Connell, 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 - January 5, 2025
In Loving Memory of Deceased
Parishioners of St. Luke

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

*“Let’s begin the New Year with Faith, Love, and Peace.
Wishing you all the best! Happy New Year!”*

Faith Formation 2024-2025

Let us all work together as we ***Grow 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:

All classes resume in the New Year the week of January 7, 2025

Tuesday January 7th, 14th 21st, 28th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9

Sunday January 12th, 26th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-6

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

Sunday January 12th – Grade 2 Family Mass

Sunday January 26th – Grade 9 and 10 Family Mass

Tuesday February 4th, 11th, 25th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday February 5th, 12th, 26th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9

Sunday February 2nd – Grade 3 Candle 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 January 12th, 29th, February 2nd, 9th and 23rd. 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 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

Giving the Gift of Warmth

St. Luke's Parish members have shown their love, generosity and talent once again in donating 325 hats, gloves, mittens, socks and scarves! These new and hand crocheted items were delivered to Ellington Human Services, Cornerstone, Hockanum Valley and Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Thank you and may God bless you and your families

**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**

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Community News



DECEMBER 22, 2024

REGULAR COLLECTION - 5,223

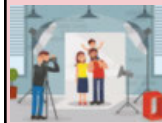
Thank you for your generosity

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 or parish especially for those who died unexpectedly. All are welcomed. For more information, please see Sue Beers or Laraine Kennedy

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). All men of the Parish are welcome to join. Questions or for more information, please contact Jack Schirra at (860) 830-7853



SAVE THE DATE!

Photo Shoot for
Parish Directory!

February 20th, 21st, & 22nd, 2025

Details Below

Dear Church *family*,
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
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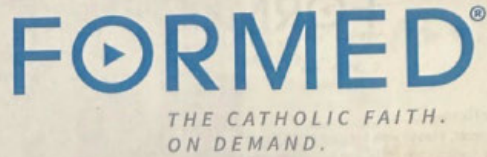
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*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



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TESTIMONIAL

"I have been enjoying 'Formed' for many years and truly appreciate the variety of videos, bible studies, lessons, prayers and history of our Catholic faith. They have made the format very easy to navigate and have content for all ages. It is a great tool for both a personal and family journey to connect with Jesus and our faith."
Erin Jones, Parishioner

Registering for Formed:

1. On a browser, please visit formed.org/signup
 2. Enter the parish's zip code and select your parish
 3. Register with your name and email address
- You will be automatically signed into Formed during this Sign Up process.

After this initial registration, when visiting Formed, you will go to watch.formed.org and click on Sign In (upper, right hand corner), enter your email, then enter your password. (If you do not currently have a password, please choose the Forgot Password option.) Or you may request a sign in code be emailed to you. To do this, click "Try Another Way". Please check your junk/spam folder if the email does not appear in your inbox.

Download the **FORMED** App on your cell phone or TV.

We are happy to answer your questions, and to help you make the most of your Formed subscription.

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm CT

Email: parishcare@formed.org

Phone: 1 (800) 777-7502



St. Luke's is looking to bring back Irish Night 2025! The tentative date for the event will be Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on the planning committee for this year's event! The kickoff meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Center. If you are able to assist in planning this year's event, please contact either of the event chairs--Steve Autieri or Dan Sullivan. You can also email smautieri@gmail.com to share your intent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 12 - The Baptism of the Lord
Jan 12 - Donuts and Coffee after 10:30 Mass
Jan 13 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Jan 15 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Jan 17 - Women's Guild - Rosary at 10:30 am
Jan 21 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am
Jan 21 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Jan 27 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Feb 2 - Coffee and Donuts after the 10:30 Mass
Feb 4 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Feb 6 - Holy Hour - 7:00 pm
Feb 7 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm
Feb 7 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Feb 10 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
Feb 18 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am
Feb 18 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Feb 19 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Feb 20 - Photo Shoot - 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Feb 21 - Photo Shoot - 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Feb 21 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Feb 22 - Photo Shoot - 9 am to 4:00 pm
Feb 24 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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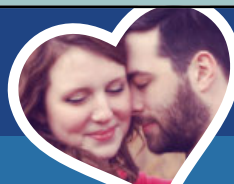
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