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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 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

Church of Saint Luke Lord, Hear our Prayer



Mass Intentions for the Week

IN LOVING MEMORY



Susan Roberts, Alan Pienkowski

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JAN 14, 8:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15, 8:00 AM +FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE **DESJARDINS FAMILY**

THURSDAY, JAN 16, 8:00AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, JAN 17, 8:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, JAN 18 **4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY, JAN 19 7:30AM +GREG DICIOCCIO **3RD ANNIVERSARY** R/B THE FAMILY 10:30AM +DAVID CONNELL R/B THE CONNELL & POIRER FAMILIES 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, 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, 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 12, 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

- -To promote Christian formation through religious instruction that foster/ nurture the spiritual development of our children, our young people and
- -To encourage tolerance, openness, honesty and forgiveness to one
- -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

"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:

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

Wednesday January 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 Sunday February 2nd, 9th and 23rd – class from 9-10:15am – Grades 1-6

Tuesday February 4^h , 11^{th} , 25^{th} – 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 January12th, 29th, February 2nd, 9th and 23rd. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!



Please join us for coffee and donuts after the 10:30 Mass this weekend.

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 <u>no later than</u> <u>April 30th, 2025</u>. 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

Church of Saint Luke Community News



DECEMBER 25, 2024 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - \$7,131

DECEMBER 29, 2024 REGULAR COLLECTION -\$5,402

JANUARY 5, 2025 REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,230 MAINTENANCE - \$1,942

Thank you for your generosity





Is God calling you to help others grow closer to Christ?

The Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction can help empower you and give you the skills you need to do so.

In partnership with the Immaculate Conception Center, a new training cohort will be launching in January 2027 in Putnam, Connecticut.

Join us at 7:00pm on January 30, 2025 at the address below to learn more!

To RSVP please call or email:

(860) 928-7955 / admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org

Immaculate Conception Center 600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT 06260 immaculateconceptioncenter.org/programs



SAVE THE DATE!

Photo Shoot for Parish Directory!
February 20th, 21st, & 22nd, 2025
See below to sign up today online or sign up sheets are available at both entrances of the Church.

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- Enter your church code_ct102
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- Enter your church password photos
- Olick on the Enter button
- Click on the desired photography date
- Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment



Church of Saint Luke



TESTIMONIAL

I enjoy the variety of video's available on FORMED. In addition, there are quite a few that are 30 minutes or less. This makes it very easy for me to watch during my busy day. Here are a few of my favorites...

Symbolon: The Faith of the Church is chock-full of fascinating facts of our faith, in addition to being beautifully filmed. It's definitely a must watch! I totally enjoy watching Fr. Columba Jordan in Living Faith. He breaks down living our faith in bite size pieces which makes it doable...with a bit of humor. I also enjoy the many options for learning about traditional prayer, Lectio Divina, intercessory prayer, Catholic meditation, etc.

It's truly amazing that FORMED has so many video's available to watch both to learn more about our faith and for pure entertainment (Movie Night movies!) in one place. The only issue is...which one to watch next?

~Sue Beers - A parishioner



Week of January 12, 2025



The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit signup formed org and select our parish name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 12 The Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 12 Coffee and Donuts 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 The Presentation of the Lord
- 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 Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



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