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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 26, 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](mailto: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.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

**Luke 4:18**

## BAPTISM

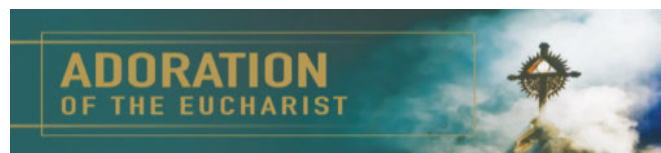
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

## 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 25

**4:00PM** +ANN MARIE DESJARDNIS  
R/B SISTER JEANNINE BRICKEY

#### SUNDAY, JAN 26

**7:30AM** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
**10:30AM** FOR OUR CONFIRMATION GRADE 9  
STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
**6:00PM** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### MONDAY, JAN 27, 8:00AM

VIRGIE LLAMIDO  
HEALING MASS  
R/B A FRIEND

#### TUESDAY, JAN 28, 8:00 AM

+FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
RICE FAMILY

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN 29 , 8:00 AM

+ANTHONY BUDARZ  
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
R/B LINDA TIMURA

#### THURSDAY, JAN 30, 8:00AM

+ALAN PIENKOWSKI  
R/B SUSAN LYNCH

#### FRIDAY, JAN 31, 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### SATURDAY, FEB 1

**4:00PM** +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH &  
MICHAEL GROSPITCH  
R/B THE FAMILY

#### SUNDAY, FEB 2

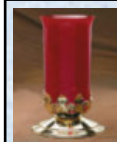
**7:30AM** +ALAN PIENKOWSKI  
R/B THE ST. LUKE WOMENS GUILD  
**10:30AM** GRADE 3 FAMILY CANDLE MASS  
**6:00PM** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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#### 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, Tonia 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, Fran Rukus, 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 26, 2025

In Loving Memory of deceased members of  
St. Luke Church

#### 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

*“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](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).**

### Faith Formation Classes and Events:

*Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

*Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9

*Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>* – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-6

*Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>* – Grade 9 and 10 Family Mass

*Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>* – class from 9-10:15am – Grades 1-6

*Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

*Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>* – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9

*Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>* – 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 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. All children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

### Service to Others & Youth Group – Grades 8 & 9

All 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. We encourage all 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 3 Candle Family Mass

Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop

Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Grade 3 First Eucharist Rehearsal

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm – First Eucharist Rehearsal

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> – 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

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit received through Confirmation are:

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Knowledge
4. Fortitude or Courage
5. Counsel
6. Piety or Love
7. Fear of the Lord

Faith is the bird that  
feels the light when  
the dawn is still dark



# Church of Saint Luke

## Community News



JANUARY 19, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - will report next week  
Thank you for your generosity



Week of January 26, 2025



### St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.



### Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

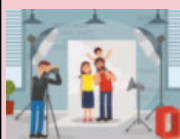
Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.



### Ongoing Formation

When it comes to formation, it's easy to be passive consumers. Instead, let's show up, get excited and be proactive about our own faith formation. The focus of this episode is turning down the noise and forming our minds.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Photo Shoot for  
Parish Directory!

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

See below to sign up today online or sign up sheets are available at both entrances of the Church. Photos will be taken in the Parish Center. Receive a free 8x10 and a free Parish Directory.

### ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- Enter your church code **ct102**
- Enter your church password **photos**
- Click 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

### Go Green Parish

Start a parish community garden. Put together a committee of people who will help to take care of it before it's planted, during growing season and after the garden has been harvested. The children and youth in the parish should be invited to participate as The bounty from the garden can be distributed to people in the parish who need food assistance or it can be distributed to agencies in the larger community that can distribute to people in need.

PRAY FOR  
VOCATIONS

# Church of Saint Luke

## Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, February 1 at 8:30 A.M.

Please join our celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



Word of God Sunday, January 26, is a day dedicated to reflecting on the significance of Scripture in our Catholic faith. The day encourages believers to deepen their understanding and appreciation of God's Word. As we emphasize the importance of the Bible, we also give recognition of our parish Lector Ministry. “

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy.” (GIRM, 29)

Please join us in celebrating Word of God Sunday and our Parish Lectors; Steve Autieri, Louise Hann, Judy Norwood, Scott Zuffelato, Erika Hanlon, Mark Gionet, Brian Chamberlin, Mary Katakam, Erin Jones, Allison McDonald, Tim Kearcher, Lenora Rice and Brenda Perron.

## How to be an Evangelizer

Pray for Someone

If you encounter someone facing a difficult challenge or is hurting, offer to pray for them right then and there. If you can, pray with them and ask Jesus to show His love and presence in their life. Prayer is a powerful part of evangelizing! By taking the time to show you care and to pray, you are opening the door to sharing the love of Christ with this person. Find at least one person with whom you can pray and/or share the gospel with every week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”*  
- Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.



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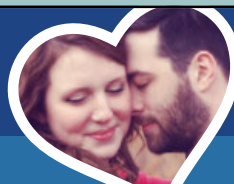
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