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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 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

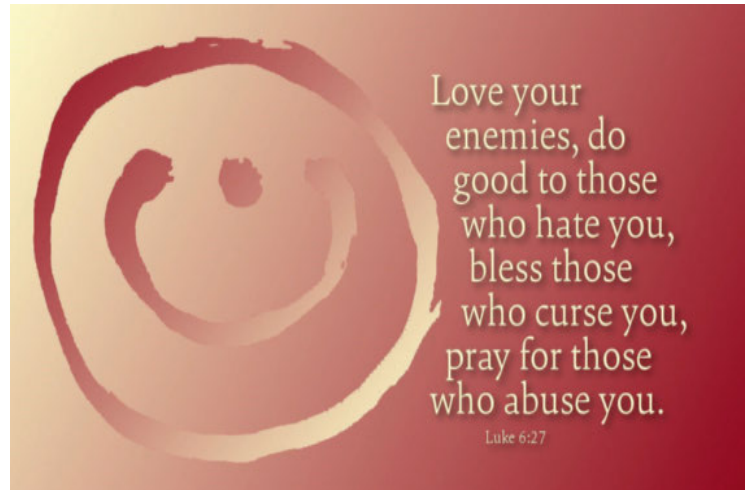
Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader
Phone: 860-875-4951
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RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.



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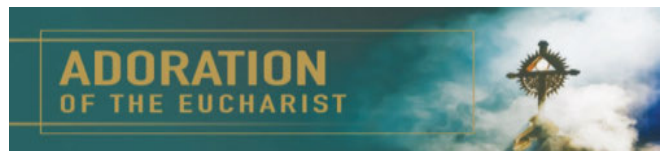
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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



Susan Roberts, Alan Pienkowski, Patricia Mahon

SATURDAY, FEB 22

4:00PM +JOSEPH CIANCI
R/B HIS WIFE

SUNDAY, FEB 23

7:30AM +ALAN PIENKOWSKI
R/B MARSHA BOLUS
10:30AM +FRANK PENTA
1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
R/B GERALDINE
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, FEB 24, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, FEB 25, 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26, 8:00 AM
+IDA CIRIACO CAPOBIANCO
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B HER DAUGHTER

THURSDAY, FEB 27, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, FEB 28, 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

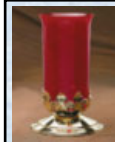
SATURDAY, MAR 1
4:00PM +ANN MARIE DEJARDINIS
R/B JEANNINE BRICKEY

SUNDAY, MAR 2
7:30AM +FRED THOMAS
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B JANE
10:30AM FOR GRADE 2 & 3 AND THEIR
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, 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, Virginia Llamido, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Laura Pienkowski, Stanley Pienkowski, John Rice, Fran Rutkus, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Joan Smith, Melanie Smith, Cooper Somberg, Jane Thomas, Judy Veillette, Bill Vieweg, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber, Edward Wysocki



SANCTUARY CANDLE - February 23, 2025

In Memory of All St. Luke Parishioners

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

“Dear Jesus, help our family to never lose sight that living with you in Heaven is the real goal. Amen.”

Faith Formation 2024-2025

Let us all come 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:

Sunday February 23rd – class from 9-10:15am
– Grades 1-6
Tuesday February 25th – class from 6:45-8 pm
– Grades 5-10
Wednesday February 26th – class from 6:45-8 pm
– Grades 7-9
Sunday February 23rd – Grade 3 Parent and Student Eucharist Workshop
Sunday March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th – class from 9-10:15am – Grades 1-6
Tuesday March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th – class from 6:45-8 pm
– Grades 5-10
Wednesday March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9
Sunday March 2nd – Pancake Breakfast
Sunday March 2nd – Grade 2 and 3 Family Pin Mass
Saturday March 15th – Confirmation Mass at 10:30 am



Calling all Parishioners

Join us Sunday, March 2nd from 8-10am for our 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast! A breakfast of pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served in the Church Hall.

Ash Wednesday

March 5th

Distribution of Ashes will be at the 8 am morning Mass and 7pm 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 February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. 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 February 23rd – Grade 3 Eucharist Workshop
Sunday March 2nd – Grade 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass
Grade 2 First Reconciliation - TBD
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 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



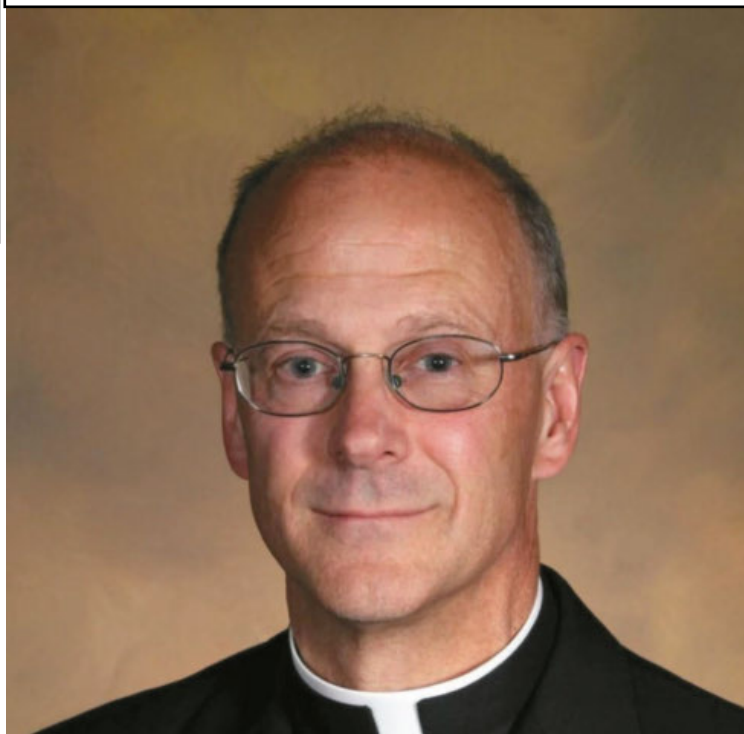
Church of Saint Luke Community News



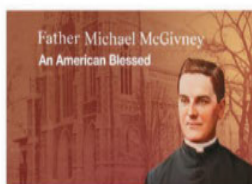
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Welcome our new Bishop of the Norwich Diocese
Monsignor Richard F. Reidy

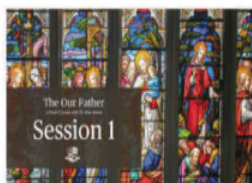


This Week on Formed Week of February 23, 2025



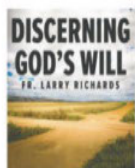
An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



The Our Father

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



Discerning God's Will

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life

For 52 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

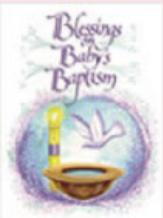


St. Luke's is proud to announce that Irish Night 2025 is back! Come out and have dinner with St. Pat on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Doors to the event will open at 5:30 p.m.

We will be serving a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with dessert! Beer and wine will be included in the price of the ticket! Live entertainment will be provided by *Irish to the Last Drop!*

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be available for purchase at all masses and at the rectory.

Please contact Steve Autieri at smautieri@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to assist in the planning



Welcome to our Parish Family
Viviana Carolina Braga
Born: September 14, 2024
Baptized: January 19, 2025

Church of Saint Luke

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."

- LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 24 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Mar 2 - Pancake Breakfast - 8 to 10 am

Mar 4 - Ash Wednesday - Masses at 8 am and 7 pm

Mar 4 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm

Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday - Mass at 8 am and 7 pm

Mar 6 - Holy Hour - 7:00 pm

Mar 7 - First Friday Mass - 12:00 pm

Mar 7 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am

Mar 9 - Daylight Saving Time begins

Mar 10 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Mar 15 - Vigil Mass at 5 pm

Mar 18 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am

Mar 18 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm

Mar 19 - March for Life

Mar 19 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm

Mar 21 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am

Mar 24 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Mar 22 - Irish Night

Mar 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord



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MONDAY
MARCH 10



5:30-7:30 PM



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HALL

Please RSVP
to Janet at
Janet.settle@gmail.com
by 3/1



Diocesan Women's Conference

Please join women from the diocese for the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference entitled *Dinner with Jesus* **March 19, 2025**, at the Great Neck Country Club in Waterford. Lisa Irish, author, bereavement chaplain, and both a spiritual and retreat director, will be the featured speaker at this year's conference speaking on the topic *How Are We the Image of Christ*. Tickets for the conference, which includes dinner, are \$70 and still available. To register, go online at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

Will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 1 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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

Attention Parishioners: The Irish Night Planning Committee is seeking your help! We are looking for the donation of items to be featured at our raffle on March 22, 2025. Donations can be placed in the weekly collection in an envelope marked, Irish Night 2025, or dropped off at the rectory from 9am - 1pm. Thank you for your support!

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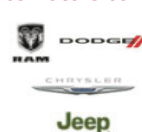
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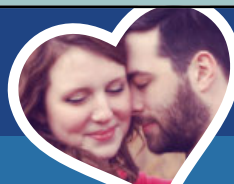
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