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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9, 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 4:15 - 4:45

### 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.



### BAPTISM

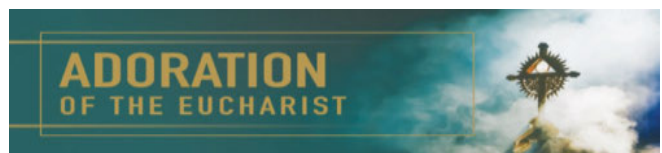
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

### 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, Patricia Mahon

#### SATURDAY, MAR 8

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

#### SUNDAY, MAR 9

**7:30AM** +ALAN PIENKOWSKI  
R/B PAMELA SUTKAITIS  
**10:30AM** +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA  
AVERY  
R/B THE FAMILY  
**6:00PM** MARIE SAUTNER  
R/B RICHARD & ELAINE LUETJEN

#### MONDAY, MAR 10, 8:00AM

JONATHAN  
BIRTHDAY BLESSING  
R/B MOM

#### TUESDAY, MAR 11, 8:00 AM

CAROL DICIOCCIO  
HEALING MASS  
R/B A FRIEND

#### WEDNESDAY, MAR 12 , 8:00AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### THURSDAY, MAR 13, 8:00AM

+MARGE GIRARDINI  
FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
R/B JOE & FAMILY

#### FRIDAY, MAR 14, 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### SATURDAY, MAR 15

**5:00 PM** +ANN MARIE DESJARDNIS  
R/B SISTER JEANNINE BRICKEY

#### SUNDAY, MAR 16

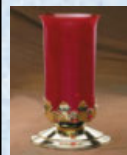
**7:30AM** +ALAN PIENKOWSKI  
R/B JUDITH POGLITSCH  
**10:30AM** +DAVID CONNELL  
R/B THE CONNELL & POIRIER FAMILIES  
**6:00PM** +THEODORE STAWICKI, JR & SR.  
R/B TERESA SELOCHAN

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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, 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, 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 - March 9, 2025

In Loving Memory of Marge Girardini  
Requested by The Family

### 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](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).**

### Faith Formation Classes and Events:

*Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> – class from 9-10:15am – Grades 1-6*  
*Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10*  
*Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9*  
*Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Rehearsal at 6:30 pm*  
*Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Mass at 10:30 am*  
*Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – class from 9-10:15am – Grades 1-6*  
*Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10*  
*Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9*

### 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 March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>, and April 27<sup>th</sup>. All children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!



### **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!

### 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

Grade 2 First Reconciliation - Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am  
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

### Confirmation 2025

- Confirmation Reconciliation at class March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation Rehearsal Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- Confirmation Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> 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



### Vacation Bible School 2025

SAVE the date – True North VBS will be held this summer for ages 4 through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade the week of July 28-August 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us for faith, friends and fun as we Trust Jesus in a Wild World!



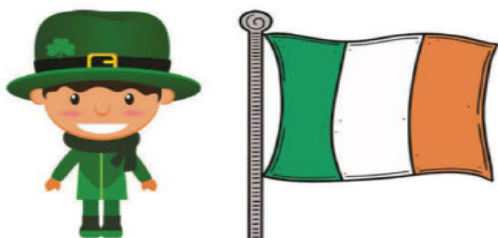
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## Community News



**MARCH 2, 2025**  
**REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,276**  
**MAINTENANCE - \$2,370**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

### St. Luke's Church Presents: **Dinner with Pat!** **Irish Night 2025**



**March 22, 2025**  
**Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.**

Live Music by Irish to the Last Drop  
 Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Dessert!

**Donation: \$25.00 per person**  
**Tickets available at ALL Masses!**  
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### **The Way of the Cross**

The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

- March 7: Through the eyes of social justice
- March 14: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled
- March 21: Through the eyes of immigrants and refugees
- March 28: Through the eyes of seniors
- April 4: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- April 11: Through the eyes of Mary
- April 18: Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all seven. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).



### **CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**A DAY OF RECONCILIATION**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7AM-7PM**  
**ST. BERNARD CHURCH-ROCKVILLE**

You are invited to come celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on this special day. Priests from the Vernon Deanery will be available from 7am through 7pm to hear confessions (see schedule below). We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to encounter God and His mercy through reconciliation. This is a time of seeking God's forgiveness and a change of heart.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Priest</u>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Fr. Rick Ricard
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Fr. Alex Pandolfe
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Fr. George Villamthanam
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Fr. Bill Olesik
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Fr. Michael Giannitelli
<b>Noon</b>	Fr. Tadeusz Zadorozny
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Fr. Gerry Kirby Fr. Richard Breton
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Fr. Richard Breton
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Fr. Alex Pandolfe
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Fr. Bijoy Joseph
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Fr. Steve Gulino
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Fr. Larry Barile Fr. Steve Gulino

### **Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:**

#### **For Lent For Life**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 1st Sunday of Lent

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."*

- DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - 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

Apr 1 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm

Apr 3 - Holy Hour - 7 pm

Apr 4 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am

Apr 4 - First Friday Mass - 12 noon

Apr 6 - Coffee and Donuts - after 10:30 am Mass

Apr 13 - Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 13 - Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord

Apr 14 - Cenacle

Apr 15 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am

Apr 15 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm

Apr 16 - Chrism Mass - St.

Apr 16 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm

Apr 17 - Holy Thursday - Mass 7 pm

Apr 18 - Good Friday - Mass at 3 pm

Apr 19 - Easter Vigil - Mass at 8 pm

Apr 20 - Easter Sunday - Mass at 7:30 am and 10:30 am

**No 6 pm Mass**

Apr 25 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am



## This Week on Formed

Week of March 09, 2025



### Week One | Restore

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.



### St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year: <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.



### Living Lent as a Family

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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

## St. Joseph Men's Study Group

Join us for a monthly gathering of faith and fellowship! The St. Joseph Men's Study Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. Men of the parish are invited to stop by for pizza and refreshments on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall to meet the members and learn more about the group. In April we will begin exploring the life of St. Joseph, drawing insights from the book: *The Life of St. Joseph as Seen by Mystics*. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of St. Joseph's role in church tradition and grow in your spiritual journey. All men are welcome!

For more information, please text or call Jack Schirra at (860) 830-7853. We look forward to seeing you!!

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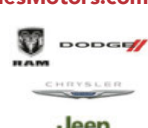
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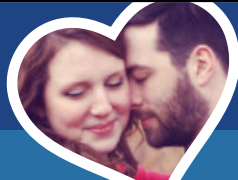
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