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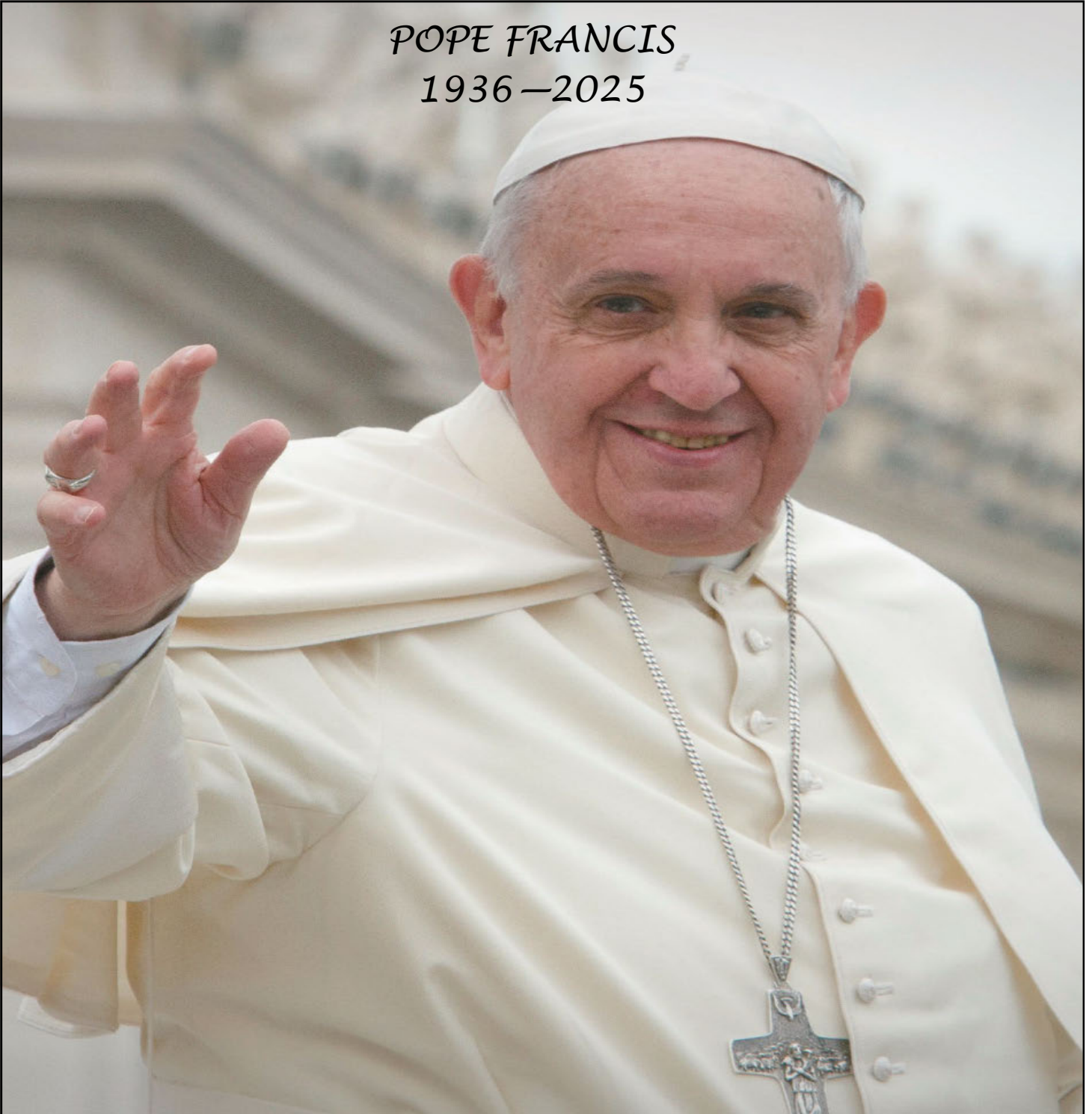
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

*POPE FRANCIS*  
*1936 – 2025*



# Church of Saint Luke

## Lord, Hear our Prayer



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

SATURDAY, MAY 3

5:PM +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH  
R/B HIS WIFE

SUNDAY, MAY 4

7:30AM +ELEANOR & JOHN PLONSKI, SR  
R/B JOHN

10:30AM FOR OUR FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION STUDENTS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, MAY 5, 8:00AM

+POPE FRANCIS

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 8:00 AM

+MARY REGAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 8:00 AM

+WILSON FLYNN

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, MAY 10

5:PM +MICHAEL MARQUIS  
5TH ANNIVERSARY  
R/B MOM

SUNDAY, MAY 11

7:30AM +ALAN PIENKOWSKI  
R/B DEBORAH & ROBERT BECKER  
10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA  
AVERY  
R/B THE FAMILY  
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



### IN LOVING MEMORY

Susan Roberts, Alan Pienkowski, Patricia Mahon,  
Virginia Llamido, Loretta Nelson, Charlie Allen

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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

Wanda Allen, Tonianne Anderson, Calista Bailey, Louise Barbero, Jody & Laura Behrendt, Emma Benavivich, Tina Chamberlin, Virginia Connell, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Carol DiCioccio, Richard Dubai, 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, Cosmo J. Tedone, Jane Thomas, Judy Veillette, Bill Vieweg, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber, Edward Wysocki



SANCTUARY CANDLE - May 4, 2025

In Loving Memory of Pope Francis

### 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

*“God, thank you for giving us the gift of one another.  
Amen”*

### Faith Formation 2024-2025

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter Season! Registration for the 2025-2026 will begin in July. Parents, students and catechists spend time nurturing and growing our prayer lives and faith throughout the year. Our Faith Formation program runs through Confirmation in grade 10. **For more information contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).**

### Register Now - Vacation Bible School 2025

Register today! – True North VBS will be held this summer for ages 4 through the 6th grade the week of July 28-August 1st. Join us for faith, friends and fun as we Trust Jesus in a Wild World! Register with QRcode or contact Kim in the Faith Formation Office.



### We are Blessed and Grateful for our Volunteer Catechists

We are blessed with wonderful volunteer Catechist. Thank you all! When you see them please thank them and keep them in your prayers:

Tracey Brown	Eileen DiFilippo	Rosalia Guerette
Jeannine Hintze	Sue McCracken	Chris Snyder
Dan Dunn	Jon McPartland	Mark McMahon
Janet Settle	Annie Vassuer	
Dan Sullivan	Pat Sgarlata	

### First Holy Communion:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Jack Chace	Izabella Dabek	Preston Dowe	Caroline Duffy
Sofia Fakas	Andrew Gerrity	Mckayla Laffin	Avery Lech
Noah Marut	Isabelle Molleur	Isabella Rodriguez	
Emma Smolensky		Logan Stamm	
Dylan Sztachelski		Vinish Vikram	

### Faith Formation Classes and Events:

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1-6 – **Classes end at 10 am (9-10 am)**

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning and First Communion Mass at 10:30 am

### 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.*

### **DIOCESE OF NORWICH HOMESCHOOL MASS AND PICNIC**

Wednesday, May 21st at 9:30 AM  
Cathedral of St. Patrick Norwich

Homeschooling families with children of all ages are invited to the **Cathedral of Saint Patrick** for Mass. After Mass all are invited to *bring your own lunch* to the **Field Pavilion** at **Mohegan Park** for a time to connect with one another. Ice cream will be provided by the Diocese. Outdoor games and activities to share are most welcome!

**Your RSVP via the Form below is requested by MAY 15, 2025:**

<https://forms.gle/hEZqqo4drvzbma2q6>

*Event sponsored by the Office of Vocations*

**SCHOLARSHIP**



**AWARDS**

### St. Luke Father Tom Scholarship

The Father Tom Scholarship application is open. You can pick up a copy at the rectory, Faith Formation office or print a copy from our parish website. This year we will be awarding 5 - \$2,500 scholarships. **All scholarship applications must be received no later than Sunday May 18th at 7 pm.** **Scholarship applications MUST be brought to the rectory or handed directly to Father George or Father Bijoy after Mass.** Please read full details on the scholarship application.

# Church of Saint Luke

## Community News



APRIL 27, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,372

Thank you for your generosity

## THE BIBLE AS A TOOL FOR *Catechesis*

IN THIS ENGAGING AND SPIRITUALLY ENRICHING WORKSHOP, PARTICIPANTS WILL REDISCOVER THE BIBLE AS A LIVING AND DYNAMIC TOOL FOR CATECHESIS. MORE THAN JUST A BOOK, SACRED SCRIPTURE IS THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CHURCH'S TEACHING — FILLED WITH GOD'S WORD, SPEAKING TO EVERY AGE AND HEART.

TOGETHER, WE'LL EXPLORE HOW TO MAKE SCRIPTURE COME ALIVE IN OUR CLASSROOMS, PARISH PROGRAMS, AND SMALL GROUPS. THROUGH PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND CREATIVE METHODS, THIS WORKSHOP EQUIPS CATECHISTS TO USE THE BIBLE NOT JUST FOR INSTRUCTION, BUT FOR TRANSFORMATION.

**VIRTUAL ON  
TUESDAY  
MAY 6**

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
With Speaker  
Gina Czerwinski

To register, contact Alvania Tejada at  
Faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or  
call 860-848-2237 ex. 304

### ST LUKES WOMEN'S GUILD

New members, Welcome! Please join us on the first and third Friday of every month at 10:30AM in the Parish Center, as we come together to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel. Join us at our upcoming meeting on May 16th. For additional information or to join, please contact Carolina at [stlukewomenguild@gmail.com](mailto:stlukewomenguild@gmail.com)

### 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 our 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). We are currently using Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover the Saints" as our discussion guide. All men of the Parish are welcome to join. Questions or for more information, please contact Jack Schirra at (860) 830-7853

### ST. ANNE GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Please join us for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Save the date for our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th at 10:30am In the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at [hearttau@aol.com](mailto:hearttau@aol.com) or Laraine at [laraineknndy@yahoo.com](mailto:laraineknndy@yahoo.com)



Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. The gardening group is in need of new members to help maintain the perennial

gardens on the church grounds. Tasks include spring/fall cleanup, watering, weeding and light pruning. Tools and orientation available. No set schedule, come as available. Please contact the rectory if you can help out.



The 'Perennials Plus' Plant Sale will be held on the weekend of May 17th & 18th. Gardeners who are dividing perennials, please consider donating your extra plants to the plant sale. We are also accepting herbs, vegetable plants, and annuals. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants for the church property. Empty pots may be left next to the lawn/garden shed at the back of the parking lot prior to the plant sale.



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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)*

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

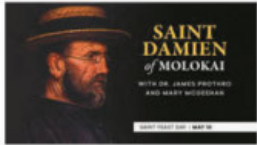
## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10 & May 11 - Knights of Columbus Flower Sale  
May 11 - Mother's Day  
May 12 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm  
May 16 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am  
May 20 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am  
May 20 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm  
May 21 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm  
May 26 - Memorial Day  
**May 29 - The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 8am and 7pm**  
June 3 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm  
June 5 - Holy Hour - 7pm  
June 6 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm  
June 6 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am  
June 8 - Pentecost Sunday  
June 9 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm  
June 15 - The Most Holy Trinity  
June 15 - Father's Day  
June 17 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am  
June 17 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm  
June 18 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm  
June 20 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am  
June 22 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  
June 23 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm



## This Week on Formed

Week of May 04, 2025



### St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.



### Lectio: Salvation

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven 'for us men and for our salvation.' But what does 'salvation' mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.



### Eastertide Special | The Annie Moses Show

Patterned after classic variety shows, The Annie Moses Show brings together a musical family of singers, players, actors, and creators, unified under one mission: to declare the truth, beauty, and goodness of God.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4122



The Knights of Columbus, Council #4122 will be selling hanging flower baskets on Mother's Day weekend, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses. The cost is \$20

**Cash or Check only.**

A MEN'S VIRTUAL  
FAITH, PRAYER, AND  
DISCUSSION GROUP

# BROTHERS IN CHRIST

EVERY SECOND  
THURSDAY OF THE  
MONTH, NEXT ONE  
MAY 8, 2025

THE MEN'S GROUP  
IS A VIRTUAL EVENT  
ON WEBEX FROM  
7:00PM - 7:45PM

WITH ALEX SOUCY AS SPEAKER

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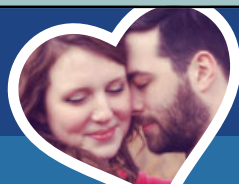
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