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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 11, 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

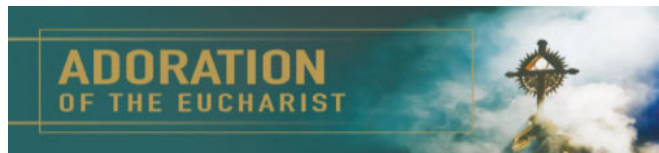
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

## 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,  
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, Alice & Edward Wysocki

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

MONDAY, MAY 12, 8:00AM

+POPE FRANCIS

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 8:00 AM

+PATRICIA HALBACH  
1ST ANNIVERSARY  
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 8:00 AM

JOE KING  
HEALING MASS  
R/B JAN

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 8:00 AM

+WILSON FLYNN

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 8:00 AM

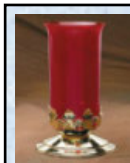
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, MAY 17

5:PM +ELLA MATHIEU  
5TH ANNIVERSARY  
R/B MARILYN

SUNDAY, MAY 18

7:30AM CATHERINE KANE  
HEALING MASS  
R/B JANE  
10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



SANCTUARY CANDLE - May 11, 2025

In Loving Memory of all deceased 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

*"Lord, take my hand and lead me this summer!"*

### 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).**

### 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 received their First Holy Communion last 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	

### New Family Registration

Is your family new to St Luke Parish or do you have school aged children this coming fall? Our Faith Formation program is for all grade levels up to and including Confirmation in grade 10. We welcome all new families with students in these grades to contact **Kim in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).** for registration information. We look forward to welcoming you and your children!

### 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.*

### Faith Fun at Home this Summer

***Parents spend time this summer reinforcing and growing your children's Faith!***

Visit a Shrine, pray with your children, remind them to pray and find time as a family to pray, take a walk around the church property and explore the outside Stations of the Cross and the many statues on the property, travel to different Churches for mass, pray a rosary together. Send your Children to VBS Camp and read bible stories together. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Looking for Faith Activities to do with your children at home this summer? Check out these websites and others for fun faith activities for the whole family: [www.catholicicing.com/](http://www.catholicicing.com/), [www.catholicmom.com/](http://www.catholicmom.com/), [www.teachingcatholickids.com/](http://www.teachingcatholickids.com/) and [www.cultivatingcatholics.com](http://www.cultivatingcatholics.com), [www.catholicallyear.com](http://www.catholicallyear.com), [www.holyheros.com](http://www.holyheros.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 QR CODE or contact Kim in the Faith Formation Office.

**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



MAY 4, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$5,039

MAINTENANCE - \$2,280

Thank you for your generosity

### A Mother's Love

In the quiet of dawn, when the world still dreams,  
A mother stirs, her heart a constellation of love's  
gleam. Her hands, weathered and gentle, weave  
life's tapestry, Each thread a story of sacrifice,  
resilience, and boundless glee.

She cradles dreams in her arms, like fragile petals of  
spring, Nurturing hope, whispering secrets only  
mothers can bring. Her laughter dances through the  
house, a melody so sweet, Guiding us through  
storms, making life's bitter moments fleet.

Her eyes hold galaxies—the universe reflected  
within, A thousand wishes, a million prayers, etched  
on her skin. She knows our fears, our dreams, our  
hidden desires, Her love, an unwritten poem, set  
ablaze by celestial fires.

When we stumble, she's our refuge, arms wide open  
wide, Her embrace, a sanctuary where wounded  
hearts confide. She's the lighthouse in our storms,  
the compass in our night, Guiding us to safe harbors,  
where love's beacon burns bright.

So here's to you, dear mother, on this sacred day,  
May your love bloom eternal, in every word you say.  
For you are the sun that warms our souls, the moon  
that calms our seas, A symphony of grace and  
strength—a mother's legacy.



**Happy Mother's Day !**

### 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)



**The 'Perennials Plus' Plant Sale will be held after all Masses on the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Gardeners, please consider donating your extra perennials, herbs, vegetable and annual plants to the plant sale. Containers are available besides the lawn/garden shed at the back of the parking lot. Plants may be dropped off anytime after Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> next to the "Plant Sale" sign in the back parking lot behind the rectory. Please label with the name and light requirements (sun/shade etc.) – Plant sticks are available in the drop off area. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants for the church property.

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

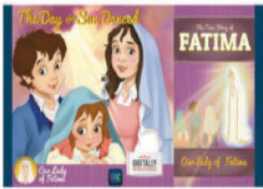
*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



## This Week on Formed

Week of May 11, 2025



### **The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima**

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.



### **The 13th Day**

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the eldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



### **Our Lady of Fatima | Brother Francis and Friends**

Brother Francis and Sister Imelda tell the story of the three shepherd children from Fatima who saw visions of Mary, later to be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Learn about the courage and faith these children exhibited and how they were rewarded with an amazing miracle!

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

## 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

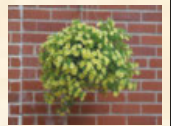
June 20 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am

June 22 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 23 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

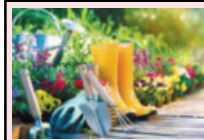


### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4122



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

**Cash or Check only.**



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.



*May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Pray the Rosary!*



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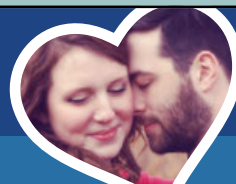
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