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PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 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

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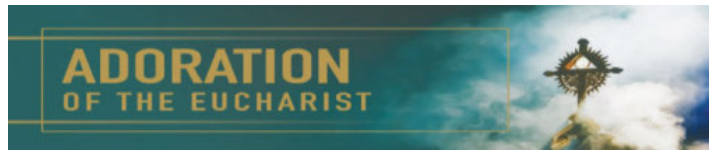
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

5:PM +CHARLIE ALLEN

R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 **PENTECOST**

7:30AM +ALAN PIENKOWSKI

R/B ALAN & SHELLEY CETEL

10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00PM +JOSEPH & DOROTHY DUFFY

R/B JOSEPH & DEBORAH DUFFY

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 8:00AM

+WILSON FLYNN

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 8:00 AM

+MAUREEN BEERS

R/B SUE BEERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 8:00 AM

+MARY REGAN

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 8:00 AM

+THERESA ROBERTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 8:00 AM

+RITA GIRARDINI

R/B THE COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

5:PM +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH

R/B JEANNIE

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 **THE MOST HOLY
TRINITY**

7:30AM +MARGE GIRARDINI

R/B JOE

10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA
AVERY

R/B THE FAMILY

6:00PM +LINDSAY A. O'BARR

R/B JOSEPH & DEBORAH DUFFY



IN LOVING MEMORY

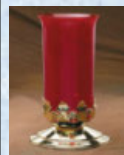
Susan Roberts, Alan Pienkowski, Patricia Mahon,
Virginia Llamido, Loretta Nelson. Charlie Allen,

Joseph King

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 Dubay, Jeanne Ferruolo, Carol & Bob Gay, Marge Griffin, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Bob & Laraine Kennedy, 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



SANCTUARY CANDLE - June 8, 2025

In Loving Memory of Maureen Beers

R/B Susan Beers

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 faith filled fun summer! Registration for the 2025-2026 will begin in July, more information to come. Join our Faith Formation program where we take 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.**

Register for VBS Camp 2025 and invite a friend or two!

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!

Why?

Summertime Fun!

Outdoor Games and Science Experiment Activities in Imagination Station

Themed Snack provided daily! We'll also have an ice cream truck on Wednesday and Pizza Party Friday!

Deepen Faith in an exciting way with Wild Bible Adventures and themed days!

An opportunity to make new friends!

Get your own crew t-shirt, bag, and other treats to take home!

You can invite friends to register and join you!

Inexpensive (\$15 per child for parishioners & \$25 per child for non-parishioners)

Scan the QR code or contact Kim in the Faith Formation Office to register!



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.** for registration information. We look forward to welcoming you and your children!

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. **Service hours are now past due please contact Mrs. Bocchino in the office 860-875-4951.**

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/, www.catholicmom.com/, www.teachingcatholickids.com/ and www.cultivatingcatholics.com, www.catholicallyear.com, www.holyheros.com

PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 8TH

Why We Wear Red on Pentecost

The color red has a deep symbolic meaning in Christian tradition and serves as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church. Just as flames of fire descended upon the disciples, enveloping them with divine power and inspiration, the color red ignites our hearts with fervor and zeal for our faith.

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will assist the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Please read the letter for the Combined Collection for World Charities by Bishop Reidy included in this week's parish bulletin. Bring your contribution envelope to Mass next week, June 14th and 15th, or, if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of June. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

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Community News



MAY 25, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$3,,478

MAY 29, 2025

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - \$1,217

JUNE 1, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - \$4,511

MAINTENANCE - \$2,066

Thank you for your generosity



This Week on Formed

Week of June 08, 2025



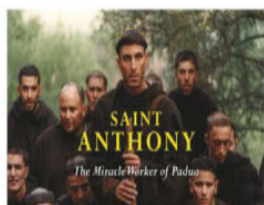
Mary | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



The Wild Goose

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit.



Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua

This beautiful Italian film depicts the life of St. Anthony of Padua, including his preaching, his love for the poor, and the wonders of his miracles. It will doubtless help you cultivate devotion to this beloved saint.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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 June 20th. For additional information or to join, please contact Carolina at 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, June 17th at 10:30am In the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com

DID YOU KNOW?

- Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
- Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.
- The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13.
- Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
- Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church".

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Pentecost Sunday

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

Pentecost Altar Colors

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles, Mary and the followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room. The altar colors change to **WHITE** to represent the Holy Spirit and **RED** to represent the seven gifts. Here is a quick refresher of each of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

- Wisdom:** “the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is simply this: it is to see the world, to see situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God’s eyes.”
- Understanding:** “a grace...which awakens in a Christian the ability to go beyond the outward appearance of reality and to probe the depths of the thoughts of God and His plan of salvation.”
- Counsel:** “the gift through which the Holy Spirit enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus in His Gospel.”
- Fortitude:** “the gift (through which) the Holy Spirit liberates the soil of our heart...frees it from sluggishness, from uncertainty and from all the fears that can hinder it, so that the Lord’s Word may be put into practice authentically and with joy.”
- Knowledge:** “a special gift, which leads us to grasp, through creation, the greatness and love of God and his profound relationship with every creature.”
- Piety:** “...is synonymous with the genuine religious spirit, with filial trust in God, with that capacity to pray to him with the love and simplicity that belongs to those who are humble of heart.”
- Fear of the Lord:** “the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and of his love and that our good lies in humble, respectful and trusting self-abandonment into his hands.”

--Taken from Pope Francis General Audience at St. Peter’s Square--

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
June 27 - Blood Drive - 12 pm to 7 pm
July 3 - Holy Hour - 7 pm
July 4 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm
July 4 - Independence Day
July 14 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
July 16 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
July 18 - Women’s Guild - 10:30 am
July 28 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Virtual Summer Mission

Pilgrims of Hope

Our Summer Mission this year will explore one of Pope Francis’ last formal decrees opening the Jubilee Year entitled *pes Non Confundit* – Hope Does Not Disappoint.

Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services coordinator, will help us look at the ways Pope Francis calls each of us to be Pilgrims of Hope in today’s world embracing God’s hope and extending it to those we encounter.

**Wednesday
June 18 and June 25
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

To Register: e-mail: faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
or call Alvania Tejada 860-848-2237 Ext. 304

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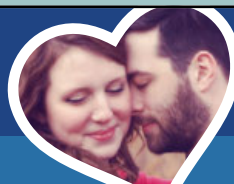
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