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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3, 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Ray Luciano
Phone: 860-573-1187

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

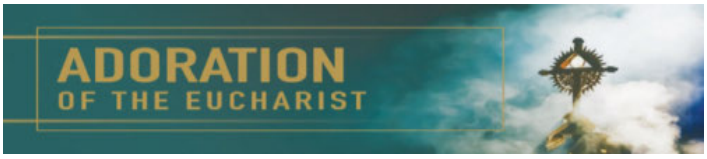
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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

SATURDAY, AUG 2
5:PM +RAY CHARTIER
5TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B WIFE ELAINE & FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUG 3
7:30AM +JOE KING
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B JANE
10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, AUG 4, 8:00AM
+LELA ARMATA
R/B THE MARQUIS FAMILY

TUESDAY, AUG 5, 8:00 AM
+MARY REGAN

WEDNESDAY, AUG 6, 8:00 AM
+WILSON FLYNN

THURSDAY, AUG 7, 8:00 AM
+SUSAN FREEMAN
4TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

FRIDAY, AUG 8
8:00 AM +JOE KING
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B JANE

SATURDAY, AUG 9
5:PM +DEACON HARRY GROSPITCH
R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUG 10
7:30AM +WILLIAM & LUCILLE BEERS
R/B SUE BEERS
10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SANCTUARY CANDLE - August 3, 2025
In Loving Memory of William & Lucille Beers
R/B Sue Beers

IN LOVING MEMORY

Susan Roberts, Alan Pienkowski, Patricia Mahon, Virginia Llamido, Loretta Nelson, Charlie Allen, Joseph King, Lela Armata

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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 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

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.

Church of Saint Luke
Faith Formation News

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

Faith Formation 2024-2025

Wishing you all a faith filled fun summer! Register your children for the 2025-2026 year NOW, contact Kim in the Faith Formation office for the online registration link or visit our Website. Registration letters have been mailed and emailed to all returning families. 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.***

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!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated and contributed time and talent to make our weeklong True North VBS Camp such a fun faith-filled week for our children and teens!
Special thanks to Carolina Braga, Lindsay Marut, Allyson Lech, Deanna Gulick, Mary Taylor, Deb McKeon, Tracy Kearcher, Janet Settle, Annie Vassuer, Denise Millane and Anna Bocchino. We could not have had this camp without each one of you!

Grade 9 – Important Dates

Sunday October 26th at 10:30 Mass - Confirmation Candle Mass
Parent & Student Confirmation Mass & Retreat – Sunday December 14th 11am at St. Edwards Church in Stafford Springs
Sunday January 25th at 6pm Mass - Confirmation Commitment Mass
Tuesday or Wednesday April 28 or 29th – Parent & Student Confirmation Meeting

Confirmation 2026 - Mark your calendars

Confirmation summer packets are due by Friday August 1st. Email or drop off completed packets at the Faith Formation office. Questions contact Mrs. Bocchino in the Faith Formation office.

Please also mark your calendars for the following important dates all Confirmation candidates and family must attend:

-Sunday October 26th at 10:30 Mass - Confirmation Candle Mass
-Parent & Student Confirmation Mass & Retreat – Sunday December 14th 11am at St. Edwards Church in Stafford Springs
-Sunday January 25th at 6pm - Confirmation Commitment Mass
Confirmation Rehearsal - Thursday March 12th 6:30pm at St. Joseph Church Rockville
-Confirmation 2026 – Sunday March 15th 1pm Mass at St. Joseph Church in Rockville

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

Church of Saint Luke
Community News

Parish Giving

JULY 27, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - $4,231

Thank you for your generosity

SAVE THE DATE:

For: St. Luke Parish Picnic

When: Sunday, September 14th

Time: After the 10:30 Mass

Where: In the back of the Rectory

All are invited! Watch the bulletin for details!

Good food, fun and games for all ages!

St Luke Annual Golf Tournament

We will be having the 23rd annual St. Luke's golf tournament on Monday, September 22, 2025 at Ellington Ridge Country Club. Lunch and dinner are included. Prizes are awarded in men's, women's and mixed divisions, and we have a large raffle after dinner. Tan brochures are available at both entrances of the church.

Registrations or sponsorships can be mailed to the address in the brochure or placed in the collection basket at Mass. If you are able to donate an item for the raffle, please contact the rectory or call one of the committee members listed in the brochure. Please call Kitty at (860-462-1185) if you'd like to help or have questions about this fun event.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Raffle prizes are being accepted for the **Golf Tournament.** Please bring your raffle prizes to the Rectory Office, Monday through Thursday between 9 and 1pm. Thank you for generosity.

Position Available

The Diocese of Norwich seeks a fulltime Executive Director for the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti ministry. Responsibilities include supervision of staff in U.S. and Haiti, fundraising, financial management, oversight of operations in U.S., oversight of programs in Haiti, including clinic, education, twinning, and hospitality.

Qualifications: Respect and support for leadership and teachings of the Catholic Church, a bachelor's degree, and work experience in a related field. Administration experience and budget management, community relations, and fundraising skills.

For complete job description and mission statement please email Thomas Campbell at **thomas.campbell@outreachtohaiti.org** .

All letters of interest and resumes are due by September 12 to Tom at the above email address.

Liturgical Celebrations

Since the Vatican II Council the Catholic Church has encouraged lay people to take on more active roles in liturgical celebrations. Would you consider becoming a lay minister in the following areas:

Eucharist ministers : You will be assisting with the distribution of the Eucharist when the Fathers are alone. There is training and commissioning to this ministry. Please contact Deacon Frank @ fhann2012@gmail.com

Altar Servers: Both youth and adult servers are needed, training will be available to all who wish to serve in this ministry. Please contact Steve Autieri @ smautieri@gmail.com

Lectors: Proclaim the Scriptures during Mass. Training and Commissioning is given for those who wish to serve in this ministry. Please contact Erin Jones @ joneserin923@gmail.com

Ushers: Help out with collection during Mass and give assistance when needed to parishioners with questions. If you wish to serve in this ministry, please contact Brian Chamberlin @stlukeushers@gmail.com families are welcomed to sign up together.

Thank you for your consideration. The Liturgy Committee

Church of Saint Luke

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

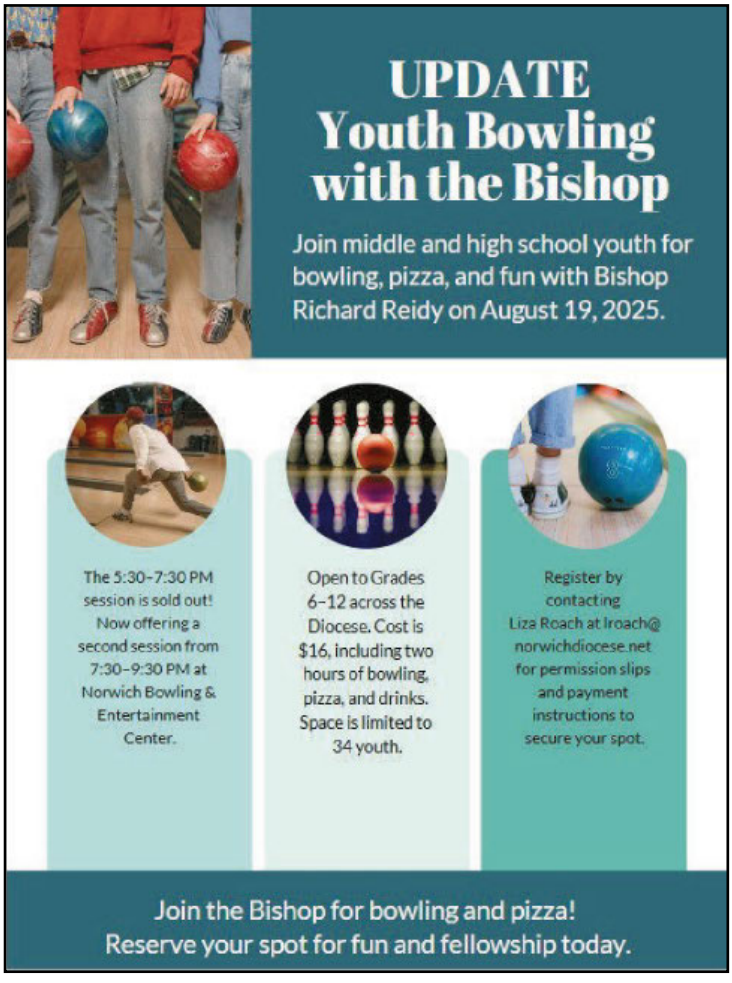
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Youth Bowling with the Bishop

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 | 5:30–7:30 PM | Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Center Youth are invited for a fun evening of Bowling with the Bishop**!** Middle and High School Youth from across the Diocese are invited to enjoy two hours of bowling, food, and fellowship with Bishop Richard Reidy**.** The cost is $16 which includes bowling, pizza and drinks. Space is limited to the first 34 young people who are paid. To register, contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net to receive the .permission slip. *Registration will be confirmed upon receiving the completed permission slip and payment.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 7 - Holy Hour - 7 pm
Aug 11 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Aug 15 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 8 am and 7 pm
Aug 20 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Aug 25 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Sept 1 - Labor Day
Sept 2 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8pm
Sept 4 - Holy Hour - 7 pm
Sept 5 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm
Sept 5 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Sept 5 - Blood Drive - 12 pm to 7 pm
Sept 8 - Cenacle - 6:30 pm
Sept 14 - Parish Picnic
Sept 16 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8pm
Sept 17 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Sept 19 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Sept 22 - Cenacle - 6:30 pm

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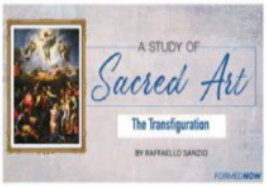
This Week on Formed

Week of August 03, 2025

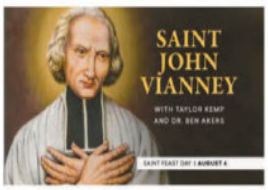


The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.

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