CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

141 Maple Street, P.O. Box 246, Ellington, CT 06029
Phone: 860-875-8552 Fax: 860-872-6548
www.churchofstlukect.com
Parish Email: stluke_ellington@comcast.net

TWENTIEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **AUGUST 17, 2025**

WELCOME

Welcome to our Parish! Welcome to our Community! Welcome to our Family!
We look forward to getting to know you, please introduce yourself after mass. We hope you will join us outside of Mass and be an active member of our Faith community. Please share your special gifts and talents within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome.
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

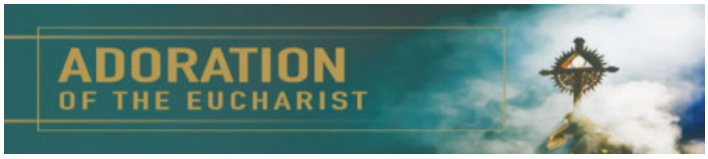
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 16
5:PM +JOE KING
R/B TOM & DOTTIE CURTISS

SUNDAY, AUG 17
7:30AM +ALAN PIENKOWSKI
R/B JUDY NORWOOD
10:30AM +BILL CHAMBERLIN & KAYLA AVERY
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00PM +ANN MARIE DESJARDINS
R/B SISTER JEANNINE

MONDAY, AUG 18, 8:00AM
ARTURO AGUILAR & YOHEI MATOS
HEALING MASS
R/B THEIR MOTHER

TUESDAY, AUG 19, 8:00 AM
+THERESA ROBERTS

WEDNESDAY, AUG 20, 8:00 AM
+WILSON FLYNN

THURSDAY, AUG 21, 8:00 AM
+MARY REGAN

FRIDAY, AUG 22, 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, AUG 23
5:PM +CHARLIE ALLEN
R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUG 24
7:30AM +SHIRLEY MCELROY
1ST ANNIVERSARY
R/B JANE
10:30AM +FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
6:00PM +WILLIAM & GRACE BEERS
R/B SUE BEERS

SANCTUARY CANDLE - August 17, 2025

In Loving Memory of
Joe King
R/B Jane

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

****

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

JESUS is my Hope! We are looking forward to a great year sharing our hope in Jesus with each other. Register your children for the 2025-2026 year before August 31. 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!

Confirmation 2026 - Mark your calendars

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

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

Grade 2 and 3 – Important Dates

Sunday November 23 – Grade 3 Parent & Student Mass Workshop
Sunday November 23 – Grade 2 and 3 Pin Family Mass 10:30 am
Sunday January 11 – Grade 2 Parent & Student Reconciliation Workshop
Sunday January 11 – Grade 2 Family Mass 10:30 am
Sunday March 1 – Grade 3 Parent & Student Eucharist Workshop
Sunday March 1 – Grade 3 Candle Family Mass 10:30 am
Saturday TBD – Grade 2 First Reconciliation
Sunday April 26 – First Communion Rehearsal during class
Thursday April 30 – First Communion Rehearsal at 5:30 pm
Sunday May 3 – First Holy Communion & May Crowning 10:30 Mass

2025 ACA update

As of August 4, 2025, Saint Luke Parish, Ellington has donated $35,535.30 or 76.25% of its goal, and 23.72% of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2025. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Church of Saint Luke
Community News

AUGUST 10, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - $6,777

Thank you for your generosity!

Annual St Luke's Parish Picnic will be held on September 14th after the 10:30 Mass on the lawn behind the rectory. Everyone is invited to this free event. Come enjoy great food (pulled BBQ chicken; burgers & dogs; sausage, peppers & onions; salads (pasta, broccoli, & fruit); baked beans & new this year an ice cream sundae bar), games and getting to know your fellow parishioners. Signup forms are available in the church pews if you are interested in coming. We are looking forward to another wonderful day! !

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.

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

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year?

Bishop Richard F Reidy

will celebrate the
Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 2 P.M.
at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop and have their names and anniversary dates listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website.

To register, send the following information:
husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated, and parish

to Liza Roach, Family Life Minister,
331 Main St. Floor 2, Norwich, CT 06360
860-848-2237, Ext 305
Email Alvania at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
Couples may email a ***recent digital photo*** *of themselves in a jpeg format to email above or lroach@norwichdiocese.net to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.*

The registration deadline is September 25, 2025. This is a firm date; register early.

Diocese of Norwich ~ Office of Faith Events

Church of Saint Luke

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

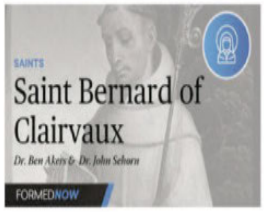
"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty

formed
Forming Catholics for Life

This Week on Formed

Week of August 17, 2025



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 8 pm
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 13 & 14 - Knights of Columbus Mum sale after Mass
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
Sept 22 - Golf Tournament - Ellington Ridge Country Club
Oct 1 - Holy Hour - 7pm
Oct 3 - First Friday Mass - 12 pm
Oct 3 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Oct 5 - Respect Life Sunday
Oct 7 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Oct 13 - Columbus Day
Oct 13 - Cenacle - 6:30 pm
Oct 19 - Community Breakfast & Rosary
Oct 21 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Oct 27 - Cenacle - 6:30 pm Cenacle - 6:30 pm
Oct 31- Halloween

Awakening:

How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith!

*Rediscover God's Unconditional Love
*Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts
*Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life
*Experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation

St. Sebastian Church Hall, Middletown

September 9, 11, 16 & 18

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm for two weeks

Register online at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call Alvania at 860-848-2237, ext. 304. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events.

Marder, Roberson & DeFelice
LAW OFFICES, LLC
A Full-Service Law Firm including:
Estate Planning • Wills • Probate • Real Estate
Dale Roberson, Parishioner
(860) 872-3000
76 S. Frontage Road, Vernon, CT 06066
www.marder-law.com

WE BUY LAND FOR CASH!
FAST AND HASSLE-FREE!
(860) 840-7278
BND LAND
WWW.BNDNETWORKS.NET

SOFIA'S RESTAURANT
Fine Italian Cuisine & Pizza
Banquet Facilities for up to 35 People
623-9477

For The Very Best In Donuts
There's Only One!
Gerry's Donuts
180 Windsorville Rd.
Ellington, CT

IF YOU LIVE ALONE
MDMed*Alert!*™ STARTING AT $19.95/mo.
✔ Ambulance ✔ Police/Fire
✔ Family/Friends ✔ GPS & Fall Alert
CALL NOW! 800.809.3570
md-medalert.com

875-6281
GOTTIER FUEL CO., INC.
Complete Sales and Service of Heating Equipment
221 West Main Street
Rockville, CT

BEAVER TREE SERVICE, LLC
TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING
FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
860-749-8661
beavertreect.net

LADD-TURKINGTON & CARMON
Funeral Home
Funerals • Cremation • PrePlanning
551 Talcottville Road, Vernon • 19 Ellington Avenue, Rockville
Family Owned & Operated
860-875-3536 • www.carmonfuneralhome.com

ELLINGTON CENTER ANIMAL CLINIC
66 Main St., Ellington
860-871-3064
www.ellingtonvet.com

SHORT STAFFED?
Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.
CALL 800-477-4574

DAVID E. PALOZEJ EYECARE ASSOCIATES, LLC
Diagnosis and Treatment of the Eye
72-II W. Stafford Rd., P.O Box 24
Stafford Springs, CT 06076
860-684-2191
Accepting New Patients
We Accept Most Insurances
www.palozejeyecare.com
384-A Merrow RD., P.O. Box 70
Tolland, CT 06084
860-870-4632
Offering:
- General Practice
- Pediatrics
- Emergency Care
- Contact Lenses
- Dry Eye Therapy
- Lasik Comanagement

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?
Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.
Visit lpicommunities.com
Scan to contact us!

CITYWIDE HOMES
FULL SERVICE REMODELERS
Sick of poor service and generic quality from contractors? We return every call, email, and text. We keep every appointment. We stay educated and on-trend. No job is too big or too small. We are trustworthy and honest.
FOR PICS AND REVIEWS GO TO OUR GOOGLE LISTING AND CITYWIDEHOMESCT.COM
Kitchens, baths, tile, flooring, drywall, paint, windows, doors, decks, siding, roofs, and everything else.
Call us at 860-836-0297
ALL CALLS RETURNED GUARANTEED!
OWNED AND OPERATED BY LIFETIME PARISHIONER OF THE HARTFORD ARCHDIOCESE
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED • LIC # HIC.0639110

INTEGRITY MATTERS
Serving Our Local Community Since 1997
JON McPARTLAND
REALTOR®
860-335-1793
jonmcpartland@sbcglobal.net
COLDWELL BANKER REALTY

LIBERTY PLUMBING, LLC
General Plumbing • Water Heaters
Well Pumps • Drain Cleaning
24 Hours Emergency Service
Shawn Koehler • 860-872-3450

ROSA ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.
Family Owned Since 1984
"No Job Too Small"
FREE ESTIMATES - 860.872.2366
WWW.ROSAELECTRICCT.COM
Licensed & Insured - ELC.0184929

STAR HARDWARE
James Prichard, *Owner*
Cell 860-305-3313
starhardware64@yahoo.com
East Windsor • 92 Bridge Street • 860-623-5326
Manchester • 877 Main Street • 860-643-4425
Ellington • 64 Main Street • 860-875-3031
Somers • 641 Main Street • 860-749-7831
Tolland • 642 Tolland Stage Rd. • 860-872-4675
Chances are, we have it... and we're closer!

HarborChase
Assisted Living • Memory Care
Evergreen Walk
Schedule your personalized experience today!
(860) 530-5260

Green Carpet Lawn Care
Lawn Fertilization Programs
Tree & Shrub Programs
Flea & Tick Control
Seeding • Aeration
860-871-1025
greencarpetlawn.com

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO
4lpi.com/adcreator

THE LAW OFFICES OF
BRENDA A. DRAGHI, LLC
Real Estate • Wills • Probate
Elder Law • Business Law
18 MAIN ST. • ELLINGTON, CT 06029
(860) 871-1900
info@bdraghilaw.com

the BOLLES Brothers
BollesMotors.com
Bolles Motors
DODGE RAM CHRYSLER Jeep
Visit us at 84 West Road in Elington, CT
Call us at (860)875-259

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME
Mary Hoffman
mhoffman@4LPi.com
or (800) 477-4574 x6340

catholicmatch®
Connecticut
CatholicMatch.com/CT