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TWENTY– FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24, 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*

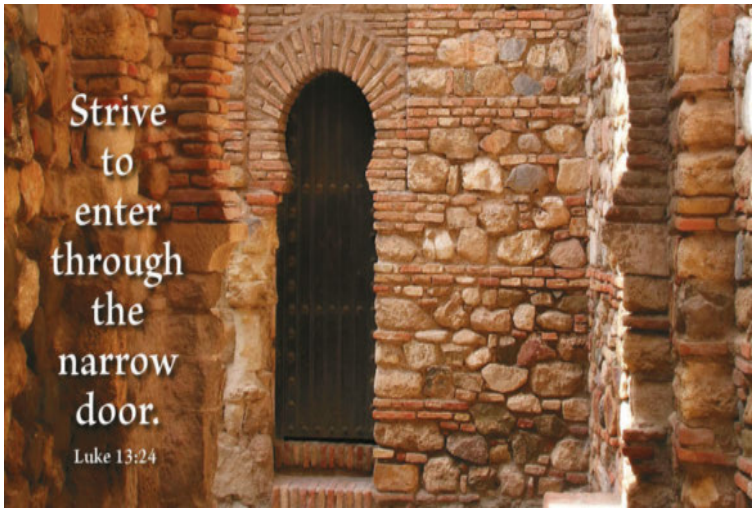
Deacon Frank Hann
Phone: 860-462-8032

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

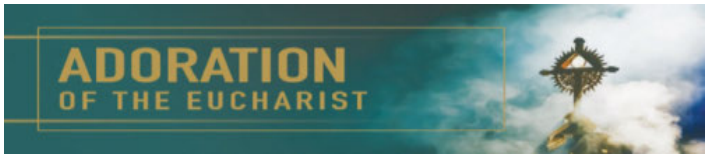
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 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

MONDAY, AUG 25, 8:00AM
+DR. LIVADIOTIS
R/B THE RODRIGUES FAMILY

TUESDAY, AUG 26, 8:00 AM
+THERESA ROBERTS

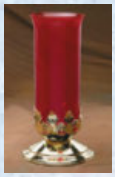
WEDNESDAY, AUG 27, 8:00 AM
+WILSON FLYNN

THURSDAY, AUG 28, 8:00 AM
+EUGENE GILBERT
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

FRIDAY, AUG 29, 8:00 AM
+MAE TENERO
R/B ALYCE MAYER

SATURDAY, AUG 30
5:PM MARGE GRIFFIN
HEALING MASS
R/B TRICIA SCHUITEN

SUNDAY, AUG 31
7:30AM +JOE KING
R/B JUDY NORWOOD
10:30AM +PETER CIPARELLI
4TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



SANCTUARY CANDLE - August 24, 2025

In Loving Memory of
William & Grace Beers
R/B Sue Beers

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

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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, Conrad Barile, Jody & Laura Behrendt, Emma Benavivich, Tina Chamberlin, Virginia Connell, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Carol DiCioccio, Richard Dubay, Jeanne Ferruolo, Carol 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 Plonski, 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

"JESUS is my Hope"

Back to School Prayer

Lord, we trust you with everything in our lives and our most precious gift: children and family. As we prepare for the school year ahead, we pray for our children as they prepare for another year of learning. We pray that in all that they do they will be guided by you and by your Holy Church. Amen.

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!

Faith Formation Classes and Events:

First Class - Sunday September 14 – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-6
First Class - Tuesday September 16 – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-8,10
First Class - Wednesday September 17 – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-10
Sunday September 21 and 28 – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-6
Tuesday September 23 and 30th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-8,10
Wednesday September 24 and 10/1 – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-10

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

Church of Saint Luke
Community News

Parish Giving

AUGUST 17, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - $4194
ASSUMPTION OF MARY- $1,150
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, games for young and old and everyone in between (golf putting green, Jenga, axe (plastic) throwing, supervised activities for the kids and many more fun options) 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

ST. ANNE GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Please join us for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Save the date for our next meeting. We will not be meeting during the summer. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall. For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com

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 September 5th. For additional Information or to join, please contact Carolina at stlukewomen-guild@gmail.com

Be Kind to One Another

Church of Saint Luke

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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This Week on Formed

Week of August 24, 2025

The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

The Confessions of Saint Augustine

Actor Leonardo Defilippis captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

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

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant, **Rev. Walter Nagle,** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Anne's Grandmother Guild 10:30 am
Oct 21 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Oct 27 - Cenacle - 6:30 pm Cenacle - 6:30 pm
Oct 31- Halloween

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.

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