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TWENTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **AUGUST 31, 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/Cathy Peck

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

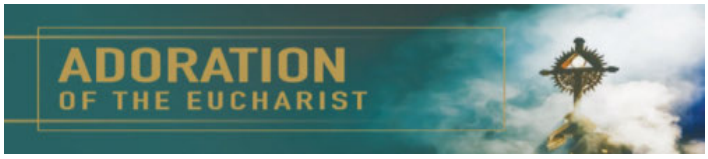
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

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 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

MONDAY, SEPT 1, 8:00AM
+MARION OTT
R/B ALYCE MAYER

TUESDAY, SEPT 2, 8:00 AM
+THERESA ROBERTS

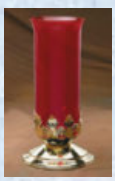
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 3, 8:00 AM
+WILSON FLYNN

THURSDAY, SEPT 4, 8:00 AM
+MARY REGAN

FRIDAY, SEPT 5
8:00 AM +STEPHANIE MOORE
R/B THE FAMILY
12:00 PM +LORETTA NELSON
R/B JOE & KIM BOCCHINO

SATURDAY, SEPT 6
5:PM +ANN MARIE & RICHARD PLUCAS
R/B SUE BEERS

SUNDAY, SEPT 7
7:30AM +MARIE GLEASON
R/B RAY & KAREN LUCIANO
10:30AM +ELLIE KENNEDY
R/B SUE BEERS
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



SANCTUARY CANDLE - AUGUST 31, 2025

In Loving Memory of
Lela Armata
R/B The Marquis Family

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 2025-2026

JESUS is my Hope! We are looking forward to a great year sharing our hope in Jesus with each other. 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. Register your children for the 2025-2026 year before August 31 for the early bird discount. Use the online registration link or visit our Website. ***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 24, 2025

REGULAR COLLECTION - $4,819

Thank you for your generosity!

Annual St Luke's Parish Picnic 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 and getting to know your fellow parishioners. Every year over 100 hundred people come so it is a great opportunity to catchup with old friends, make new ones and celebrate your parish family! 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.

Annual St Luke Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner!
The Tea Cup Raffle Committee is looking for donations. We are looking for items valued at $25.00 or above. Here are some suggestions - but please feel free to use your own creative ideas!

- Items that men would appreciate such as tools, golfing items, gift certificates
- Tickets to a game such as Patriots or UCONN men's or women's basketball
- Spa day such as certificate for mani/pedi or a massage (reputable place)
- Handcrafted items
- Bundle 2 or 3 items such as kitchen items, toys, baby items
- If you have one, how about offering a weekend stay at Airbnb or VRBO
- Gift certificates for restaurants

Raffle items will be accepted now until Sunday November 2nd. Donations received after November 2nd may be held for next year's Bazaar. Please drop off donations to the rectory M-F 9 – 1 pm or the Faith Formation office during classes.

Feel free to call or text Jane at 860-716-3436 if you have any questions. With your support, we can have a successful raffle. Thank you!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be at St. Luke's on Friday, September 5th, from 12pm to 7pm in the Church Hall.

You may schedule your appointment now at:
www.redcross.com

SAVE The DATE
Blessing of the Animals
October 5th - 1:00 pm
Near the St. Francis Assisi statue
Details to follow

Church of Saint Luke

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"*Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14*

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Our Lady of Fatima Council 4122 (Knights of Columbus)

Will be selling Mums the weekend of September 13th and 14th after all Masses. Proceeds to benefit "**Coats for Kids**"

The cost is $20, **cash or check ONLY**. Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus #4122.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please join us this Thursday, September 4th for Holy Hour at 7:00pm and Friday, September 5th for our First Friday Mass

SCHOOL IS NOW IS SESSION

PLEASE DRIVE RESPONSIBLY!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 11 - Craft & Connect Night 7 pm
Sept 13 & 14 - Knights of Columbus Mum sale after Mass
Sept 14 - Parish Picnic
Sept 16 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
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

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This Week on Formed

Week of August 31, 2025

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.

Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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