



Saint Luke the Evangelist

A Roman Catholic Community
Serving the People of Westborough Since 1870

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27





Saturday, July 9

5:00pm **Vilma Henderson**
by her family

Sunday, July 10

7:30am **Hector Pagan**
by Julie & Bruce Szczepankiewicz

9:00am **Amy Leland-Davis**
by Meg Kane

11:00am **Joseph Osmanski**
by Jane Kim

Monday, July 11

9:00am **Jacquelyn E. Towne-Silverstein**
by Senior Adults

Tuesday, July 12

9:00am **Ryan Millet**
by Herman & Dottie Millet

Wednesday, July 13

9:00am **Paul Walcott**
by his family

Thursday, July 14

9:00am **Patrick Blaney**
by family

Friday, July 15

9:00am **Tom Columbia**
by his family

Saturday, July 16

5:00pm **Timothee O'Donnell**
by his family

Sunday, July 17

7:30am **Bertha & Arthur Ulmer**
by Nancy Papp & family

9:00am **Maria Barretti**
by family

11:00am **Frances O'Neill**
by Suzanne & John McCann

Please Pray for...

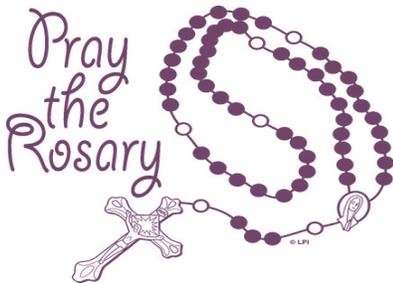
Susan Bailey, Chloe Nascimento, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Michael LeBlanc, Donna Rene', Carol Aloisi, Mickie Aylward, Tuyen Tran, Mary Mahan, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Michelle Weil, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho, Nancy Santory, Sharon Beaulieu, Toby Claufon, Becky Rawson, Paul Fallon, Dennis Raymond, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Elisa Korb, Peg Christensen, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Elizabeth Power, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, KirolosGergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Nancy Camp, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Laconya Mobley, Demetrius Mobley, Judy Melfa, Maria Matejko, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Dawn Haight, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Lynn St. Jean, Alyssa Bloom, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker, Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Diane Snow, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Joel Rivera, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, Kristy Cautello, Jack Walker, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin, Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Austin Tomalewski, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over seas in harm's way.

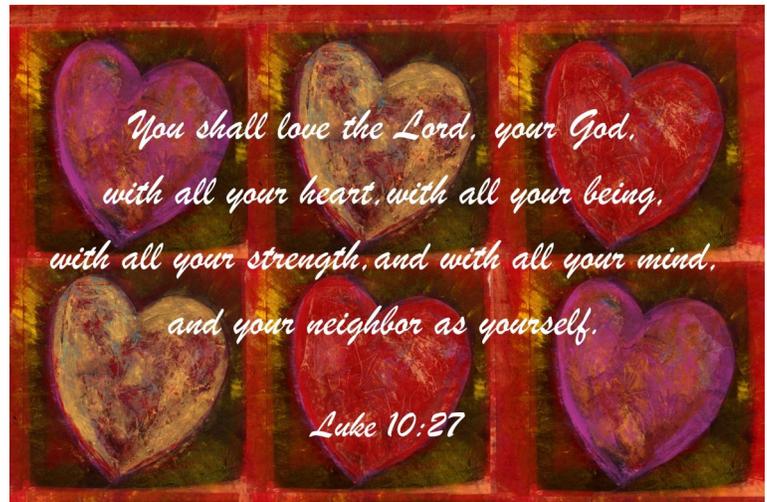
We remember those who have died

Joan Brady

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION
TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 1:00PM
BENEDICTION AT 1:00PM**



We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday after the 9am weekday Mass Monday through Friday





From our Pastor...

My dear brothers and sisters,
Greetings from my provisional office. As you imagine, moving from one place to the other can be hectic and fun simultaneously. Having a new living space is challenging, but we count our blessings as we have a roof over our heads (more than a roof, actually.) By the way, I love my new rectory! I am also blessed and thankful for the community that welcomed me this week as the new pastor.

The second reading of this Sunday's liturgy from St. Paul to the Colossians is a beautiful hymn to Jesus Christ. St. Paul says to the community, "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God." Through him, God has revealed his face of mercy and love to the entire humanity. Through Jesus' actions and words, we have known what an incredible Father we have, full of compassion and love for His children.

Similarly, through the beautiful parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus invites his disciples to be the face of God's mercy to others, particularly to all those in need or distress.

Knowing all of you personally is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the presence of Jesus among us and to see the face of God through your service to this community in the many different and beautiful ways you do it. But I must warn you; I have tons of names to memorize, so be patient with me!

Let's be the face of Jesus!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Diego

Meet Fr. Alex!



We welcome Fr. Alex Asamoah this weekend as the new resident priest at St Luke's rectory. Ordained in 2012 for the Archdiocese of Kumasi in Ghana, Fr. Alex is working on his Master's Degree in Theology at Boston College. Fr. Alex comes from a family of five siblings. He actually has a twin brother. Fr. Alex likes listening to choral and classical music. He's also a soccer fan! Fr. Alex will be celebrating mass during the week and one mass over the weekend.

Welcome, Fr. Alex

**NEW ADULT STUDIES
for JULY and AUGUST!**

Join a small group to strengthen your faith and help you on your spiritual journey!

**EUCCHARIST ~ Mondays 7:00 - 8:15 pm
(REMOTELY over ZOOM)**

**SACRAMENTS ~ Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:15 pm
in (the Parish Center)**

**INTRODUCTION to THEOLOGY of the BODY
~ Thursdays 7:00 - 8:15 pm
(REMOTELY over ZOOM)**

**Click on the ADULT STUDIES TAB on our
St. Luke's Website for more information
and to sign up!**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth becomes as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

Saint Pope John XXIII



Image; The National Gallery of Art Saint Bonaventure

SAINT BONAVENTURE

FEAST DAY JULY 15TH

Saint Bonaventure's Story

Perhaps not a household name for most people, Saint Bonaventure, nevertheless, played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure certainly captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title “Seraphic Doctor.”

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidenza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint’s birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure’s teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.



RCIA Seeking Inquirers

Our parish’s RCIA Team is always open to meeting people who wish to inquire about being a Christian in the Catholic faith tradition. Do you or do you know someone looking for spiritual direction in this life as well as wondering what might lay beyond our journey in this world?

Our Christian faith is the common denominator that provides meaning and guidance through the blessings and challenges of our lives. Like the disciples of ages past, we are encouraged to reach out to those people we encounter to help them find a path to Christ and the love of God, and RCIA provides them that life-changing opportunity! In addition, our parish’s RCIA Team also stands ready to help our brothers and sisters from other Christian traditions become better familiar with the Catholic Church and the path to full reception into our faith community. Might that apply to you or someone you know? None of us knows when we will be taken out of this world so procrastination isn’t a good option! For information on the St. Luke’s RCIA process, please contact Bob Thompson at 508-341-7677 or bob_thomps@hotmail.com or call Maria Gasser, St. Luke’s Secretary at 508-366-5502. The St. Luke’s RCIA Team stands ready to meet and welcome inquirers!



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The mayor of a small town gave a speech about making the city better, one citizen at a time, block by block.

A few men in our neighborhood took it seriously and began to clean up litter, tidy up a vacant lot and start a neighborhood watch program. Their motto was, "If you want a better neighborhood, be a better neighbor!" Their efforts were contagious and the neighborhood not only looked better, but it became a better place to live.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is about loving others as God loves. There are no limits or restrictions. It's just one person—one neighbor—helping another, without regard for nationality, language or religion. We are all members of the same human family, all created by the same loving God. We cannot claim to be people of love if we fail to practice what we claim.

How do we become the Good Samaritan? Try random acts of kindness. Be more patient in traffic—even leaving the church! Give someone a helping hand. Buy someone's lunch—anonously. Send a thank you note. Forgive a debt—or a grudge. Call someone who needs a friend. Pray a little more. Make a good confession. Practice Lent in July. If you want a better Church, or if you want a deeper faith, work to be a better believer!

James Gaffney,



Looking for VOLUNTEERS to help celebrate Gods greatness!!!

**2022 Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School
July 25th - 29th 2022
9am to noon**

VBS will be at St. Luke's this summer and we need help from our parish. Anyone interested in helping out please reach out to Kristie Gagnon. We are looking to fill multiple volunteer positions such as: a nurse, station leaders, kid's group leaders, set-up and clean up help... High School kids and Adults looking for a fun way to get involved please consider volunteering!

Kristie Gagnon - kristiekamila@gmail.com - 978-855-0190 (Email, call or text)

ST. LUKE'S CEMETERY FEE INCREASES ON SEPTEMBER 1

Our Parish Finance Committee, after discussing the financial matters of our Parish cemetery, has decided to increase fees for burials in St. Luke's Cemetery beginning September 1, 2022. The present prices for burial have not been adjusted for at least 20 years, and will reflect what is more consistent with other cemeteries throughout the Diocese of Worcester, although fees at St. Luke's Cemetery will remain below the average of other cemeteries. Thus, the sale of a plot will be raised from \$500.00 to \$900.00. For interment, the burial of a casket (full body) will be raised from \$500.00 to \$1000.00, and the burial of cremains will be raised from \$125.00 to \$500.00. For any questions or concerns about the fee increases, please speak with Fr. Riley or call or email our Parish Bookkeeper Linda Underwood.

Volunteer Opportunity: Helping someone with errands

One of our older parishioners who lives near the center of Westborough is no longer able to drive and cannot do errands (such as returning something to TJMaxx) Would you be willing to occasionally drive her or go on an errand for her? She would like to cover any cost for gas. If you'd be interested in learning more, please contact Julie Basque at 508-366-8509, ext 4. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 10	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14+17, 30-31, 33-34, 36a+37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
MONDAY July 11	<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot</i> Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 10:34—11:1
TUESDAY July 12	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY July 13	<i>Saint Henry</i> Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
THURSDAY July 14	<i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i> Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab+15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
FRIDAY July 15	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
SATURDAY July 16	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 17	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4, 5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



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Beth Salsman, Housekeeper

Lawrence Orlando, Building and Grounds

Patrick Malone, Building and Grounds

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Please contact the Rectory for information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by personal request
Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.



All St. Luke parishioners have full access to all *Word on fire content* free of charge, including the complete digital library and all premium

content. If you are subscribed to receive Flocknote messages you can view at your own pace, on your own schedule, on any device.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Here at St. Luke's, we follow the guidelines of the national charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Worcester Diocese in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. For questions, information or help please contact Judy Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4361 (direct line and confidential voicemail is available).