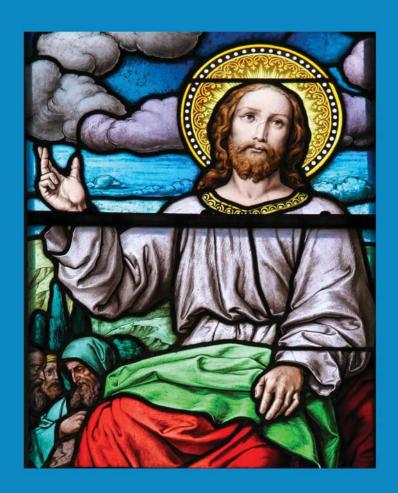


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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TEACHING ABOUT OATHS

"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'
Anything more is from the evil one." Matthew 5:37



Saturday, February 11

5pm Joan & Bill Finnerty Celebrant: Fr. Larry by their family

Sunday, February 12

7:30am Lee Mathieu
Celebrant: Fr. Larry
by her family

9:00am Tocci family Celebrant: Fr. Jose

by their family

11:00am Paul Ouellette (3rd Anv) Celebrant: Fr. Alex

by his family

Monday, February 13

9:00am J.W. Romeo Savoie by Savoie family Tuesday, February 14

9:00am **Salvatore Fantasia** by his family

Wednesday, February 15

9:00am Lisa Howland by Mike Barretti

Thursday, February 16

9:00am Fr. Bob Mathieu

by his family

9:00am Anthony Papp (18th Anv) by Nancy Papp & family

Saturday, February 18
5pm James Power (4th Anv)

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Celebrant: Fr. Diego
by his family

Sunday, February 19

7:30am Maria Barretti Celebrant: Fr. Alex

by her family

9:00am Annette LaNoce Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by her family

11:00am Margaret Revene Barry

Celebrant: Fr. Diego by his family



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

Please Pray for...

Susan Bailey, Chloe Nascimento, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Margie Morcone, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho, Annie Mason, MaryAnn Hall, Sharon Beaulieu, Toby Claufon, Becky Rawson, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Peg Christensen, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Paul Fallon, Jim Killeen, 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, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Demetrius Mobley, Maria Matejko, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Thomas Livingstone, Nick Johnson, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, 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, , Edward Hubbell, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Joel Rivera, Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, Kristy Cautello, Judy Melfa, 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

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TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM



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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



During these last Sundays, we listen to the Sermon of the Mountain. This long sermon contains a rich explanation of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

In the first part, we hear the beatitudes in which Jesus points out the people who are better disposed and open to receive the Kingdom of God. In the passage of last Sunday, Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the earth and light of the world" as an invitation to transform the world

through actions and words that bring the good taste and the bright light of God to people's life.

This weekend, we listen to a new section of this sermon. Jesus now, in the fashion of a teacher of the law of Moses, revises some of the ten commandments. His intention is neither to abolish nor diminish the law's relevance. As much as many regard Jesus as a revolutionary, his revolution doesn't disregard the tradition or God's commandments but brings them to fulfillment, giving his disciples a new understanding of the law by uncovering the spirit that lies underneath the letter.

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Saint Paul says that the law of God instructs people in the way of righteousness. But the righteousness of the Kingdom of heaven is not the blind fulfillment of specific rules and commandments. Instead, it is the righteousness that seeks mercy, compassion, and forgiveness, creates, promotes, and defends justice, and leads the path to holiness.

As we heed Jesus' words, we strive to bring the righteousness of the kingdom of God into our daily lives by allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire us in the way of holiness.

ST. LUKE'S ORGANIC GARDEN

St. Luke's Organic Garden is a 48-patch community garden adjacent to St. Luke's



cemetery. We are currently assigning garden patches for spring 2023. We do have a few openings. If you are interested in joining the community garden, please contact Cindy Hodgdon

at <u>stlukesorganicgarden@gmail.com</u> or call 978-505-1186."

All women of the parish are welcome!
Women of St. Luke's
COMMUNION BRUNCH
Sunday, February 26th at
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followed by brunch at
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sign up sheets are available at the
entrance of the church
rsvp by February 21
Ouestions: Kathy Lawrence 508-847-774

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WORD group. When their team is winning group. When their team is winning they talk how great the team is and

buy jackets, caps, and anything with the team's logo. But if the team is struggling or has a losing season, fans can be hard to find. The seats are empty and everyone is full of criticism and other 'helpful' suggestions. There is lots of blame to go around and everyone thinks they know exactly what needs to be done. Of course, there is always next season!

Jesus has quite a few fans, that is, until he says something that challenges those around Him. People listened to the prophets, teachers and preachers for years. The message was often very similar: reform, change, observe the law, and live your life to please God. Sacrifice, discipline and service were necessary to the spiritual life. Somewhere along the way, the message was changed and now people hear a message of a Gospel of prosperity, financial blessings and that enough faith will make your great. There is no substitute for truth. We have to get the message right, to hear the words of the prophets, of the martyrs and saints, of the Church, indeed, the words of Jesus Himself.

Discipleship is about loyalty, honesty and faithfulness. It is about perseverance and persistence. We are not fair-weather believers, nor are we easily distracted from our work. We have seen what the Lord can do and we take Him at His word. Do not worry about tough times or difficult moments. We play on a winning team!

James Gaffney



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: FRIENDLY VISITOR

A parishioner's mother is moving to Westborough and is hoping to get to know the parish and senior center bet-

This Photo by Unknown

ter. She isn't driving so we are hoping someone might be able to visit with her to help her get to know the community and, at times, take her to an event at the senior center or the parish, or just be a companion. One or two hours a week, but it can be more or less depending on your availability.

For more information please contact Julie Basque at 508-366-8509 ext 4 or email pastoral associate@stlukes-parish.org.



Are you feeling a pull to be a Christian in the Catholic faith tradition or do you know someone who is looking to find spiritual direction in their life? Such a person may lack a Christian background,

have a faith origin from another Christian tradition, or be baptized Catholic but never received the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation (i.e., First Communion, Confirmation). Anyone interested in exploring (regardless of background/past life and without any pressure) the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is invited to contact Bob Thompson at 508-341-7677 or bob thomps@hotmail.com or call the rectory at 508 -366-5502. We welcome inquirers at anytime!

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Come join us every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 in the Church to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We have pamphlet instructions available in the vestibule and rosary beads for you to use.



What is the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a simple prayer – yet so powerful that God will send his mercy immediately. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is not only meant for you, but for the whole world and for people who want to seek mercy and compassion. The lord likewise attached extraordinary promises to the recitation of the chaplet. According to the Catholic Church, the essence of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is remarkable in its great simplicity. Amidst the confusion and chaos, the soul yearns for clarity and peace. So, there is something about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which can settle the mind and heart. This prayer reaches down deep into the soul and puts the person at ease. God Bless!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Rectory Office & Finance Office are now located in the Parish Center 1 Ruggles Street To see Maria or Linda visit them in their new office in the Parish Center. All Parish offices are closed on Friday.

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CATECHIST MINISTRY

We have a special opportunity for current catechists, anyone considering being a catechist, or anyone interested in learning how to best teach children about our faith! The Diocese will be presenting a four-part series on the Introduction to the Ministry of a Catechist which will cover the catechist's role and vocation, lesson plans, learning styles, spiritual development, classroom management, and so much more. The last part will include a Lenten Retreat called the Spirituality of the Catechist. The series will be held here at St. Luke the Evangelist in the Parish Center. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, you must register with the Diocese. Please register online using this link. https://worcesterdiocese.org/ introduction-to-the-ministry-of-the-catechist-1 The parish will cover the cost of registration for the series and the Lenten Retreat.

Dates.

Session 1 The Ministry, Vocation and Roles of the Catechist: Fri. March 3 from 6-9 PM Session 2 Lesson Planning and Developmental Stages of the Learner: Thurs. March 9 from 6-8 PM Session 3 Methodology and Classroom Management: Thurs. March 16 from 6-8 PM The course ends with The Spirituality of the Catechist: Lenten Retreat: Sunday, March 19 from 2-8 PM (requires separate registration)



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday February 14th from 1:00 -MINISTRY 2:30 PM in Room 23 of the Parish Center. This ministry is open to any person interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes or afghans for the sick and suffering. The

ministry also makes hats and mittens for the Giving Tree at Christmas. If you would like to participate but can't make the monthly meetings, please e-mail/ call Carol Mulcahy at cmmulcahy@live.com/508-898-0409 for more information about patterns and yarn. We would love to have new members since there are many requests for the handmade items. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.



St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on March 3rd.. We will be serving chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit and dessert. Please see the signup sheet in Flocknotes

for details. Please deliver the food hot to our house by 3:30 p.m. on March 3rd. Our address is 11 Old Nourse St., Westborough.

Any questions, please call Sue Black at 508-212-2748 or email me at susanmblack08@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

THE FOREVER YOUNG (St. Luke's Senior Adults) **Welcome Seniors**

Gathering – Refreshments Short Business Meeting Program of the Month 4th Monday of the Month 9:45 - 11:30 a.m.



Join us on February 27th for a fun morning singing the "Oldies but Goodies" with Jim Nolan

Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Tickets are now on sale for the 22nd Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference taking place on Saturday March 25, beginning at 8:00 am at Assumption Univ., 500 Salisbury St. Worcester. Visit https://catholicmenworc.com for speakers and more information. Adult tickets are \$50 / Student tickets are \$30. After March 13 or at the door, Adult tickets will be \$65. (Buy early and save 25%!) Student tickets are always \$30. Lunch is included with all tickets.



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (MATTHEW 5:20) The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

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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.





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