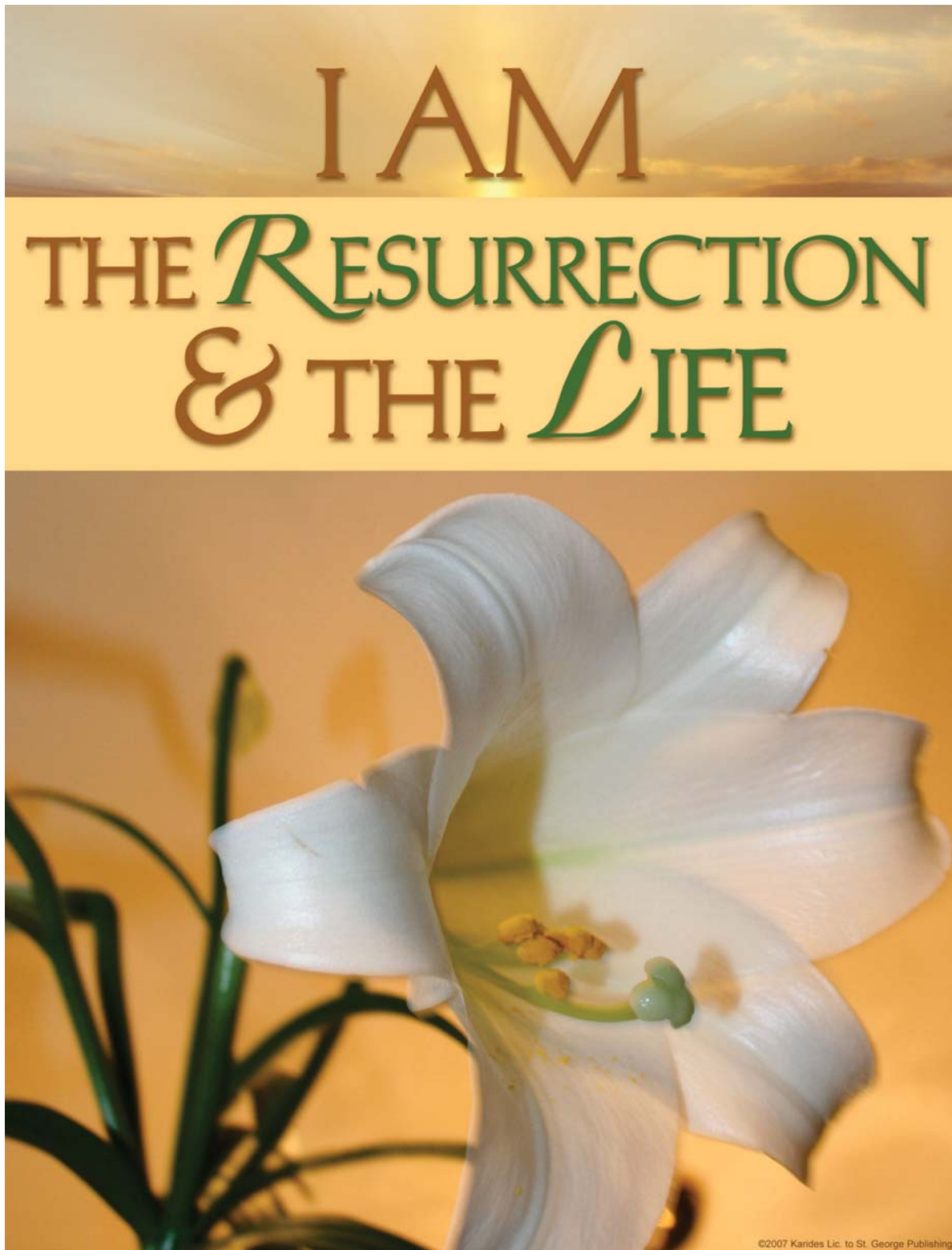




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April 9, 2023



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8
7:30pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9
7:30am
9:00am
11:00am
12:30pm (Spanish)

Monday, April 10

9:00am **Special Intention**
by Savoie family

Tuesday, April 11

9:00am **Robert I. Sullivan**
by his family

Wednesday, April 12

9:00am **Stase & Walter Ogar**
by their family

Thursday, April 13

9:00am **Mark Gagnon**
by Martha & Mary Group

Friday, April 14

9:00am **Souls in Purgatory**
by Pat & Paul Horrigan

Saturday, April 15

5pm **Dec'd members of**
Antkowiak family by their family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

Sunday, April 16

7:30am **Patrick Blaney**

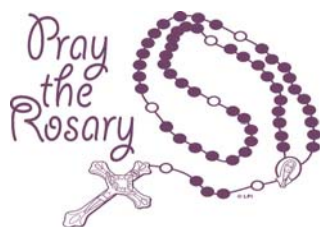
Celebrant: Fr. Alex
by Tubman family

9:00am **Joseph Opozda**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego
by family

11:00am **Catherine Rouse**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego
by Courtney Rouse & family



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

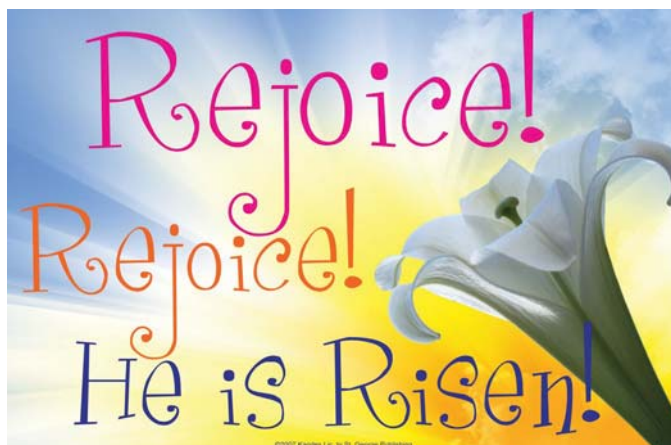
Please Pray for...

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Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson
Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean
Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins,
Tiffany Kelley, Paul Fallon, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu,
Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Peg Christensen, Toby Claufon,
Margaret Valis, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti,
Courtney Blumberg, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott,
Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney,
Jim Killeen, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley,
Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett,
John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, Kirolos Gergis, 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, Laonya Mobley, Demetrius Mobley, Maria Matejko,
Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez,
Joel Rivera, Mary Payant, Nick Johnson, James Thomas, Christina Narensky,
Alyssa Bloom, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland,
Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes,
George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker
Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo,
Madison Knopf, Edward Hubbell, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman,
Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zanczewicz, 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

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION
TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM**





HAPPY EASTER!!!

I think I have said enough this week!

If you were present at the different celebrations of the Holy Week, you might be sick of seeing me and listening to my long and boring homilies (no kidding!)

In all seriousness, our words barely express what Easter means. We can hardly grasp the depth of the mystery of Jesus' resurrection. The gospels give us an approach from the experience of the first disciples, an experience that, by the way, no one had had before, to be at the very presence of the most crucial moment in the history of Salvation.

The different narratives we find in every gospel express the awe and confusion of Jesus' resurrection and then the joy and excitement for the new presence of the Lord among them.

This new presence of the risen Lord is like a new beginning not only for the disciples but for all humanity. It's indeed a new beginning without forgetting what had happened.

There is a line from one of the songs of the 1973 musical "Jesus Christ Superstar." Toward the end of Act II, Mary Magdalene and Peter sing to Jesus "Could we start again, please? to express their frustration and hopelessness for the absence of the Master. They haven't understood the resurrection. I like to repeat that phrase to Jesus during the Easter season and to listen to Jesus, saying to me, "Yes, we can! This is a new beginning. Don't forget the value of the Cross, though."

All right, this is it! I have talked too much.

Let me say one final word, Happy and blessed Easter to everyone and thank you for your support and presence during this week.

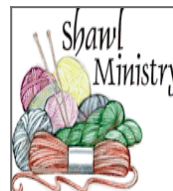
God bless you all!



Save the Date, April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday

The members of St. Luke's Divine Mercy Cenacle are inviting you to join them in a devotion to Divine Mercy at 2:30 p.m. with Exposition of the Eucharist, singing the Chaplet and praying the Litany of Divine Mercy. There is also a Novena to Divine Mercy that can be prayed beginning on Good Friday and ending on Saturday, April 15. Spread-

ing the message of God's mercy is so important because Jesus has said, **"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."** (Diary 300) Brochures and copies of the Novena and Chaplet can be found near the Image and also in the bookcase in the vestibule of the Church.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday April 11th from 1:00 – 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.



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Easter 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Christ my hope has arisen...” - Easter Sequence

“You know what has happened all over Judea...” (Acts 10:37). Saint Peter’s words in the Acts of the Apostles introduce a compact account of Jesus’ public ministry. For three years Jesus’ preaching, healings, and good works fulfilled the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. His works of love and words of truth led to the dramatic events of Holy Week which the Easter sequence describe as death and life contending in that “battle stupendous.” On Good Friday it seemed as if sin, death and evil had triumphed. But when all seemed lost, Easter came. Christ rose. Today, the sequence joyfully announces, “The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.”

The joy of that announcement should sound in our souls and resonate in our hearts. Christ’s resurrection shows that, in the end, good triumphs over evil, mercy overcomes sin, and life - eternal life - follows death. In a world weary from conflict, war, indifference, uncertainty and grief, the Easter message of hope is timely and needed.

Easter is not just an end to Lent, a day of feasting, and a break from life. Easter is an elevation of life. Christ’s resurrection should be the lens through which we grasp life’s true meaning and our ultimate goal. It is the perspective which enables us to keep life’s disappointments, tragedies and discouragements in proper perspective. Our faith and God’s grace don’t exempt us from our trials in life. They equip us to live Christ’s Gospel on earth and to share His victory in Heaven.

Today, and every day, we should rejoice in the resurrection and give thanks to God for His mercy and love. We should be resolved, as Saint Paul says to “seek that which is above” (Col 3:1). May the joy of Easter give you hope, may it guide your life and elevate your vision. Jesus Christ has risen and He promises His faithful followers, “whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live” (John 11:25).

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:2) Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don’t let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Learn about becoming a Deacon

The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall’s beginning formation process. Applications will be accepted through May 1, with classes to begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held on request with those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. To schedule a session, email your request to diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org, or submit an inquiry form at worcesterdiocese.org/diaconate-inquiry. More information is available

CONGRATULATIONS TO REBEKAH LACLAIR!



Congratulations to **Rebekah LaClair** for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil! Rebekah has been the recipient of prayers and support from the people of St. Luke's and now is a full member of our faith community, complete with all the Sacraments of Initiation.

In receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Rebekah has had her baptismal commitment strengthened and is now better prepared to lead her life as a disciple of Christ. Rebekah attended the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions faithfully and shared valuable insights gleaned from her life's experiences throughout the process.

Rebekah strengthens and enriches Christ's Church with her experiences, insights, and energized faith. She brings special gifts of grace to our parish community and the entire Catholic Church. Please congratulate her on taking this important step in her faith journey!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR RCIA

The success of the RCIA program rests upon the support and prayers of many, including our St. Luke's parish community. Our prayers and support for RCIA catechumens and candidates represent an outward sign of our responsiveness to God's love for us. Mary Sanning has served faithfully as Rebekah's sponsor. RCIA Team members (which include Kathy Burbank, Josh Dion, and Stan Kayser) form the rock foundation of the RCIA ministry. The RCIA Team has been in turn blessed with the enthusiastic support of our pastor, Fr Diego, and special contributions from various parishioners, including Julie Basque, Pat Horrigan, Chris Farmer, Maria Gasser, Bob Gasser, Sarah Connors, and Colin Murphy. RCIA really is a community effort!

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA constitutes a path for one to learn more about the Catholic faith, and if sense a calling by God, to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation into Christ's pilgrim church. We are always happy to meet inquirers and invite inquirers to contact us anytime. For more information on RCIA, please call the rectory at 508-366-5502 or Bob Thompson at 508-341-7677. We are anxious to meet and welcome future inquirers!



Save these Dates
Vacation Bible School
July 31-August 4th.

April 9, 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2023 AT 9:00AM

Placement of Veterans' Gravesite Flags at
St. Luke's Cemetery.

We request 6th to 12th grade students & adults too!

Any questions, please contact,

Paul E. Freeman; Jr.

Pfreemanjr25@yahoo.com

Please Note :

Rain Delay - If heavy thunderstorms or heavy rains are forecast for that time frame; the placement will be rescheduled to May 6th, 2023, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.



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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.

Wishing all a Blessed Easter Season

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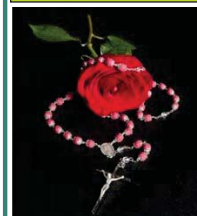
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