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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

Matthew 13:24



In this painting we are reminded of today's parable that Christ delivers about the ever present evil (represented by the weeds) in the world that we must continually negotiate. Breton divides the painting into two horizontal registers; one dark and one light, setting the symbolic tone of the work. This duality is also echoed in the waxing moon (alluding to the ultimate success of their labor) that, together with the woman standing on the left side, creates a diagonal emphasis toward the horizon's divine light, symbolizing the weeder's activity. Breton himself even used the word 'halo' when describing the type of light created by the hoods worn by the weeders as they symbolically weed out the evil in the world through their diligent and continual labor in their pursuit of the divine life.

GATHER HYMNAL 1137

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22

5:00pm Bill Miller

by his daughter

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 7:00pm Spanish Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, July 23

7:30am Martha Lille Hayden by Blaney family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 9:00am Mark Gagnon

by Mary & Tom Burke

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am Anna Brown by her family Celebrant: Fr. Diego

Monday, July 24

9:00am Logan Bowman

by family

Tuesday, July 25

9:00am Alfred James Beck

by his family

Wednesday, July 26

9:00am Peter E. Flynn

by family

Thursday, July 27

9:00am Thomas Faherty by Paul Sparks

Friday, July 28

9:00am Eratin Bowman

by family

Saturday, July 29

5:00pm Bill Henderson

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Alex 7:00pm Spanish Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, July 30

7:30am **Special Intention**

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 9:00am Gabe Boire

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am Rita Roccaforte

by Herman & Dottie Millet

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

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, Becky Rawson Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Kupaa Keiley, Tiffany Kelley, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu, Nick Johnson, William Fargelli, Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Toby Claufon, Margaret Valis, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Helen Anthony, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Kristine Ann Jackson, Paul Fallon, 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, Gene Buffo, Courtney Blumberg, Christine, Patrick, Robert & Coutinho family Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Edward Hubbell, Nancy Camp, David Perry, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Annie Mason, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Maria Matejko, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Carlene Beck, Joel Rivera, Mary Payant, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Alyssa Bloom, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Sofia Shahin, 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, Joan Sanders, David Sawyer, Madison Knopf, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, 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

Jean McWatters (sister of Karen Lonardo) Pouel Christensen (father of Preben Christensen)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

16[™] SUNDAY Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16/Rom 8:26-July 23 27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 MONDAY Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42 July 24

Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 TUESDAY July 25

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/ WEDNESDAY July 26

Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,16-20b/Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ July 27

Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 13:18-23 July 28

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk SATURDAY July 29

10:38-42

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 July 30

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

St Luke's Outreach is partnering with Westborough Youth & Family Services to collect school supplies for local kids in need. There will be a drop off box in the Parish Center, and dona-

tions will be accepted through Monday, Au-

qust 21st. Sup-

plies needed include: Backpacks for all ages, Ticonderoga pencils, Scissors, Crayola Crayons 16 & 24 count, Crayola colored pencils, glue sticks, Markers - washable Crayola thick & thin, Pencil boxes, 3 Ring Binders, Pens - black & blue, Sharpie Markers, Pocket Folders, Notebooks-Subject spiral Composition Notebooks, Highlighters and Erasers.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Nan Ford, St. Luke Outreach

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE TO 4:00PM Effective August 5th

We will have a new schedule for the Vigil Mass on Saturday. Vigil Mass in English is currently celebrated at 5.00 pm and Vigil Mass in Spanish at 7.00 pm. After careful consideration, we have taken into account that the Mass in Spanish is scheduled rather late, particularly during the winter months. In solidarity with our Hispanic community, we have decided to adjust the Mass schedule by one hour. As a result, the English Vigil Mass on Saturday will be at 4.00 pm, with confessions starting at 3.00 pm. The Spanish Mass will now take place at 6.00 pm on Saturdays. This change will be effective the first weekend of August.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection Monthly

Month of April 2023	70,761
Month of May 2023	62,863
Month of June 2023	53,652



LOST & FOUND

There are many items currently on our "Lost & Found" shelf in the

choir loft staircase. Please check it out if you think you may have left something behind in the church.

St. Luke's Summer Series July/August 2023

PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE by Edward Sri

WHEN: Tuesdays July 11 - August 29

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: Parish Center Room 23 FACILITATOR: Andrew Biancheri

SUMMER SUNDAYS WITH GOD, THE GOSPEL, & GOODIES

WHEN: Sundays Aug. 6, 13, 20

TIME: Immediately after 9 AM mass starting at 10:00 -

10:45 AM. WHERE: Parish Center Room 23

FACILITATOR: Tony Joseph For more information, please go to:

https://stlukes-parish.org/adult for complete details

and to register!



CALLING ALL COOKS!

We have a need for one person willing to make a meal once a month for a parishioner in need. Our meal ministry coordinates meals to be delivered

weekly to a parishioner in need of a home cooked meal. A group of four cooks each take one Wednesday per month to make their meal for the parishioner.

These meals are greatly appreciated. If you would be able to help us or would like more information please contact Julie Basque at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or call 508-366-8509, ext 4.

Lourdes, France





Ava & Annabella Biancheri traveled with their Grandmother, Andrew's mom, to visit the city she grew up in, San Sebastian, Spain. This is in Basque Country in the North of Spain. They stayed with and traveled with their grandmother's sister, we call her Tia. They visited Bilbao, Madrid, Toledo, San Sebastian, Lourdes, Loyola and a few other towns near them.

> IT'S TIME TO REV-UP OUR TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY!

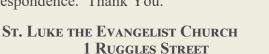
We need parishioners who have the time, and the vehicle to transport parishioners in need, to their appointments in and around Westborough. Please consider this ministry and give us a call at: 508-366-8509.



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, Stewardship the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24,

37-38) As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Please use this address for all parish correspondence. Thank You.



WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581





Back in March, some second graders planted a bunch of tomato seeds and now, months later, my garden has more than a few tomato plants. They stop by the garden almost everyday, watering the plants and

looking for the first signs of fruit. The young gardeners learned that it takes a lot of work to get from seed to salad!

The common experience of planting a seed and watching it grow provides a perfect image for Jesus to explain how faith grows. Faith is not automatic. Like the seed that needs water and soil and sun, faith needs practice and knowledge and the Son. As faith grows and becomes stronger, it transforms not only the believer, but also the community. Everyone is affected by it through word, example and practice. Like the effect of yeast in dough, faith touches every aspect of life.

What can we do to help our faith grow stronger? When we pray, or study the Bible, or share our faith or do good works for the sake of the Gospel, faith grows. When we practice the works of mercy, faith grows. When we ask God for grace and offer Him our hearts, minds and souls, faith grows. Put faith to work and it will work for you.

James Gaffney

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).

Are you interested in assisting our priests at Mass as an altar server?



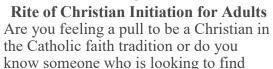
RCIA





We have a need for altar servers to assist at the 7:30 am Mass and the 5pm Mass in particular. Training provided. Scheduling flexible. Must have received your first holy communion. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Julie Basque, pastoral associate at 508-366-8509, ext 4 or email <u>pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org</u>

RCIA



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 parish secretary at 508-366-5502. We welcome inquirers at anytime!

For our confirmed Catholic brothers and sisters reading this, please take to heart these words from Pope Francis, "All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives." Gently pointing out RCIA to a fellow human may save them from spiritual desolation and open the door to a welcoming faith family











Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration 2023-2024

We would like to invite you to register your child in our Religious Education Program! We have opportunities for grades PreK - 11, including Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation preparation. Class size is limited and classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Registration and payment can be completed online at our St. Luke's website or in person in the Parish Center. Please contact Melissa Baril -Lower at religiouseducation@stlukes-parish.org for grades PreK-6 or Denise Pelkey

at <u>youthministry@stlukes-parish.org</u> for grades 7-11 if you have any questions. Thank you for joining us!

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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

NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome

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

RCIA

Contact the parish secretary if interested in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition.

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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