

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. Mt. 15:28



In today's bulletin we have a painting depicting the enigmatic narrative of Christ's interaction with a Gentile (non-Jewish) woman from Canaan. At first, Christ admonishes her by saying he is here to help "the lost sheep of Israel." However, after their interaction involving various metaphors (dogs symbolize faith), he decides to cure her daughter after her display of great faith. The Dutch painter Lastman sets up a classic Baroque scene in the form of a triangle with Christ at the pinnacle. In the background we can see a figure in a wheelchair with others passing through the city gate. This can be contrasted with the figure on the right; a well-dressed man holding a large book. Lastman is likely suggesting that those with the greatest faith are the ones seeking Christ, whereas the man on the right, who is a Pharisee critical of Christ, is the one with the least faith. Therefore, even those furthest away from Christ need only to have faith and seek him out to gain access to the divine.

### GATHER HYMNAL 1149

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

4:00pm Chester Sowa (25th Anv)

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 6:00pm **Spanish Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, August 20

7:30am Maria Barretti

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 9:00am **John McKenna** 

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **Dec'd members of** 

Chartienitz, Fucci, & Kilroy family

by their family Celebrant: Fr. Diego

Monday, August 21

9:00am **Special Intention** 

by family

Tuesday, August 22

9:00am Joyce Starner

by her family

Wednesday, August 23

9:00am Mark Gagnon

by Richard & Linda O'Donnell

Thursday, August 24

9:00am All Forgotten Souls

by friends

Friday, August 25

9:00am Neil Cavanaugh

by his family

Saturday, August 26

4:00pm Jared Miller

by Joanna Donahue

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 6:00pm **Spanish Mass** 

Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, August 27

7:30am Diane McMansus

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

9:00am Annette & Howard LaNoce

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 11:00am **John Martin** 

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

# 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, Jean Hope, 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

## 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

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

20TH SUNDAY Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Aug 20 Mt 15:21-28 MONDAY Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab+44/ Aug 21 Mt 19:16-22 TUESDAY Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30 Aug 22 WEDNESDAY Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16 THURSDAY Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51 Aug 24 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, **FRIDAY** Aug 25 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40 SATURDAY Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Aug 26 Ru 2. 1-3, 6-11, 4. 13-17/F5 126. 10-2, 3, 4, 5/18/L 25. 21st SUNDAY Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/

Aug 27 Mt 16:13-20

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Cover Image: Pieter Lastman, Christ and the Woman of Canaan (1617)

August 20, 2023

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Pastor's Column

# WELCOME MINISTRY BEGINS

"Hospitality is...the creation of a free space where strangers can enter and become friends."

Henri Nouwen

Welcoming the stranger raises our awareness and attentiveness to meet the needs of our neighbors with open minds and hearts. Jesus himself has commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you."

For many years, St. Luke's is known in our community as a welcoming and charitable parish as we have welcomed strangers and friends alike. With the growth of our parish family - in number and cultural varieties - we are compelled to joyfully extend our "welcome" in new and exciting ways!

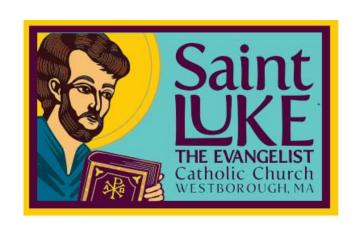
Our new Welcome Ministry team will take a fresh perspective of "welcome" working with our St. Luke's staff and ministries and across all aspects of our church – from the way we greet and onboard newcomers, to how we enhance our "welcome" across our liturgy, ministries, programs, buildings and grounds.

And that's just the beginning! Come and be part of this exciting new ministry as we build upon our welcoming hospitality and works of mercy. Like the many colors and textures of our beautiful Church rectory garden, our parish family too has uniquely gifted people and families growing together in unity. Let us put our gifts to bring joy and welcome to those who enter through our doors of mercy. Your ideas, talents, and gifts are welcome!

As we gear up for Welcome Weekend, Sept 9th &10th, hands, hearts and smiles are needed! Come help and reach out to Chris <u>4farmers@verizon.net</u> or Leslie <u>leslie.a.buffo@gmail.com</u> or Kathy (<u>kathyrichov@gmail.com</u>) and Kevin (<u>kjboyd@gmail.com</u>) to be part of this exciting new chapter!

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Diego Buriticá



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A college graduating class leaves behind the security of school and focuses on the possibilities of the future. It can be a daring adventure as students send

out resumes, go to interviews and dream of happiness and great careers. Some have the ability to think big and willingly take on new challenges. An open mind and desire to succeed can lead to great and wonderful things.

The woman who approaches Jesus has an open heart and a great desire for grace. She makes her request of Jesus and is persistent because she knows that she will not be denied. The Lord acknowledges her courage and her faith and grants her request.

Believing in the Gospel means seeing the world through the eyes of the Lord, It means we love others and treat them as we want to be treated. It means that we do not go into the world empty handed, but rather we are armed with confidence. Faith presents us with many challenging opportunities, including feed the hungry, comfort the dying, bury the dead, and admonish the sinner. Giving witness to our beliefs and practicing what we preach are the first steps to living the life of a disciple. Choose God, choose to do what is right and there will be no limit to the great and wonderful things you—and He—can accomplish.

James Gaffney



### STAY CONNECTED! Be sure to sign up to receive "Flocknotes" from St. Luke's.

News, Weather Cancellations, Events, Ministry Updates, Important Reminders, Seasonal Reflections, and more!

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"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." (Romans 11:29) God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He Stewardship has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be

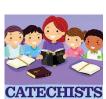
good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.



### 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 donations will be accepted through Monday, August 21st. Supplies 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, SCHOOL SUPPLIES CLIPART Highlighters and Erasers. THANK YOU FOR YOUR



SUPPORT!

Nan Ford, St. Luke Outreach

### Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help our students on their Faith For-**CATECHISTS** mation journey. Lesson plans, materials, activities, and much support

are provided to ensure a successful year. Our schedule can be found on the St. Luke's website under Faith Formation, Class Schedules. We are excited about our engaging programs and think you will be too! To join us in this opportunity, please contact MBarilLower@stlukes-parish.org for grades K-6 and DPelkey@stlukes-parish.org for grades 7-11. Thank you and God bless!

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS. JESUS WILL BE AS HAPPYTO SEE US AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.

### 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).

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# WELCOME WEEKEND!

## September 9 & 10th

Celebration and Refreshments Following each Mass

### Welcome to our Table!

"Let us show hospitality... for some have entertained angels without realizing it!" -Hebrews 13:2

September is a great time to celebrate new beginnings! This year, our parish has many reasons to celebrate during "Welcome Weekend!"

Join us at Mass the **Table of our Lord** 

and

at our **Table of Refreshments** on the Rectory lawn(\*) after each Mass: Saturday 4pm and 6pm (Spanish Mass) Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11am

Volunteers Welcome! Greeters, bakers and helpful hands needed!

Sign-up at: <u>Welcome-Weekend-Helpers</u> or email Chris <u>4farmers@verizon.net</u>, Kathy <u>kathyrichov@gmail.com</u>, Kevin <u>kjboyd@gmail.com</u>.

# GREETER MINISTRY HELP WANTED: SMILES!















How does a smile make you feel? A smile awakens a sense of joy, acceptance, encouragement and belonging. Would you share your smile to greet our parishioners? We invite you to join (or re-join!) our Greeter Ministry team at the Mass of your preference once a month. If you feel called to this ministry of hospitality, contact Julie at 508-366-8509 Ext. 4 or email at pastoralassociate@stlukesparish.org



All are WELCOMED to SUMMER SUNDAYS with God, the Gospel, and Goodies!

### When:

Sundays, 8/20, 8/27 between the 9 and 11 am masses (9:55 - 10:55 giving you the option to go to mass before or after)

Where: Parish Hall Room 23

Together, through meaningful conversation, we take a closer look at the Sunday mass Gospel reading, have time for quiet reflection, and take away practical insights to apply to life in the week ahead while enjoying homemade breakfast goods and coffee.

## Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen



St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on September 1st. We will be serving chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables

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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 Sept. 1st. Our address is 11 Old Nourse St., Westborough.

The Mustard Seed food pantry is also in need of peanut butter, jelly, unsweetened cereal, and canned vegetables. They can also be dropped off at our house on Sept. 1st.

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4PM, in Spanish 6PM 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 3:00 to 3:45PM ~ 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 . If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.



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