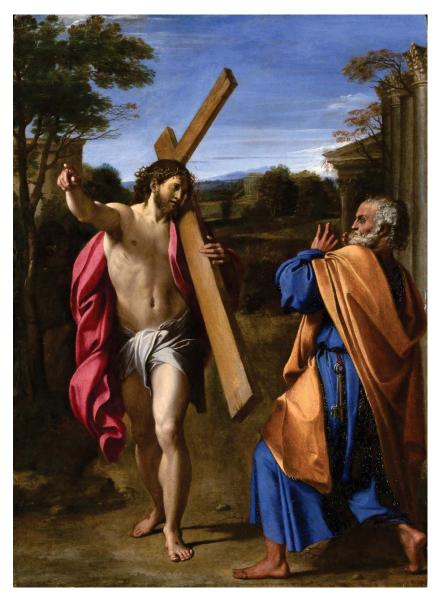


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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mt. 16:24



Although the specific story depicted in this week's painting is apocryphal (meaning it is from a source outside of the Bible), the subject matter of the painting nonetheless relates to the dramatic event presented in today's gospel. Here the Baroque artist Annibale Carracci depicts an imaginary scene of the crucified Christ appearing to St. Peter as Peter is fleeing from Jerusalem. He captures the moment when Peter asks "Lord, where are you going?" Christ responds: "Back to Jerusalem to be crucified again." Thus, embodying the core message of today's reading: that carrying out God's will is not easy and that to follow Christ requires over coming one's fears and impulses. Peter, in particular, is an excellent teaching example of humanity's struggle to pursue the right course of action.

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 2

4:00pm Oscar Najarian

by Guido & Karen Lonardo

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

Sunday, September 3

7:30am Mary Donelan

by Bill & Joann McCullough

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 9:00am **Oscar Najarian**

by Bunny Perron

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **Lee Sheldrick** by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

Monday, September 4

9:00am James Killeen

by Rick & Eloise Saia

Tuesday, September 5

9:00am Edna Carroll

by Peggy Hubbard Wednesday, September 6

9:00am Dec'd members of

McCullough family by their family Thursday, September 7

9:00am Helen Vassallo

by Mike & Marlene Blaney

Friday, September 8

9:00am Mark Gagnon

by Farmer family

Saturday, September 9

4:00pm Peter Messina

by his family

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

Sunday, September 10

7:30am Fred Curly

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 9:00am **Mary Flynn**

by St. Luke's Parish family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

11:00am Michael McGurkin

by Dottie & Herman Millet

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

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, 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

Paul Fallon, Ellen Marie Swirsky (sister of Kathy Lawrence)

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 22ND SUNDAY Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/ Sept 3 Mt 16:21-27 MONDAY 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1+3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30 Sept 4 TUESDAY 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37 Sept 5 WEDNESDAY Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44 Sept 6 THURSDAY Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 Sept 7 FRIDAY Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, Sept 8 18-23 or 1:18-23 SATURDAY Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6+8/Lk 6:1-5 Sept 9 23RD SUNDAY Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/ Sept 10 Mt 18:15-20

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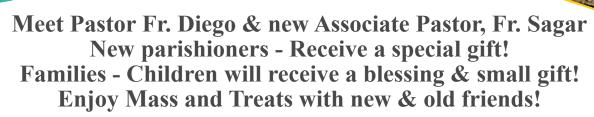
"Let us show hospitality... for some have entertained angels without realizing it!" - Hebrews 13:2

Welcome Weekend! September 9 & 10th

WELCOME TO OUR TABLE!

Join us for Refreshments on the Rectory Lawn (*) after each Mass:

Saturday 4pm & 6pm (Spanish Mass) Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11am



Help make Welcome Weekend Welcoming to all! Needed — Greeters, bakers and helpful hands Can you help? Sign up TODAY!

Sign-up in the Church vestibule or call Maria at 508-366-5502

Sign-up at: https://tinyurl.com/4dzmy5bm

or email Chris 4farmers@verizon.net, Kathy kathyrichov@gmail.com,

Kevin kjboyd@gmail.com

NO PARKING IN THE RECTORY LOT FOR SAFETY CONCERNS.

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(*) Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center in case of rain.

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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."

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 4farmers@verizon.net or Leslie leslie.a.buffo@gmail.com or Kathy (kathyrichov@gmail.com) and Kevin (kjboyd@gmail.com) to be part of this exciting new chapter!



Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help our CATECHISTS students on their Faith Formation jour-**NEEDED** ney. Lesson plans, materials, activities,

and much support are provi ded 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 <u>DPelkey@stlukes-parish.org</u> for grades 7-11.

Thank you and God bless!

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).

PLEASE BE AWARE

If you receive an email, text, or any other system of technological communication supposedly from Fr. Diego Buritica, please do not respond to it. Fr. Diego's name, among the names of other priests, and even the Bishop of Worcester, is being used to attempt to pry and steal gifts cards, money from financial accounts, and other ways using their names as a way of getting parishioners to respond to the communication. Please know that if Fr. Diego wants a gift card or money, he will ask you in person, which means he will never ask you. Any form of communication that looks fishy and odd, know that it is fishy and odd and delete it. And never, under any circumstances, respond to these tactics that seek to steal finances using the name of any priest. These scams are attempted mostly against elderly people, but not limited to the elderly by any means. Remember, don't respond and DELETE



No one ever wins a battle by underestimating the strength and intelligence of the opponent. Victory is the result of careful)FFD planning, sufficient force and exact execution of a great plan. In a sporting event,

a chess match, business competition or war, the winner is the one who outwits, outplays or overpowers the opponent.

Spiritual warfare is a battle of grace and sin. The prize is our souls and the battlefield the everyday places and situations in which we live. We can become so comfortable with ourselves that we lower our guard and assume that all is right with the world. We lose enthusiasm, determination and interest. Our prayer life dries up, our spirits drag on and we never see the temptation or the sin coming. We can be overpowered by sin, one tiny step at a time.

As followers of Jesus, we must always be vigilant, strengthening our faith, practicing virtue, and turning to the Lord in prayer. In the smaller things of everyday life, we practice the love of Christ, bringing peace to every moment we can. We pick up the cross, making whatever sacrifice we must to follow and serve him. Don't fail! The battle is not yet done! 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! To sign up, text the word STLUKES to the number 84576 Or sign up online: flocknote.com/ StLukesWestborough

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SING A JOYFUL SONG TO THE LORD!

Saint Augustine once said that "Those who sing, pray twice!" Please give some prayerful consideration to joining our parish music ministry. Our choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 in the church, beginning Thursday, September 14th. The choir will lead us in song at the 11:00 Mass starting Sunday, September 16th. Our choir is open to anyone from high school age on, and all are welcome!! Perhaps

you may have a calling to the cantor ministry, in which case, Craig would love to speak with you! Maybe you play an instrument and would like to share the gift God has given you, by enhancing our liturgies at special celebrations. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Craig after Mass or by email: music@stlukes-parish.org or craigjstine@aol.com, or by phone: 508-277-3771. Thank you so much for considering; we would love to have you join us!!

Check out St. Luke's ADULT STUDIES this FALL 2023

"TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT" Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 PM

"LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL" Sundays 10:00 - 10:55 AM

"INTO THE BREACH" - A Men's Study Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:15 PM

"HABITS OF THE HOUSEHOLD" ~
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Sundays 10:00 - 11:00 AM

"FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN" Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00 PM

"IMAGES OF GOD IN OUR LIVES" Thursdays 10:15 - 11:15 AM

GO TO https://stlukes-parish.org/adult for more details and to register!





The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday September 12th 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.

GREETER MINISTRY HELP WANTED: SMILES!





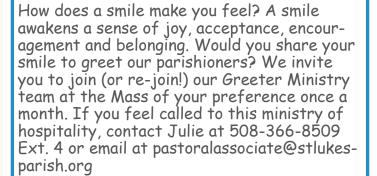












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Mass Schedule

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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