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# Welcome Weekend!

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10TH



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WELCOME TO OUR TABLE!

Bienvenidos a Nuestra Mesa!



"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED TOGETHER
IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I IN THE MIDST
OF THEM."
MATTHEW 18:20

### GATHER HYMNAL 1158

Twenty-Third Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, September 9

4:00pm Peter Messina

by his family

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

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

Monday, September 11

9:00am Edna Carroll

by Mary Driscoll

Tuesday, September 12 9:00am Dec'd Members of Miller family

by family

Wednesday, September 13

9:00am Marie Boire

by her family

Thursday, September 14

9:00am **Special Intention** 

by family

Friday, September 15

9:00am Pat & Paul Dempsey

by family

Saturday, September 16

4:00pm Paul & Rita Smith

by their family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 6:00pm Spanish Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Bill

Sunday, September 17

7:30am Maria Barretti

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

9:00am Stephen Sullivan

by family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 11:00am Bob Malone

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

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

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### 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, 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, 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, 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

23RD SUNDAY Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/

Sept 10 Mt 18:1/5-20

MONDAY

Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Sept 11 **TUESDAY** 

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Sept 12 WEDNESDAY

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Sept 13

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

THURSDAY Sept 14 Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

FRIDAY 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a+5, 7-8, 11/

Sept 15 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

SATURDAY 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5+6-7/Lk 6:43-49 Sept 16

24TH SUNDAY Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/

Sept 17 Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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### From our Pastor...



### WHAT IS WELCOME WEEKEND ABOUT?

I don't know when we first celebrated Welcome Weekend in our Parish. Probably was Monsignor Michael's idea, or even before his time. But I think reconnecting with our Parish after Summertime is a wonderful opportunity and much-needed time. Even for some folks who are still afraid to go out after Covid, this is a great time to return home.

After all Masses this weekend, the social activities are but an excuse to send an important message: Everybody is welcome to be part of our community because the Christian life must be lived in a community or not Christian at all.

The gospel is an open invitation to all to receive the promise of salvation through forgiveness and love. It also invites us to an ongoing conversion process to develop the best version of ourselves, getting rid of anything that prevents us from loving one another through service and care.

St. Luke's Parish is always open, not just physically but also in our hearts and minds. We welcome everyone who seeks the Lord in their life, those who are searching for answers to their questions, and a place to belong to a family.



As the prophet Isaiah says: "Come, house of Jacob, let's walk together in the light of the Lord."

### ADULT STUDIES ~ 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" ~ Parent Study 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 <a href="https://stlukes-parish.org/adult">https://stlukes-parish.org/adult</a> for more details and to register!

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### WELCOME MINISTRY

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!

Contact one of the ministry team to find out more about how you can be involved.

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>)

### FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Session One: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 **Introduction to Grief 1'm not alone**.

Session Two: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 The Mosaic of Grief: What Can I Expect?

Session Three: Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Anniversaries and Holidays: How can I survive while feeling so triggered?

Session Four: Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Restoring Balance: Self-Compassion & Care
while moving forward

Session Five: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 Spiritual Care: Loss and Meaning with our associate pastor Father Sagar

**December 20, 2023 Christmas Memorial Service** @ 6:40 pm in the church. Please arrive early with a picture of your loved one to display. Service starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

Bereavement sessions will be held in the parish center
St. Luke's Catholic Church
1 Ruggles Rd., Westborough, MA
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Please pre-register with Julie Basque,
pastoral associate, at 508-366-8509, ext 4



Every classroom in our school posted the rules for learning. They included listening to others, being kind, being prepared and respecting both visitors and classmates. Every

student knew what was expected and what was necessary for a successful academic year.

The Gospel presents a short guide for spiritual success, a set of rules for living a spiritual life in a community of faith. As the master teacher, Jesus gives us the steps to correct each other and keep a straight path to holiness. The most important step is prayer, which joins us with each other in the loving Presence of God. Success is assured.

Working and praying together are the steps we need to build the Kingdom of God on earth. Grace strengthens our efforts and prayer guides our decisions as we discern God's Will. Together we can accomplish so much when we include God in our lives. The spiritual life is about our response to grace, our choice to love and our willingness to sacrifice. We imitate the work and the life of Jesus when we seek the Father and love others. Those are the rules posted in our hearts, rules necessary for spiritual success.

James Gaffney

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>. The choir will lead us in song at the 11:00 Mass starting Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 craigistine@aol.com, or by phone: 508-277-3771. Thank you so much for considering; we would love to have you join us!!

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### Women of St. Luke's Annual Harvest Kick-Off Dinner

### THANKSGIVING STYLE DINNER

appetizers, turkey, stuffing,mashed potatoes,butternut squash,,cranberry sauce,

(Soft drinks, coffee and dessert pumpkin pie, apple crisp) (byob)

### Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

\$20.00 to attend Please RSVP by: September 22 (no tickets will be sold at the door)

Sign up forms in the entrance to the church please make checks payable to WOSL (Women of St. Luke's) you can mail it to:

WOSL/St. Luke's Church 1 Ruggles St.
Westborough, MA 01581
or drop it off at the Parish Center
Come see what we are all about, we hope you can
join us!

Please bring a donation for the Holiday Store: toys, jewelry, large size gloves for men & women, teenage boys & girls, scarves, hats, body lotion, stocking stuffers, gift cards (Target, Walmart, CVS etc) craft projects for kids (helpful for winter vacation).

Information about The Harvest Kick Off Dinner please call: Dottie O'Neil:508-335-2696, Kathy Lawrence: 508-847-7744



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 <a href="mailto:com/508-898-0409">cmmulcahy@live.com/508-898-0409</a> 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.











### Faith Formation

### WELCOME TO THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM AT ST. LUKE'S!

We noticed that your child may be the perfect age to begin!

Blessed with amazing catechists, we offer a solid, engaging curriculum. Please join us on the journey to learn more about God and to grow in relationship with Him. Typically, children receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion in the second grade. In order to do so, we ask that they begin by attending first grade catechism classes. Classes are offered at 10am on Sunday mornings or Tuesday afternoons at 4pm. Online registration and more information about our program can be found on our website: Youth Faith Formation Overview - St. Luke the Evangelist -Westborough, MA (stlukes-parish.org) If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and God bless, Melissa Baril-Lower Religious Education Coordinator PreK-6

### Forever Young

Forever Young Senior Adults will meet on Monday, September 25, after the 9 o'clock mass. All are invited to come meet and welcome our new Associate Pastor,

Fr. Sagar Gundiga.

Refreshments will be served!

### 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@stlukes-parish.org

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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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