

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." Matthew 18: 34-35



This week's painting attempts to directly capture the scene described in today's gospel. Explained as an 'unusual work' by one art historian because it blends two contemporary styles [Northern (Flemish) Renaissance and Italian Renaissance techniques], it depicts the moment when the king reprimands and punishes his "unmerciful servant" for not showing the same mercy he had received in the forgiving of his debts. We can tell this is the moment because the king appears quite angry with his furrowed brow and his awkward hand gesture pointing to the servant who has his hands, fingers interlocked, in a pleading gesture. Additionally, in the background we can see the in-between scene of the servant having *his* more minor debtor locked away in prison. This genre of painting is called a moralizing painting because it contains a moral message, which certainly reminds us of the familiar line we know well: "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

#### **GATHER HYMNAL 1161**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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

Monday, September 18

9:00am Dec'd members of the

Bailian family by Bill & Joann McCullough Tuesday, September 19

9:00am Frank & Edith Cackowski

by family

Wednesday, September 20

9:00am Special Intention

by Ciaran O'Donnell

Thursday, September 21

9:00am Harry Awiszio

by Mike & Marlene Blaney

Friday, September 22

9:00am Jim Killeen

by John & Bobbie Cruse

Saturday, September 23

4:00pm James McCauley

by his family

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

Sunday, September 24

7:30am Paul Dempsey

by family

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

by Joanna Donahue

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am **John Leone** by his family

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, 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



Thank you, Fr. Alex for coming home to your St. Luke's family!

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# A Joyful Welcome Weekend!

Thank you for joining us at Our Lord's Table...



...and at the Table of our Community!



"The Church...is the house of the Father where there is a place for everyone."

— Pope Francis

Fr. Diego & Fr. Sagar thank all who helped make Welcome Weekend, welcoming to <u>all!</u>

#### SAVE THE DATE

Register Now WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOM-EN'S CONFERENCE All women are invited to this exciting conference, "Male & Female He Created Them," to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, October 7th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions, and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website

at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited—register today.



Council 85 will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll Campaign on Friday, September 29th, Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st, 2023. We will be collecting donations at Stop & Shop, Roche Brothers, Harvey's Dump, and after

all St. Luke's masses.

The official name for this event is the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities". The funds collected support thousands of people with disabilities throughout Massachusetts by providing resources such as wheelchairs, access ramps, vehicle modifications and other related services. Any questions please email <a href="mailto:council85knights@gmail.com">council85knights@gmail.com</a>

#### MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today, her songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. A Sarah Hart retreat experience is woven with fun, humor, songs, prayer, scripture, Sarah's personal stories, and discussion time. The retreat topic will be "Re-Creation." This program will delve into the many ways women are called to share their gifts in different chapters of their life. This is an inspirational renewal event for all generations. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. The registration fee of \$25 (checks made payable to Commission for Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 20th. Further information and a registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/ commission-for-women



#### WESTBOROUGH FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, September 30 9:00AM Curbside Pickup register your address at: westboroughfooddrive@gmail.com

#### FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Session One: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 Introduction to Grief I'm not alone.

Session Two: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 **The Mosaic of Grief: What Can I Expect?** 

Session Three: Wednesday, November 8, 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

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



Sheila, our fifth grade teacher's 8-year old daughter, wanted a puppy and she was begging at every opportunity and promising to take care of it. Knowing full well it would end up being her

responsibility, the teacher made arrangements with her brother to dog-sit for a week while he was on vacation. The first few days went pretty well, but by the fourth day 'doggy fatigue' was setting in. It seems that the young dog enthusiast failed to account for multiple daily walks, feedings, bathing, playtime and 'cleaning up'. At the end of the week, Sheila informed her mom that she had changed her mind and would prefer a goldfish instead.

Faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just a set of intellectual beliefs. More than just accepting the idea that Jesus is the Savior, faith means that we continue to forgive so that we live by God's standards, even when it is demanding, inconvenient or difficult. Forgiveness and reconciliation are the basis of the Christian life and if we compromise them, we compromise our life, both temporal and eternal.

We live our faith when we follow the teaching and example of Jesus, when we reach out to those who have hurt us and offer forgiveness over and over and over. We have the Church, the sacraments and the example of the saints—all of which are part of our community of faith that strengthens and supports our baptismal commitment to follow the Lord. There can be no 'faith fatigue'. Our God sets the example; our faith is renewed and strengthened when we put it into practice.

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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

#### RESPECT LIFE RETREAT

All are invited to attend A Morning for Life to be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:15 am to 1 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Msgr. James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World". The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311. Please note the CHANGE OF DATE from the originally scheduled Sept 16 date.

## 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!

#### **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!



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

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



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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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