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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." -Mt. 25:13



Today's painting comes to us from the same "school" of painters we encountered last week: the *Lukasbund* (*Brotherhood of St. Luke*); the German painters who moved to Italy to revive Renaissance techniques of painting. Presented here is a vibrant and colorful version of the scene depicted in today's gospel. Christ is shown emerging from paradise welcoming the five wise virgins (encouraged by an angel) who remained vigilant with their oil lamps (symbolizing faith). The door is being held open by St. Peter himself (note his key), while in the background we can see the "foolish" virgins lined up frantically trying to acquire more oil since the bridegroom (Christ) has appeared. The strongly sculpted appearance of the figures evoke those of the Italian Renaissance traditions, whereas the elaborately articulated clothing and fabrics they wear suggest Northern Renaissance painting traditions (due, in part, to the importance of the textile trade in the north). The centrality of St. Peter's hand grasping the door handle drives home the finality of the phrase "Then the door was locked." Thus, the painting is a clear piece of instruction about vigilance and faith.

GATHER HYMNAL 1185

Thirty-Second Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

4:00pm Hedwig & John Kwiatkowski

by their family

Celebrant: Fr. Enoch 6:00pm Spanish Mass

Fr. Bill

Sunday, November 12

7:30am Mark & Hank Christi by Ellinor Donnelly

Celebrant: Fr. Enoch 9:00am Thomas Varco

by St. Luke's Parish family

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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

11:00am Quitadamo & Felice family

by their family Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

Monday, November 13

9:00am Craig Sacco

by Nancy Papp & family

Tuesday, November 14

9:00am Paul Damiani (3rd Anv)

by his family

Wednesday, November 15

9:00am Christine Buffo & Baby Buffo

by family

Thursday, November 16

9:00am Maria Barretti

by her family

Friday, November 17

9:00am Elizabeth Murphy (Birthday Intent)

by Dennis & Helen Kay Saturday, November 18

4:00pm John Leone

by his family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar 6:00pm Spanish Mass

Fr. Bill

Sunday, November 19

7:30am Ruth Ann Poole

by Faherty family

Celebrant: Fr. Sagar

9:00am Vilma Henderson

by Nancy Federici

Celebrant: Fr. Diego 11:00am Nellie Fryer

by their family

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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, Joe Smith, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Charles Arkle, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Sarah McMenemy, Kristine Ann Jackson, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, Kirolos Gergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Gene Buffo, 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, Demetrius Mobley, 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 **Edward Manion**

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 32ND SUNDAY Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or Nov 12 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 MONDAY Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 Nov 13 TUESDAY Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10 Nov 14 WEDNESDAY Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 Nov 15 Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/ THURSDAY Nov 16 Lk 17:20-25 FRIDAY Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37 Nov 17 SATURDAY Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/ Nov 18 Lk 18:1-8 33RD SUNDAY Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Nov 19 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Cover: Peter von Cornelius, *The Parable of Wise and Foolish Virgins* (unfinished), 1813-16. Source: xwFcP2bId2lRqw at Google Cultural Institute maximum zoom level, Public Domain, https:// commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=21987940

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Mass of Remembrance 11AM MASS SUNDAY

God of the living and the dead, Creator of the Universe, You promise us that those who die still live in Your presence. Their spirits have simply been transformed but

have not ended. We pray in gratitude and hope for our loved ones who have gone before us, and for all the dead known to You alone.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth becomes as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

Saint Pope John XXIII



Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

Monday November 20th **AT 7PM**

Knights of Columbus Hall Willow Street, Westborough

ALL ARE WELCOME



ST LUKE'S THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

It has been a long standing tradition at St Luke's to provide Thanksgiving dinner to families in need. All of the "fixings" are brought in by the children in our religious education classes. Each families receives two large grocery bags of food and a \$50. grocery card to purchase a turkey. Due to inflation, and the increasing number of immigrants who have come to Westboro, the need is greater than ever. More and more families in our community continue to face financial insecurity. It is my hope that we can ease their burden a bit this Thanksgiving. Typically we provide for about 135 families which means that just the grocery cards alone cost over \$6,000.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 1. Donating a \$50. grocery card.
- 2. Make a donation in any amount to help defray the cost of the grocery cards. Checks can be made out to St Luke's Outreach with Thanksgiving in the memo. They can be dropped off at the Parish Center or mailed to St Luke's Outreach, 1 Ruggles St,
- 3. Go online to **We Share** and make a donation by choosing "Thanksgiving".

Thank you for all the support you have given this program in the past, and I encourage your support again this year!

Nan Ford/Parish Outreach Coordinator



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Ministry Tuesday November 14th 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 cmmul-

cahy@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.

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



A group of our parishioners travelled to Rome to attend the International Charismatic Conference, and hear Pope Francis speak. After the conference they made a pilgrimage to Assisi. As part of the pilgrimage, Fr. Diego celebrated Mass at a shrine made famous by St. Francis.



In a homily about the afterlife, the pastor spoke about the doubts he had when, as a young man, he was trying to figure out the mysteries of God and

whether or not heaven really existed. His doubts all but vanished when he attended the funeral visitation of his friend's father. As everyone turned to leave, the wife of the deceased man kissed him and said with great conviction and certainty, "Bye for now." Something in her voice and in her tone answered his questions and doubts, assuring him of God's existence and love. That small witness to faith changed his life.

This is a familiar Gospel parable. Sometimes we think it is simply a story about watchfulness. Careful reading, however, indicates that staying alert is not the real point. We are not told just to stay alert and be watchful, but rather to be prepared to wait. The wise will not let their love grow dim; they will be ready whenever the Lord comes, even if the delay is unexpectedly long. When it is time—and only God knows when that will be—we will recognize it. We will always be with the Lord.

A life of faith does not allow for complacency, but rather demands an attitude of expectation, attentiveness and preparation. Today is the day to act and put into practice what we preach. Tomorrow may be too late and we have no guarantee that tomorrow will come. Our chance is now. The task is not to wait and wonder when the Kingdom will come, but rather to prepare now so we are always ready.



GREETER MINISTRY

Smiles warm hearts and welcomes souls! Could you help welcome parishioners into St. Luke's Church at your favorite

Mass? It's a great way to meet people, is an act of charity and can easily involve individuals or children and their families, too!

Plus, it's super easy!

- 1) Sign-up for your favorite Mass time at https://tinyurl.com/2wfja7px
- 2) Wear a name tag that we will provide you.
- 3) Just arrive 15 minutes before and/or stay a few minutes after Mass to pass out bulletins.
- 4) Bring a big smile! :)

We will collect names and reach back out to those signed up! Thank you for making St. Luke's parish family even more welcoming!

Leslie <u>leslie.a.buffo@gmail.com</u>



Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13) Many of us have put off doing some-

Stewardshy thing because we think we are too

busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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Coffee Hour "Ministry of the Month"

Sunday, November 12 & December 3 10am- 11:15am Parish Center Hall

St. Luke's Welcome and Coffee Hour Ministries are launching a pilot program, "Ministry of the Month," at Sunday Coffee Hour to highlight our many ministries and to meet the generous volunteers that make it all happen!

On Sunday, November 12, we will feature our **MEALS MINISTRY** which cooks & delivers weekly meals for 1 to 2 person-families in our parish and currently serves 24 meals a month. Tari Shea, Meals Ministry leader shares: "Many cooks develop new and special friendships with people they may have never met. This is a blessing to the cook and the family!"

Stop by after 9AM or before 11AM Masses and enjoy a cup of coffee, donuts ...and new treats donated by our featured Ministry while learning more about what they do!

Baker's Dozen of Thanks!

Thanks to Karen and Guido Lonardo for leading and serving our Coffee Hour Ministry for 31 years! Thanks to their team: Jong O. Lee, Tari and Tom Shea, Jean Marie Newey and those who served this ministry over the years for tirelessly serving thousands of families (& donuts!) to our parish family!

Did you know? Our Knights of Columbus has helped defray Coffee Hour costs over the past 7 years. Thanks to our Knights for their continued support and generosity!



ASP THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

St. Luke Church Vestibule this weekend, Nov. 11 & 12. Pies can be picked at the Methodist Church lobby on Nov.18th from 2:00-4:30pm. Virtual Pies! You can also use the

Virtual Pie link on our website http://www.westboroughasp.org and donate online.



FLAG RETRIEVALS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults/Students (Grades 5-12)

Saturday, November 18, 2023 9:00AM

St. Luke's Cemetery Veterans Grave Site Flag Retrievals. Please bring pliers. Any Questions Contact Paul E. Freeman, Jr. bosn61@gmail.com

52ND ANNUAL

Westborough Community Thanksgiving Dinner For All Members of the Community



Come and Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner, Fellowship and Community

WHAT: A FREE Thanksgiving Dinner

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 1:00 pm

WHERE: John Boyle O'Reilly Hall 17 Willow St, Westborough

RESERVATIONS: – 508-366-3000

DEADLINE: All Reservations by noon on Friday, November 17, 2023

MENU: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit cup, cranberry sauce, apple cider, fresh rolls and pumpkin pie

This free holiday gathering is open to all members of our community and is made possible by a broad coalition of local service organizations, many volunteers, and generous local sponsors.

Reservations are highly recommended! Call 508-366-3000 by noon on **Friday, November 17** to save your seat. Free transportation is available to and from the dinner; just ask when you call for your reservation.

Make the Community Thanksgiving Dinner part of your family's holiday tradition this year. Join your friends and neighbors – and make some new friends – at one of Westborough's most anticipated (and delicious) annual events. For more information contact Dinner Chairperson Roberta Brown at Rbrown67@verizon.net or call 508-330-8200.

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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 call Maria at 508-366-5502 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 Julie at 508-366-8509. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

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