

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Mt. 13:33



Today's painting embodies the main theme of today's gospel message to stay alert. Yet, as we see in the painting, and remember from the gospel, even Christ's most dedicated followers had difficulty with this simple command. The famous Venetian Renaissance painter Giovanni Bellini is painting here in the style of his equally famous brother in-law Andrea Mantegna. In the lower left we see the three apostles (Peter, John, and James) sleeping while the dawn sun begins to rise and Christ experiences his agony; receiving the metaphorical cup from God the father via the cherub above. In the background Judas, his betrayer, is leading the soldiers to Christ. Various allusions to the future are found throughout the painting including: the sharp, jagged woven wooden fence below which refers to Christ's impending suffering, as well as the distinct shape and form of the rock Christ is praying upon signifying the altar used during mass. Similar to the more moralistic paintings found in Northern Renaissance painting the message is clear:

"Be watchful! Be alert!"

#### GATHER HYMNAL 992

First Sunday of Advent

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, December 2

4:00pm Paul Fallon

by Women of St. Luke

6:00pm Spanish Mass

#### Sunday, December 3

7:30am Paul Fallon

by Linda & Richard O'Donnell

9:00am Priscilla Federici

by her family

11:00am Danny Harrington

by his family

Monday, December 4

9:00am Isabella Kay (Birthday Intentions)

by Dennis & Helen Kay Tuesday, December 5

9:00am Fr. Kelly

by Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, December 6

9:00am Juliana Kay (Birthday Intentions)

by Dennis & Helen Kay Thursday, December 7

9:00am Devina Cogliani

by her family

#### Friday, December 8

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7:00am ~ 12:10pm ~ 7:00pm (Spanish)

#### Saturday, December 9

4:00pm Eva& Guilbert Busby &

Carol Reeves by their family

6:00pm Spanish Mass

#### Sunday, December 10

7:30am **Bob Mathieu** 

by his family

9:00am Jim Driscoll

by his family

11:00am Fr. Kelly

by Knights of Columbus



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 Carol Cusson

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 ls 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 SUNDAY Dec 3 MONDAY Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Dec 4 TUESDAY Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Dec 5 WEDNESDAY Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 Dec 6 THURSDAY Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1+8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Dec 7 FRIDAY Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Dec 8 Day of Obligation Lk 1:26-38 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ SATURDAY Dec 9 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ SUNDAY Dec 10 Mk 1:1-8

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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT Christmas Eve @ the 6 PM Mass, Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

<u>Who</u>: Participants are children in <u>Grades K-</u> 6 (all roles are non-speaking)

Sign-up

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Rehearsal times:

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 1:45 PM in the church

Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:30 – 4:15 PM <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> starts and ends in the Parish Center

➤ Use the online sign up at <a href="http://stlukes-parish.org">http://stlukes-parish.org</a>

➤ Questions ? Contact kathy.Dunbeck@gmail.com

#### **Christmas Memorial Service**



On the evening of Wednesday, December 20th, St. Luke's will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Memorial Service in the church sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. to remember our loved

ones who have died. During this busy, and often difficult, holiday season we invite family and friends to participate in this evening of thoughtful prayer, reflection and music. You are welcome to bring a photo or other small remembrance of your loved one to display during the service. If you would like the name of the deceased mentioned during the service, please plan on arriving at **6:45 p.m**. We look forward to having you join us for this special evening of shared sorrow and joy in the presence of our Lord!

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 7:00AM & 12:10PM 7:00 SPANISH



### DECEMBER 10TH AT 3:00PM

As we all will get swept up in the "busy-ness" of preparing for Christmas, let us take time to remind ourselves that the coming season of Advent, is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We invite you to take a brief time out and join us in church on Sunday afternoon, **December** 

10th at 3:00pm for a Festival Of Lessons And Carols, presented by The Fugue, a chamber choir of members from the Montachusett Chorale. The service consists of seven scripture readings, each of which is followed by a choral anthem or Christmas carol. This celebration is an adaptation of the service of Lessons and Carols held annually In King's College Chapel in Cambridge England. The service is free, and light refreshments will be served after the event.

PLEASE JOIN US!

# FOREVER YOUNG ST. LUKE'S SENIOR ADULTS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT OWEN O'LEARY'S

Wednesday, Dec. 13 12:00pm If interested in the luncheon, call Bobbie Cruse 508-494-7674 or Roberta Malone 774-404-5160





Please consider taking a gift tag from the Interfaith Giving Tree and once again share your love with those in need in Westborough. The wrapped gifts with the green tag attached are due back to us on **Sunday**, **December 10th**, by 2:00 **pm.** As always, thank you for your generosity of spirit!

#### SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH





#### **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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2wfja7px">https://tinyurl.com/2wfja7px</a>
- 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 leslie.a.buffo@gmail.com

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.

#### THANK YOU!

Paul Freeman oversees the flag placement and retrieval for St. Luke's Cemetery. Paul is grateful for the many volunteers and the members of the Westborough Police department who participate. We are thankful to Paul for his dedication and work coordinating this project every year.

#### CONGRATULATIONS PAUL

Paul was selected as Westborough's 2023 Veteran of the year. He has spent many hours visiting and comforting veterans throughout the area both at their homes and at the nursing and continuing care facilities nearby. His concern for and attention to the needs and concerns of veterans is utmost in his thoughts. (In addition, he has been a faithful usher at the 7:30am Mass for many years. Be sure to congratulate him for his award the next time you see him).

**Advent** is the season for remembering the closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst, let us make the traditional Advent prayer our own: **'Come, Lord Jesus.'**... We can say it at the beginning of each day and repeat it often, before our meetings, our studies and our work, before making decisions, in every important or difficult moment of our lives: **'Come, Lord Jesus.'**"

**Pope Francis** 

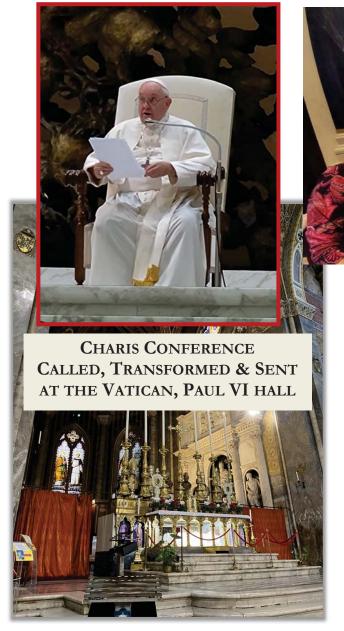


Sunday Mass, November 5th Chapel of St. Bonaventure "Good Fortune" Assisi

# The Rome Pilgrimage

October 30 - November 8, 2023





This Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Giovanni Rotondo impacted my life in so many ways! First, it took me out of my comfort zone and forced me to have confidence in myself and trust in God that I could travel "alone" and be safe. I will cherish the special bonds that we made as a group traveling together and caring for each other. This trip set my faith on fire and renewed my desire to learn even more about my faith. Being in the presence of Pope Francis during the Charis Conference was an experience I will never forget. The powerful feeling that day actually brought tears to my eyes. Sharing mass at Padre Pio's altar was humbling. I felt so honored to be a part of this. The Basilicas, Vatican, and Sistine Chapel took my breath away. It was an honor to

be included in this pilgrimage and I will cherish

these memories forever!

Cathleen O'Neil





Fr. Diego was honored to celebrate Mass in Padre Pio's private chapel



After visiting a local amusement park with their 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, a group of giggling girls explained why the haunted house was their favorite. You always had to be

ready in case something or someone jumped out of the dark to scare you. If you were ready, it wasn't so bad. But if not, the house was really scary!

Jesus tells his disciples to be alert and prepared for the appointed time, the coming of the Lord. No one knows, nor can anyone calculate when Christ will come again. But we need to be prepared, living every moment of life as though it were our last. Faith is not only a way of life, but also a way to life. Be alert so as not to lose the way.

Advent is a time of preparation for Christ, anticipating both His birth and His coming again. It reminds us to be prepared and alert, living a life of faith, responding to God's grace and proclaiming through word and deed that Jesus Christ is coming. Don't let the familiarity of the message dull its pointed warning. Don't take faith, or life, or grace for granted. Do not fear. Be ready, confident and trusting. It's really not bad!

James Gaffney

#### **PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2024**

Calendars will be available in the vestibule of the Church this weekend. This year we will have calendars in both English and Spanish.

These beautiful Catholic calendars are donated by David Pickering Funeral Homes and Curry Printing (Peter Gardner) We are very grateful to them for making the calendars available. Please be sure to pick one up.

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday, Dec. 23 Vigil Mass 4:00pm Sunday, Dec. 24 7:30am & 9:00am (No 11:00am Mass)

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, December 24**

4:00pm Church & Parish Center 6:00pm Pageant 9:00pm Spanish

#### CHRISTMAS DAY December 25

9:00am & 11am Mass

#### Coffee Hour - "Ministry of the Month"







#### December 3 10am - 11:15am (After 9AM or Before 11AM Masses) Parish Center Hall

#### WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S (WOSL)

A vibrant sisterhood!

All Women in Parish are welcome!

Join us after 9AM or before 11AM Masses and enjoy a cup of coffee, donuts ...and new treats donated by WOSL and learn more!

WOSL service, social & scholarship programs benefit St. Luke's and the greater-Westborough community and have included:

Service: Donations and meals for families in need. Homebound holiday treats. Thanksgiving Baskets. Giving Tree. Dismas House, Visitation House, Abbey's House, Purse Project, Dress for Success. Visits with DYS teens and more...

Social: Harvest Dinner, Christmas Wreath-decorating with fabulous raffle baskets, Breakfast social to kick off the New Year, Night of Recollection during Lent, Paint Party, Wine tasting, Parish-wide Raffle, our only fundraiser, to provide scholarships.. All invited to the \$10,000.00 Raffle Event and Year-end Dinner Scholarships: Awarded to High School Seniors demonstrating faith in action.

Kathy Lawrence & Mary Christensen, Co-Presidents since '13

#### **Baker's Dozen of Thanks!**

Thanks to Karen and Guido Lonardo chairing our Coffee Hour Ministry for 31 years and team: Jong O. Lee, Tari & Tom Shea, Jean Marie Newey for tirelessly serving thousands of families (& donuts!) And thanks to Knights of Columbus who have helped defray Coffee Hour costs over the past 7 years.





#### Diocese of Worcester

Office of the Bishop 40 Elm Street Worcester, MI 01609

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of December 10 our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. According to the National Religious Retirement Office, last year, only 31 out of 505 religious communities were adequately funded to care for nearly 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Religious communities of women and men were devoted to establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis wrote, "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." While this annual collection assists those who have retired from their careers, they never retire from their vows and keep the needs of the people they served for a lifetime in their daily prayers. Currently, 71% of the religious communities have a median age of 70 or older, the highest it has been since this national collection began.

Just as our annual Celebrate Priesthood event helps our diocese to care for its retired diocesan priests, this national collection assists many religious communities to provide for aging members. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you consider giving to those who have given a lifetime. If you are unable to donate at Mass, please mail your gift to your parish, donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available, or donate at the diocesan website, worcesterdiocese.org. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly and infirm religious women and men.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester



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## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00PM Join with your parish community in the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.



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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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