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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean." Mk 1: 40-42.



Today's work of art is a rare example of an illustration of today's gospel parable from Mark. The image is also unique in that it is extremely small (like a postage stamp—measuring about 1 ½ x 2 ¼ inches) and is part of a series of engravings by Georg Pencz (a prolific student of the famous Albrecht Dürer). It is a print that was made in 1534 from a copper plate etched (in reverse), inked, and then printed on paper. It is one of the very few images of Christ healing the leper where he is shown *actually* touching the afflicted man. This is of central importance because lepers were considered "ritually unclean." Their actual place in ancient Jewish society is still debated among scholars, but during Pencz's lifetime lepers were ostracized and generally poorly treated so the artist is making a social commentary here. We know he is a leper from the wooden clapper shown sitting in front of him. Lepers were required to use these at the time to make noise to alert people of their presence. This profound gesture of Christ hugging this man shows his love of humanity no matter our condition.

GATHER HYMNAL 1108 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10

4:00pm Lee Mathieu by her family 6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, February 11

7:30am **Anne Heyward**by Savoie family
9:00am **Fr. Bob Mathieu**by his family

11:00am **John W. Kennedy** by family friends

Monday, February 12

9:00am Special Intention by Horrigan family Tuesday, February 13

9:00am J.W. Romeo Savoie

by Savoie family Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am ~ 12:10pm ~ 6:00pm Spanish 4:00pm Liturgy of the Word <u>Thursday, February 15</u>

9:00am Fr. Bob

by his family

9:00am Philip Dudley

by Courtney Rouse & family

Saturday, February 17

4:00pm James & Elizabeth Power
by their family

6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, February 18

7:30am Anthony Papp
by Papp family
9:00am Tocci family
by McKenna family
11:00am Ella Horrigan O'Meara
by Horrigan family



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

Please Pray for...

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson Katie Hedrick, Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau 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, Lynn St. Jean, 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, 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, Chloe Nascimento, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Sofia Shahin, Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, 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.

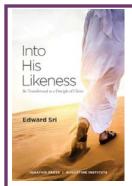
We remember those who have died Marie Ryan, Mildred Carmel Sandock

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TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM



Cover Image: Cover Image: Georg Pencz, Christ Healing the Leper, From *The Story of Christ*, 1534-35. Source: Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY., Public Domain. Text: © Christian A. Hedrick

February 11, 2024



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FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER FOR A SMALL GROUP



SEEKING LEADERSHIP FOR OUR SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The St. Luke's Senior Adult, Forever Young, ministry is in need of filling some very important offices if the organization is to remain functioning. We are currently in need of a Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and Program Coordinator. The group has been dwindling in recent years and we are in need of attracting more active members if we are to remain operational. You do not need to be a current member to inquire about filling a leadership role. If interested and you would like more information, we will be meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the Parish Center at 10:15 a.m. You may also contact Julie Basque at either pastoralassociate@stlukesparish.org or 508-366-8509



St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, March 8th. We will be serving chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit and dessert. Please see the signup sheet in Flocknotes for details. We are

changing the drop off location to the parish center parking lot. Please deliver the food hot to the parking lot between 3 and 3:30 on March 8th.

Any questions, please call or email Sue Black at 508-212-

2748, susanmblack08@gmail.com.

Thank you so much!

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024

7:00am Mass 12:10pm Mass 4:00pm Liturgy of the Word & 6:00pm Mass (Spanish)

THE FOREVER YOUNG
(St. Luke's Senior Adults)
Welcome Seniors!









February 26, 2024

Come join us for Mass, followed by a Lenten Spiritual Reflection with guest speaker, Sue Landry, and enjoy some delicious homemade soup and dessert.

> Gathering – Refreshments Short Business Meeting 4th Monday of the Month 9:45 – 11:30 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday, 3:00-3:45pm and by personal request. The Reconciliation room is handicapped accessible.

During Lent, we will have additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday evenings: 5:00-6:00 pm (Prior to Benediction) Friday, March 1st and Friday, March 22nd from 5:00-6:00pm

(Prior to Soup and Stations in the Church)

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. - Pope John XXIII

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



Worcester Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this conference at Worcester's DCU Center on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Adult tickets are \$50 until March 4, 2024; afterwards \$60.

Student tickets are always \$30. Tickets will not be available at the door this year because of advance planning for the luncheon. Visit the conference website for information and to purchase tickets online www.catholicmenworc.com

Adoration available all day. Closing Mass with Bishop Robert J. McManus at 4:00 pm. For questions and additional information contact cathmenworc@gmail.com

Thank you Knights of Columbus for sharing the good works of your mission with families at during February's Coffee Hour Ministry of the Month. Learn more: https://kofc85.org/about-us

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PARISH TELEPHONES

Due to a power outage we are experiencing problems with our phone system. There may be intermittent outages on the

Parish Center or Parish Secretary phone lines. The voice message system may be unavailable. We are aware of the issues and are working to resolve this as soon as possible.

If you can't get through, please try again, or email the office: office@stlukes-parish.org We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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).

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31) Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's

not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Saint Valentine

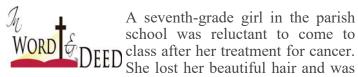
ow February 14 came to be celebrated as the feast for lovers is somewhat a mystery. What little is known of the feast's namesake can be attributed to the lives of two martyrs: one a priest, the other a bishop. Their lives bear little resemblance to the contemporary holiday. The priest Valentine reportedly was beheaded in 269 by Emperor Claudius II. The bishop, known for healing, was martyred earlier. It's probable that a medieval custom of sending messages of love on this day merged later with the feast.

Catholic Current

THIRD CENTURY FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 14



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afraid of how others might react. Her mother went to the class a few days before her daughter returned and explained what had happened and asked the class to be considerate. When the young girl finally returned, both she and her mother were shocked to discover that almost the entire class, on their own accord, had shaved their heads bald. Needless to say, her reluctance disappeared.

In the time of Jesus, some people were considered outcasts of society, especially those who failed to keep the law, public sinners, and lepers. They were cast out of the community and no one would associate with them. Isolated from 'normal' society, they found companionship only with each other. When Jesus heals the leper, He not only frees him from the disease, but he also restores him to his community of family and friends.

When we sin, especially in a public way, shame and guilt can isolate us and prevent us from connecting with each other and even with God. We carry the burden of our sin and it may seem that there is little we can do. Forgiveness restores the balance of life. We can repent—turn back—and find our way to a restored and renewed life. Be the forgiver as well as the forgiven. Bring a little balance to your life.

James Gaffney

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The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet

Tuesday February 13th 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.



During Lent, we are invited to encounter God in a deeper way through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and to answer our Gospel call to see the face of Christ in our sisters and

brothers in need. During this liturgical season, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program—invites us to encounter God and our global family to learn the impact of issues like hunger and climate change and to reflect on how the Eucharist—the Bread *of* Life—compels us to share bread *for* life with all members of our human family.

Lenten calendars and symbolic "rice bowls" are available in the vestibule of the church. We invite you to take one to use with your family this Lent.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF LENT AND THE EASTER SEASON!

We cordially invite you to consider enhancing your experience of Lent, the Easter season and beyond, by joining our St Luke music ministry team. The choir warmly welcomes your gifts of time and talent. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30, and we sing at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, or would like more detailed information, please speak to Craig, our music director, or any member of the choir. If you feel that the cantor ministry might be a good fit for you, please speak to Craig. You can also reach him at: music@stlukes-parish.org or: craigjstine@aol.com. All are welcome!

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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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