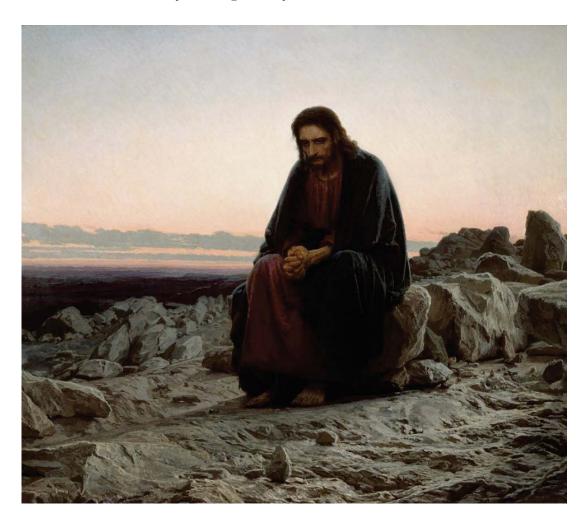


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. Mk 1:12-13



Today's painting captures the intense scene described in today's gospel and is poignantly appropriate for the first Sunday of Lent. Mark's explanation of Christ's ordeal in the desert is one sentence, which the Russian painter Ivan Kramskoi movingly captures with the quiet stillness of the environment in which Christ sits to pray. The artist depicts the human person of Jesus near the limit of physical deprivation, which we can read in Christ's distressed face. The coolness of dawn is suggested by the colors (grays, blues, and pinks) used for the sky, as well as Christ's cloak and huddled position. The harshness and inhospitable landscape of the desert setting that Christ has intentionally made his temporary home is emphasized by the complete lack of any living vegetation and sharp dryness of the rocks depicted in the foreground. The look on Christ's face entreats our empathy and suggests that we are seeing Christ toward the end of this trying period; while our journey through Lent is just beginning.

GATHER HYMNAL 1017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm James & Elizabeth Power
by their family
6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, February 18 7:30am Anthony Papp

by Nancy Papp & Papp family

9:00am Tocci family

by McKenna family

11:00am **Ella Horrigan O'Meara** by Horrigan family

Monday, February 19

9:00am Special Intention

by Horrigan family **Tuesday, February 20**

9:00am Steve Nikopoulos

by Croll family

Wednesday, February 21

9:00am **Dennis Kay** (Birthday Intentions) by Helen & Dennis Kay

Thursday, February 22

9:00am James Gagen

by Faherty family

Friday, February 23

9:00am Rose Montanelli

by Karen & Marty Greigal

Saturday, February 24

4:00pm Bertha Rahmig

by Nancy Papp & family

6:00pm **Španish Mass**

Sunday, February 25

7:30am Mary "Peggy" Gleason

by Mongeau family

9:00am Annette LaNode

by McKenna family

11:00am Yagappan

by Jeyakumar 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 Fr. Walter Riley, Ellie Lambert

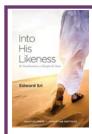
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Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM

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SUNDAY Feb 18	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15
MONDAY Feb 19	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY Feb 20	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Feb 21	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Feb 22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
FRIDAY Feb 23	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Feb 24	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Feb 25	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
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Reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Christ from INTO HIS LIKENESS by Edward Sri

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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)



MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN

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,

<u>susanmblack08@gmail.com</u>. Thank you so much!

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THE FOREVER YOUNG

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



February 26, 2024

Come join us for Mass, 9am in the Church, followed by a Lenten Spiritual Reflection, 9:45am in the Parish Center, 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.





STATIONS & SOUP

Join Us!

Friday, March 1st 6pm

Stations of the Cross - in Church followed by Simple Lenten Meal in Parish Hall

St. Luke's Welcome Ministry Questions? 4farmers@verizon.net

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Fresh starts and new agreements generate excitement and hope. DEED With renewed energy and an optimistic outlook, people begin new

jobs, countries work toward peace, teams rebuild their season, and broken promises are restored. Setting aside past mistakes and starting again can be our best hope for restoration, reconciliation and progress.

God's covenants with His People are fresh starts and new beginnings. Noah, Abraham, and Moses entered into new covenants with God and the people were given a new sense of purpose, of life and of faith. They were renewed by the mercy and love of God and accomplished great things. The terms of the covenant spelled out God's Will and the people's faith was renewed and restored.

Lent is our time of renewal and restoration. We are given a fresh start through penance—both sacramental and personal. This is our opportunity to take a spiritual inventory, to set a new course, and to grow in faith, in grace and in holiness. In Baptism, we begin a journey of faith, to love with His heart, to think with His mind, to act with His Will. To be a follower of Christ is to live a life of conversion and penance, seeking union with God and the community of the Church. Our daily conversion of mind, body and soul takes us closer to Jesus and the sacrifice of the cross. This Lent, make each day count. Do just one thing, one simple act that will make you stop, think and choose the Lord. Renew your own agreement with the Lord.

James Gaffney

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.

Visit the conference website for information and to purchase tickets online www.catholicmenworc.com



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." (Mark 1:14) Have you ever thought Stewardship about how difficult it must have been for Jesus way of Living to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that

He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do.In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



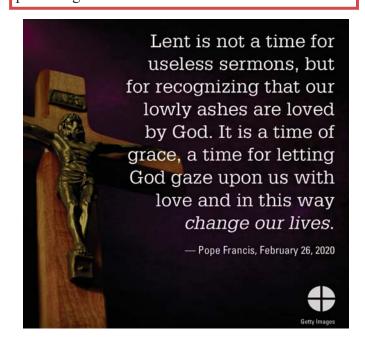
During Lent, we are invited to encounter God in a deeper way through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and to answer our Gospel call to see the face of Christ in our sisters and

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 fami-

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.

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



February 18, 2024

Miocese of Worcester Office of the Bishop 49 Elm Street Worcester, Massachusetts



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Jesus is calling us deeper." That reminder of our three-year National Eucharistic Revival is intended to "renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist" (www.eucharisticrevival.org). That call of renewal through a deepened relationship with Christ is particularly apt in this season of Lent.

We have begun our forty-day journey of deepened prayer, more frequent penance, and greater charity. We embark on the journey because we are sinners in need of and called to repentance by Jesus Christ. Lent's annual journey also prepares us for the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery—from the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and His Passion and Death on Good Friday to his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The forty penitential days of Lent derive from Jesus' forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert. They also call to mind Moses' forty days on Mount Sinai during the forty-year journey of the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land.

During that long journey, the Israelites were sustained by the manna which each night came down from Heaven to nourish and strengthen the people. Centuries later, Jesus would say, "I am the living bread which comes down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever; and the bread that I give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6: 51). Just as the Israelites would not have made it to the Promised Land without the manna from Heaven, we cannot complete the journey of life to Heaven without the nourishment of Christ in the Holy Eucharist ("unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" [John 6: 53]).

In addition to Lenten penances and almsgiving, please consider going to weekday Masses and making visits to the Church outside of Mass to adore the Lord whether reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Through a greater Eucharistic devotion, we will appreciate, even more, Christ's presence to us, the graces He offers at every Mass, and the peace and comfort of a prayerful visit to Church. Thus, nourished and strengthened, we will be better equipped to meet life's challenges, reflect God's love, and make progress on our journey to Him.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester



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 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.



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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RCIA

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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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