



Saint Luke the Evangelist

A Roman Catholic Community

Serving the People of Westborough Since 1870

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Jn. 2:13-16



Trained as an icon painter, El Greco came from the Mediterranean island of Crete. This painting, created around the time he moved to Rome, bears hallmarks of both eastern (Byzantine) and Western (Italian) influence and does not yet exhibit his mature style for which he is so famous. Christ is at the center of this dramatic composition among half clothed people (suggesting moral decline). Money changers have taken advantage of the pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the Passover. Foreign pilgrims could not travel with the required sacrificial animals (the doves shown in the lower left cage) so they needed to buy them near the temple (with foreign currency; hence the money changers). El Greco expresses this debauchery mostly through symbols. On the right we see a child on the ground, but this is actually a symbolic *Putto* (Italian for 'boy'), used in Renaissance art to convey a variety of meanings. Here he highlights the idea of love for things profane (the gold and silver coins he holds). Other symbols that indicate the sinful situation are the rabbits in the foreground, a well-known symbol of lust, and the lone partridge, which represents deceit and theft. Thus, Christ is shown entering the temple to expel these people who have defiled this sacred place by prioritizing material objects over God.

**GATHER HYMNAL 1023
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2

4:00pm **Barbara Brogie**
by family
6:00pm **Spanish Mass**

Sunday, March 3

7:30am **George & Anne Heyward**
by Savoie family
9:00am **Harry W. Roberts, Jr.**
by Julie & Bruce Szczepankiewicz
11:00am **Dec'd members of O'Brien family**
by Horrigan family

Monday, March 4

9:00am **Jean Orlando**
by St. Luke Parish Family

Tuesday, March 5

9:00am **Laurine Kelley Fee**
by Katherine Green & Margaret Brodeau

Wednesday, March 6

9:00am **Cynthia Johnson (25th Anv)**
by her family

Thursday, March 7

9:00am **Rick Franks**
by Elizabeth O'Malley

Friday, March 8

9:00am **Jean Marie Newey**
by Karen & Guido Lonardo

Saturday, March 9

4:00pm **Patrick Blaney**
by his family
6:00pm **Spanish Mass**

Sunday, March 10

7:30am **Matt Pessia**
by his family
9:00am **Jean Orlando**
by Wednesday Morning Book Group
11:00am **Joseph Fournier**
by his family
5:30pm **Billy Belle** **CHARISMATIC MASS**
Dorothy Blake & Dana Akerley



**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,
Tim Jackson, Sarah McMenemy, 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,
Joel Rivera, Mary Payant, James Thomas, Christina Narensky,
Chloe Nascimento, Ann Martin, Michael Berthume, 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

**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**

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2024 YEAR B

SUNDAY Mar 3	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
MONDAY Mar 4	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY Mar 5	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY Mar 6	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY Mar 7	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY Mar 8	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17/ Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY Mar 9	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
SUNDAY Mar 10	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Pilot Bulletins

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Join Fr. Diego and his team for a Lenten Retreat

TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT
SPONSORED BY
WOMEN OF ST LUKE

**Wednesday, March 20th
In Church**

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Worship and Song
Reflection and Prayer

7:00 - 8:00 PM
Fellowship & Light Snacks

**Refreshments hosted by
Women of St. Luke's
(WOSL)**

()Bring a friend!.. and men are more than welcome
to join us too!*

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 sign-up 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!

THE FOREVER YOUNG *(St. Luke's Senior Adults)*

Upcoming event

Performance of the Irish play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" on Sunday, March 10, at 2pm, at Calliope Theater, Boylston.

We have reserved a block of tickets and a few seats are still available for anyone interested. To learn more and reserve your seat to the show, contact Dianne Patrick at 508-839-3220
(Tickets are \$17 each.)



BAKERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL (SR. ADULTS) SPRING BAKE SALE MARCH 23 – 24

Baked goods can be dropped off
in the Vestibule of the church by 3:00pm on
Saturday March 23rd

**ALL BAKED GOODS ARE GREATLY
APPRECIATED!!!!**



**Calling all
students
Grades 7-12!**
See Jesus
through the
eyes of those

that met him. Please join us for the
hit series *The Chosen* by Dallas Jenkins

We are blessed to have Desiree and
Tony Hassan leading the program and
discussions.

Meetings will be held once a week for
8 weeks Please contact Denise Pelkey
or Melissa Baril-Lower for
more information

FREE HOME PICK-UP!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester and Hampden Counties is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with (but not limited to) food, clothing, rent, and utilities.

To schedule a free home pick-up, visit our website at <https://svdpworcester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966 or scan the QR code below which will direct you to our website.

Please Help us help our neighbors in need!
Thank you!

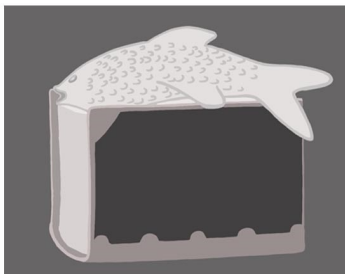


FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES: SIMON THE ZEALOT

There were two apostles called Simon. Simon Peter was chief among the apostles. The other Simon was called 'Simon the Zealot.' The name means that he was zealous, or very enthusiastic, in keeping the commandments of the Jewish Law. The main part of the Jewish Law was the Ten Commandments, but there was much more besides.

Very little is known about Simon the Zealot. He preached in many places. One of the symbols in art for Simon is a fish upon a book, to show that he was a fisher of men through preaching the gospel. Another symbol is a saw, because his body was thought to have been sawn in half.



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Third Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4) How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols"

do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Save the Date: March 16

2024 Westborough Environmental Action Fair

Westborough High School
1-4 pm

SUSTAINABLE
WESTBOROUGH

Rotary Club of Westborough



THE PRAYER "SOUL OF CHRIST" "Anima Christi"

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer.

But hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes,

When, with your saints, I may praise you forever.

Amen*

*David L. Fleming, S.J. *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: A Contemporary Reading*

**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 HAPPY TO SEE US
AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.**



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, Friday, March 22nd

from 5:00-6:00pm

(Prior to Soup and Stations in the Church)



We invite you to join us on **Friday, March 15th at 7 PM at St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury** for an evening of contemplative Taizé

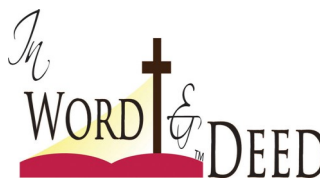
Prayer, embracing the spirit of Lent. This ecumenical service includes communal singing, scriptural reading, prayer, and silence. Taizé prayer originates from a small village in France. It is known for its international, ecumenical monastic community founded as a place of reconciliation, kindness of heart, and simplicity after World War II.

The service is held in a candle-lit church, creating a peaceful, sacred space. Through repetitive chants led by our Cluster Choir, we are invited to sing along as we collectively transform the music into a communal expression of prayer. Scriptural readings and intercessory prayer are included to help deepen our journey as we open our hearts and minds to God's presence within and around us.



STAY CONNECTED!
Be sure to sign up to receive "Flocknotes" from St. Luke's.

News, Weather Cancellations, Events, Ministry Updates, Important Reminders, Seasonal Reflections, and more! To sign up, text the word STLUKES to the number 84576 Or sign up online: flocknote.com/StLukesWestborough



Little League players are coached constantly throughout a game. Coming from the bench are words of encouragement to stay focused and play well. "Keep your eye on the ball!!" "Two hands!" "Heads up!" Players are supported by the cheers from the stands and the constant chatter of their teammates. Everyone knows that to win the game, each player has to stay focused on what is important and act accordingly.

Jesus is very focused. He understands His mission and what He must do. The struggle is between grace and sin, life and death. He faces it all with a certainty that comes from the Father's encouragement and love. Jesus will suffer and die, fully aware of our need to be saved from the ravages of sin and death. He is ready and willing to love us at all costs and for all time.

Lent is our time to focus as we hear the words of encouragement and direction from Scripture. We support each other as we worship together and share the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray for one another and for ourselves to be faithful to the mission. Focus your faith on the things that count. Love God with all your heart. Serve the Lord in others. Be the faithful servant that seeks to do God's Will in the ordinary routine of each day. Pray often and help those who need you, especially those close to you at home, work and school. To win at faith, you must be focused on what is important and then act accordingly.

James Gaffney

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 2024

Saturday, March 16 at the DCU Center in Worcester - Only two weeks away from this great gathering! Join hundreds of men to pray, listen, reflect and share their faith with each other. Wonderful speakers, celebration of sacraments, and a variety of booths. Jesus said where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be there! Registration fee increases this week, register as soon as possible. For more information and to register, look for the brochures in your parish or check out our website: catholicmenworc.com.

DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT

Want to know more about becoming a deacon? A diaconate Information night will be held on Monday, March 4 from 6 to 8 pm at St Anthony of Padua Parish, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley.

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