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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. Jn. 10: 14-15



The theme from today's gospel is captured here in one of the earliest works of Christian sculpture (and Christian art) that exists. Found together with a set of other famous marble sculptures (The Jonah Marbles) in an ancient Roman site in what is now Turkey, this sculpture stands 19 ½ inches high and depicts what appears to be a young shepherd carrying one of his sheep. However, since it was carved in the 3rd century, before Christianity became legal—and during a time when Christians were routinely persecuted—this theme has a double meaning. On the one hand it can be read as evoking the idea of a peaceful pastoral setting one might associate with Roman ideas of the afterlife, but it can also be read as having Christian theological significance. Since it was found with a trove of other statues associated with early Christianity there is little doubt the sculpture refers to the passage highlighted in today's gospel referring to Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. One common feature of Early Christian art is that Christ is often shown as a beardless youth in classical Roman dress further complicating the subject matter and meaning.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm **Anthony Volpe**
by his family

6:00pm **Spanish Mass**

Sunday, April 21

7:30am **Camillo Orlando (25th Anv)**
by his family

9:00am **Carmina Lizza**
by Guido & Karen Lonardo

11:00am **Jean Hope**
by Richard & Linda O'Donnell

Monday, April 22

9:00am **Stephen Pollicino**
by Savoie family

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am **Emily O'Brien & Joseph Buffo**
by their family

Wednesday, April 24

9:00am **Gordon Sainsbury**
by Maureen & Ian Johnson

6:00 **TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**
Thursday, April 25

9:00am **Jean Marie Newey**
by Pat & Kenny Gagnon

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

4:00pm **Ronald Brady**
by his family

6:00pm **Spanish Mass**

Sunday, April 28

7:30am **Timothy O'Neil**
by Buchanan family

9:00am **Gloria Guagnini**
by Stacey & Jeff Willman &
Brian & Elaine Guagnini

11:00am **Frances Patrick Gillooly**
by 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, William Fargelli,
Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson
Norman Beland, Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau
Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins,
Kupaa Keiley, Tiffany Kelley, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu,
Mildred Raymond, 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, 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
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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 Berthuime, Trisha Suzi,
Joan Sanders, 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,
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,
Nick Johnson, 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**



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA constitutes a path for one to learn more about the Catholic faith, and if sense a calling by God, to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation into Christ's pilgrim church. We are always happy to meet inquirers and invite inquirers to contact us anytime. For more information on RCIA, please call the St. Luke's secretary, Maria Gasser, at 508-366-5502 or the RCIA Team Lead, Bob Thompson, at 508-341-7677. We are anxious to meet and welcome future inquirers!

Cover Image: Unknown sculptor, *The Good Shepherd*, 280–90 AD. Asia Minor.
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This weekend, April 20th & 21st, the Council will hold its annual recruiting program. Following each Mass, Knight Ambassadors will be distributing Council 85 Information Packets in the vestibule. We hope you will stop by to pick up a packet.



Congratulations to Anthony Hafford who celebrated his First Communion on April 7th at the 9am Mass. We are very proud of him!

SPRING into a SMALL GROUP!



**LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL
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Go to: <https://stlukes-parish.org/adult>



Inviting all families who had a child baptized this past year, as well as any young family who would like to connect with other families in our parish community. Join Fr. Diego for a morning of pancakes and fun. Come and get connected!

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH AT 8:00 AM

Parish Center

1 Ruggles St.

Pancakes, sausages,

juice and coffee

Please RSVP

Julie Basque,

at: [pastoralassoci-](mailto:pastoralassoci-ate@stlukes-parish.org)

**ate@stlukes-parish.org or
call 508-366-8509. ext. 15**



MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN

St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, May 3rd. 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 May 3rd.**

Any questions, please call or email Sue Black at 508-212-2748,
susanmblack08@gmail.com.
Thank you so much!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024 AT 9:00AM

**Placement of Veterans' Gravesite Flags at
St. Luke's Cemetery.**

**We request 6th to 12th grade students &
adults too!**

Any questions, please contact,

Paul E. Freeman; Jr. pfreemanjr25@yahoo.com

Please Note : Rain Delay - If heavy thunderstorms or heavy rains are forecast for that time frame; the placement will be rescheduled to May 4th, 2024, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

Baptisms

**Congratulations to Peter James Phelps and Christine Ruhamya
who were baptized on April 7th!**



On Saturday, April 6th the second graders participated in Bread Day to complete their preparation for First Communion! Students and parents had a fun morning learning all about the Eucharist



"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." (John 10:14-16) When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

**WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S
ANNUAL \$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

Friday, May 10, 2024 at 7pm
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April 27/28, May 4/5

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Soap operas, reality shows and movies portray an image of love that is all but impossible: young and beautiful people, overcoming all odds, having the perfect life, and living happily ever after. People are so needy and so starved for love that even a shallow imitation of love will hold their attention and their emotions. The tragedy occurs when that version becomes for some people a real life goal and they miss out on the real thing.

It's difficult at times to appreciate just how much God loves us. We can only think in the narrow, limited view of human weakness where love can be conditional or selfish or withheld. But there is nothing fake or artificial about the love that Jesus offers. It is a love that is unconditional, forgiving, healing and life-giving. He gives it freely and willingly, proving His love for us on the cross. He patiently waits for us to say yes, to accept His gift and to love Him in return.

Jesus portrays Himself as the Good Shepherd, one who lays down his life for his sheep. He will never leave us, or give up on us, or abandon us. Nothing can change the fact that God calls us His children. We share forever in the grace and glory of God, who creates us in His own image and gives us His life. Through Him, we are healed, forgiven and saved. We are loved just as we are, imperfect though we may be. Could God do more to prove He loves us?

James Gaffney



OUR FAITH JOURNEY TOGETHER

This April, we have over 70 Confirmation Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, Ma. We in the Religious Ed. program are so happy for them!

Each Confirmandi will receive a copy of *The Great Adventure Bible*. *You can help with this gift! We feel that it is important for each young student and parishioner to see, in a concrete way, that you can and should pray for and support another person's faith journey. Likewise, you should know that you will be prayed for and supported by others while you walk and grow on your own journey of faith.*

If you would like to make a donation, you can bring your donation to Mass. Donations can also be left at the Parish Center with the Religious Ed. Coordinators in Rm. 25.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Available Now!

Our pastor Fr. Diego invites all St. Luke's young people who have received their first Holy Communion are invited to train to become an altar server for our weekend liturgies.

- ◆ Become involved in the Mass liturgy.
- ◆ Get to know our parish priests.
- ◆ Be a role model for others.
- ◆ Flexible scheduling for parents.

Please email Julie Basque, our pastoral associate at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or call 508-366-8509, ext. 15 to set up your training sessions.



"FOREVER YOUNG"

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR ADULTS

Please join us for our April gathering on Monday, April 22, following the 9am Mass. Enjoy some "coffee and" as we make plans for our May and June activities. Invite a friend or two! We will also have a special presentation.



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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
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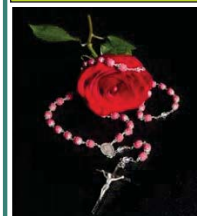
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