

Saint Luke the Evangelist

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. Jn. 15: 1-4



Today's painting creatively interprets the gospel quite literally. In the center we have Christ crucified (beneath the Holy Spirit shown as a dove) with God the Father wearing a red mantle in a quite unconventional position tending the base of the Cross with a type of garden hoe, as if it were a growing vine, paired with the Blessed Virgin Mary (opposite in her signature blue) watering it. Above God the Father, the text band in German approximately translates to "The Father makes life" and above Mary: "Mary makes you fruitful." Each of the twelve apostles is shown along vines sprouting from the Cross; each shown with his common attribute or symbol – St Peter with his key(s), St Andrew with his saltire (X-shaped cross), Thomas with a carpenter's square and St. Bartholomew with a flaying knife. Flanking God the Father and Mary are four more contemporary saints (St. Francis, St. Clare and on the right St. Dominic and St. Gertrude). At the very top the text band contains a quote from today's gospel: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." And "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 29

9:00am Ellen Swirsky

by Pat & Kenny Gagnon

Tuesday, April 30

9:00am Joe & Priscilla Federici

by their family

Wednesday, May 1

9:00am **Oscar Najarian** by Pat & Kenny Gagnon

Thursday, May 2

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9:00am Peter Rossi

by Tom & Mary Burke

Friday, May 3

9:00am Eugene Armocida

by Faherty family

Saturday, May 4

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Fucci, Chartienitz and Kilroy family

by their family

6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, May 5

7:30am Jean Marie Newey

by WOSL

9:00am Theodore Sosnowski

by Bruce & Julie Szczepankiewicz

11:00am **Jean Hope**

by Jim Edwards

5:30pm Dot Orrizzi

CHARISMATIC MASS

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, Sandy Thatcher Kerr, 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 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

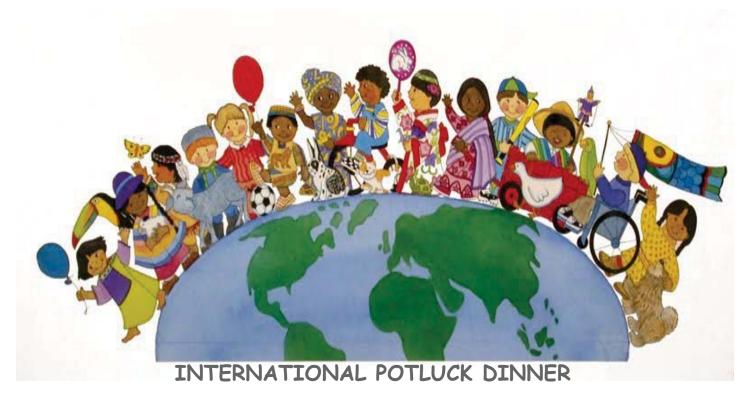


The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA constitutes a path for one to learn more about the Catholic faith, and if sense a calling by God, to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation into Christ's pilgrim church. We are always happy to meet inquirers and invite inquirers to contact us anytime. For more infor-

mation 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!

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To celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, St Luke's Parish will be hosting our annual Potluck Dinner in the Parish Center on Saturday, May 18th, immediately following the 4PM Bilingual Mass. We invite all families to join us and ask you to bring a traditional dish from your culture. This is always a great evening and a wonderful opportunity to meet other parishioners. Please let us know if you are coming by filling out the sign-up sheets found in the vestibule of the church.

If you have any questions, or would like to help, please call Nan Ford/Parish Outreach at 508 366-8509 Ext. 18 Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Nursing Home Ministry



Our vibrant nursing home ministry is looking for new members. To bring communion to our two Westborough nursing homes, we need 16 volun-

teers monthly. If you have a love of the Eucharist and enjoy being with people, we would love to train you to be an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for our nursing home parishioners. Time commitment is once amonth on a Monday morning from 9am until 12 noon. If interested, please contact our pastoral associate Julie Basque for more information and/or training. 508-366-8509,ext. 15 or email pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org.

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.

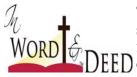
Any questions, please call or email Sue Black at 508-212-2748,

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

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.

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



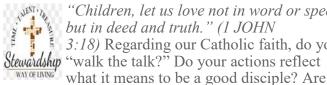
There are two different ways to spend a day at the beach. The first is to play in the water all **)**FFD day, splashing and riding the waves that roll into shore. The

other way is to sit on a dock, occasionally dipping your feet into the water and then retreat to the comfort of the shade or an air conditioned room. But what's a trip to the beach without a wave or two, or finding a seashell or a small crab? You might as well just stay home!

Some people think that coming to church on Sunday is enough. They put the envelope in the collection basket, receive Communion and then go home. They did their duty. During the week there is little thought of God or faith or church. Other people come to Church with lots of prayers and good deeds to offer to the Lord, and they leave with a sense of renewal and mission. They put their envelope in too, and it often represents some sacrifice the family made or a special project done just for the church. God is an important part of their lives, and prayer, Scripture and 'religious stuff' is part of daily conversation. Church is not a duty; it's a way of life.

Just like the vine is part of the branch, we are part of Christ and therefore, part of the Church. A vine needs nourishment from the branch to survive and thrive. So, don't just hang around church, like an old vine doing nothing; be a part of the action and be a person of faith!

James Gaffney



📗 "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. (1 JOIIIV 3:18) Regarding our Catholic faith, do you Stewardship "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect

you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

> 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



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.

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!

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).

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

Friday, May 10, 2024 at 7pm **Knights of Columbus Hall GRAND PRIZE \$10,000.00!** additional cash prizes (must be 21 or older to attend)

TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH ONLY 200 TICKETS ARE SOLD AND THEY SELL OUT QUICKLY!

Tickets will be sold before and after masses on: **April 27/28, May 4/5** *tickets are also available at the Parish Center, Maria's office first door on the left or by emailing or texting / calling **Mary Christensen** maryc11195@aol.com 508-868-5483 *cash/check accepted



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 litur-

- Become involved in the Mass liturgy.
- Get to know our parish priests.
- Be a role model for
- 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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection Monthly

Month of January 2024 63,828 Month of February 2024 72,206 Month of March 2024 76,819

Coffee Hour - Ministry of the Month



FOREVER YOUNG

St. Luke's Senior Adult Ministry for Men and Women, 60+ in age

Sunday, May 5th 10-11:15am

(After 9AM or Before 11AM Masses) **Parish Center Hall**



FOREVER YOUNG

Our growing Senior Adult ministry provides a joyfilled fellowship experience through spiritual, educational enrichment and community outreach activities.

Learn more!... We invite you to join us!

THANKS! to our Coffee Hour Team and Knights of Columbus for many years of generous financial support as the primary



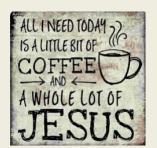




ALL ARE WELCOME! FRIDAY, MAY 1ST **COFFEE WITH CHRIST**

Join us First Fridays of the Month after 9am Mass and Rosary for conversation over coffee at South Street Diner, 38 South St. Westborough

Drop-in and enjoy a cup of company together in the peace of Christ.



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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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