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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 2024

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Jn. 6: 11-14



There have been many depictions of Christ's famous miracle, but today's painting attempts to capture the experience of today's gospel story with more tension and drama. Christ stands just off-center wearing red (foreshadowing the Passion) and blue. His head tops a pyramidal shape in the picture, which is anchored in the corners, on the left by an old man in a red mantle and on the right by a woman with an outstretched hand and infant. Christ gestures to the basket of loaves being taken away as if to suggest to the younger well-dressed man on the left with his arm outstretched that food is on its way for all and he should be patient. The older bearded man on Christ's right is likely Phillip who helps distribute the bread from the pocket fashioned with his mantle. Sitting immediately in front of Christ in disbelief is likely the 'boy' (wearing a green tunic) who provided the initial five loaves and two fish. Green symbolizes regeneration in Christian art, and here likely symbolizes the renewal that comes through acts of charity. Most importantly, the inherent symbolism in this scene prefigures the Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist.

GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1141 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF **ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27

4:00pm Thomas Faherty by Paula Sparks 6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, July 28 7:30am Fr. Bob Mathieu & Jeffrey & **Douglas Duncan** by Toby & Terese Boca family

9:00am Fr. Walter Riley by Richard & Linda O'Donnell

11:00am Richard Samson by his wife & family

Monday, July 29

9:00am Bill Henderson by family Tuesday, July 30

9:00am Anthony Putnam by Divine Mercy Cenacles

Wednesday, July 31 9:00am Dr. Thomas Barry

by Knights of Columbus Thursday, August 1

9:00am J.W. Romeo Savoie by Savoie family

Friday, August 2 9:00am Souls in Purgatory by Horrigan family

Saturday, August 3 4:00pm Joan & Bill Finnerty

by Diane & Ed Gorak 6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, August 4 7:30am Maria Barretti by her family

9:00am Margaret & Rocco Tocci by McKenna family

11:00am Leland & Anna Stewart (30th Anv) 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 Joan Sanders, 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, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Larry Maloney, 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, Louis Yuknavich, Annie Mason, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Debbie Krikler, Dalene Stephens, Vicki Foley, Joel Rivera, Christina Narensky, James Thomas, Chloe Nascimento, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, 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, Frank Murphy, Jr. Nick Johnson, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, 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 Zachary Esper, Andrea Tobias

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



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THE SITUATION

For the last six decades in our country a secular culture has been accelerating at an exceedingly fast pace. Historians, psychologists, political scientists, theologians, and educators have written volumes on this phenomenon; and they argue about the factors driving this growth. However, most of these intellectual elites do agree on many current outcomes resulting from secularism's massive



growth. One outcome is that the Christian religion has been pushed to the background, and by many, is considered to be irrelevant in today's social norms.

The family is the foundation of society; religious faith and values are the guiding light directing families' beliefs and behaviors. For two generations, traditional family values have been challenged and eroded by selfishness and greed. Families' moral compasses are spinning wildly, leaving men struggling on how to reconcile these conflicting values.



Take Heart Men; Help is on the way! See next week's Flock Notes and Bulletin for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Emails have been sent to all previously registered families.

Please see the St. Luke's website at www.stlukes-parish.org or contact the Religious Education Coordinators for more details.

Melissa Baril-Lower (Grades preK-6) mbarillower@stlukes-parish.org (508)366-8509 x16

Denise Pelkey (Grades 7 and up) dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org (508)366-8509 x17



BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI COME MEET FR. RICK!

Please join us for a beautiful concert on **Thursday**, **Aug**. **22** at 7 pm at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. Broadway tunes performed by the music ministers of Holy Family. Bring a lawn chair, snacks and come hear a wonderful concert under the Pavillion. Free will offering for Fr Rick's Pediatric Hospital St Damien's. Invite friends.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

menical VBS. is in need of a few more volunteers to ASSIST leaders during the week of August 5 - 9, from 9am to Noon. Please won't you consider joining this faith-filled, fun-filled week with our children? We are also looking for a nurse to cover for the same hours. Thank you.

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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 volunteers 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.



St. Luke's Knights of Columbus Council 85 **Receives Top Award**

Our KofC Council has received the Star Council award, the Knights of Columbus' top annual award. This recognizes overall excellence in sponsoring faith formation programs and ser-

vice-oriented activities. Notably, this is Council 85's third consecutive award.

In the last year, Council 85's contributions exceeded \$25,000. Recipients included St. Luke's Parish (e.g., coffee hour, festival, AED/CPR training, scholarships and awards), our community (Food Bank, Mustard Seed, ASP, Project Graduation, Coats for Kids), state and national programs (Tootsie Roll Drive, Visitation House/Pastoral Counseling), and veterans' programs (Wreathes Across America, Hometown Heros.) While not a complete list, this provides a sense of direct support to worthy causes.

Additionally, our local KofC Council provides a wide range of program support, including memorial Masses and prayer services, monthly donations of personal care items to the Westborough Food Bank, hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, maintaining the Crèche display, and making Easter Lily visits. Hundreds of service hours are performed by brother Knights in support of St. Luke's Parish functions, including assisting at Masses, Holy Hour, Icon visits, and the St. Luke Festival.

Council 85 realized membership growth (122% of quota), which indicates the vibrancy of this 150-member organization. Please visit www.kofc85.org and consider joining this worthy enterprise, contibuting your time, effort, ideas, and enthusiasm. Membership applications are available online. With as little as a few hours per month, you can make a meaningful contribution.

> 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.

ATTENTION H.S. Boys Please join us in a Retreat for Young Men

Date: September 28, 2024 Time: 7:45 am - 5:00 pm Where: St. Benedict Abbey 252 Still River Road, Harvard, MA

Breakfast & lunch will be provided. Let us know of any special dietary needs. \$33 per person.

If interested, please contact Denise Pelkey at dpelkey@stlukes-parish org for a permission slip.



After the hurricane devastated the south, a group decided to travel there for 10 days to help with the rebuilding efforts. Many people wanted to go but could not

get time from work or were constrained by other responsibilities. A local business proposed a plan that would enable everyone to support the effort, even though they could not go. Donations of food, supplies, campers, and trucks were made, all of which enabled the crew to do a great job. The community supplied the mission and great things happened.

When God gives us a mission, He supplies what we need. He never asks us to do anything without giving us all that is necessary for success. There are countless examples of people who have achieved the impossible because they trusted in the power of God. How many churches, schools, hospitals, missions, programs and social causes have flourished in spite of opposition and skepticism? What God decides, He also provides. Just when we think we cannot possibly reconcile, forgive, feed, clothe, give or pray, the Lord comes through and we find that we have all that we need.

What is your impossible task? What is it that God wants you to do? Trust in His Providence. As the proverb says, plan as though all depends on God; work as though all depends on you. He will not fail you.

James Gaffney



GO FORTH AND SET THE WORLD England is interviewing applicants now ON FIRE for fall openings. IVC Service Corps SAINT Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those

in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve one or two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchen @ dhinchen@ivcusa.org. Check out our website at www.ivcusa.org/newengland.

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ASP volunteers arrived home on Sunday after a hot but productive and fulfilling week helping families in West Virginia. They are very excited to share their insights and experiences with our parish families on Sunday, July 28th at First United Methodist Church for the 9am services, and at St. Luke's at the 11am Mass. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers all week, and for your continued support! Visit the ASP Facebook page to see moments of their special mission trip: www.facebook.com/WestboroughASP



SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

Adorers during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament desperately needed on Tuesdays especially for the hours of 11am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 1pm. Jesus is waiting for you and it is a great opportunity to pray. Please

consider this special request as coming from Jesus to you. It is critical especially during the summer vacation period. Please come, no strings attached. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection Monthly

Month of April 2024 60,650 Month of May 2024 60,113

Month of June 2024 54,642



Learn more about the Catholic faith...

Contact Maria Gasser, at 508-366-5502 or the RCIA Team Lead, Bob Thompson, at 508-341-7677 for more information



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

St Luke's Outreach is partnering with Westborough Youth & Family Services to collect school supplies for local kids in need. There will be a drop off box in the Parish Center, and donations will be accepted through Monday, August 19th.

Supplies needed include: Backpacks for all ages, Ticonderoga pencils, Scissors, Crayola Crayons 16 & 24 count, Crayola colored pencils, glue sticks, Markers - washable Crayola thick & thin, Pencil boxes, 3 Ring Binders, Pens - black & blue, Sharpie Markers, Pocket Folders, Notebooks-Subject spiral Composition Notebooks, Highlighters and Erasers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Nan Ford, St. Luke Outreach



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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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