SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2024

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." John 6:60-64



Raphael's famous Disputation of the Holy Sacrament is one in a series of frescos (plaster wall paintings) completed for the library of the Papal palace in the Vatican. It is a pair to Raphael's School of Athens (across the room) to which the Disputation is the 'answer' to the philosophical questions raised by Plato and Aristotle. This painting is relevant for us today in that it conveys many of the ideas that we hear at the end of the exceptionally important "Bread of Life" discourse in John's gospel. At the center of the painting, as in our spiritual lives, sits the Eucharist. It is set in a golden monstrance upon the altar and hovers, both literally and figuratively, between the heavenly and earthly realms. Directly above the Eucharist is a representation of the Holy Spirit as a dove, Jesus Christ seated in majesty, and above Him sits God the Father all surrounded by angels and saints in the heavenly sphere. Below, on earth, the altar is surrounded by various theologians and Church Fathers discussing the importance of the Sacrament that is the "source and summit" of Christian life. At its fundamental level, the painting visually illustrates the gospel's message.

GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1153 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24

4:00pm Paul Fallon (1st Anv) by Diane Collins 6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, August 25

7:30am Larry Boyd

by Knights of Columbus

9:00am **Annette & Howard LaNode** by McKenna family

11:00am **Daniel McCann** by St. Luke's

Monday, August 26

9:00am **Anthony Putnam**

by Divine Mercy Cenacle Tuesday, August 27

9:00am Daniel Pavolis

by Knights of Columbus **Wednesday**, August 28

9:00am Emily French Dumont (Birthday)

by Helen & Dennis Kay

9:00am Ty Lamar (Birthday)

by family

Friday, August 30

9:00am Souls from Outreach Ministry

by Gorak family

Saturday, August 31

4:00pm Helen & Edward Gorak

by family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, September 1

7:30am John Cannon

by Daniel Breidenbach

9:00am Beverly Farmer

by Linda & Richard O'Donnell

11:00am John Martin

by his family



Please Pray for...

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Sharon Wilkins, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson Rich Reynolds, 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 William Fargelli, 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 Constance Murphy

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



Cover Image: Raphael, Disputation of the Holy Sacrament, 1509-11.

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August 25, 2024



Forever Young

Members of St. Luke's "Forever Young" want to take this opportunity to invite parishioners, especially *Baby Boomers*, who are of a certain age (60+) to join this active ministry of Senior Adults.

Our mission is to create fellowship, educational enrichment, and community outreach activities while fostering our Catholic Faith and Christian values. We generally meet on the fourth Monday of the month in the Parish Center following the 9am Mass. We have a varied activity schedule beginning on Monday, September 23, when our first Guest will be our very own Pastor, Fr. Diego!

Please consider joining us! Our membership envelope may be found in your September envelope packet. Dues are listed at \$10 per year. This covers costs for refreshments through the year, incidentals, and most important, assists us in our outreach donations within the parish. (Note: Including your email or phone number on envelope assists us in contacting you.)

Contact Karen Sheldrick at

<u>ksheldrick33@gmail.com</u> for Membership or Dianne Patrick at <u>diannempatrick@yahoo.com</u> for general information. Thank you!



You've got a Friend in Me Men's Prayer Group Bienvenidos!

You may register at Adult Studies page on the Parish website: https://stlukes-parish.org/adult

MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN

St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, Sept. 6th. 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 cooked and hot food to the parking lot between by 3:30pm on Sept. 6th.

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

susanmblack08@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

SING A JOYFUL SONG TO THE LORD!

Saint Augustine once said that "Those who sing, pray twice!"

Please give some prayerful consideration to joining our parish music ministry. Our choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 in the church, beginning Thursday, September 12th. The choir will lead us in song at the 11:00 Mass starting Sunday, September 15th. Our choir is open to anyone from high school age on, and all are welcome!! Perhaps you may have a calling to the cantor ministry, in which case, Craig would love to speak with you! Maybe you play an instrument and would like to share the gift God has given you, by enhancing our liturgies at special celebrations. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Craig after Mass or by email: craigistine@aol.com, or by phone: 508-277-3771. Thank you so much for considering; we would love to have you join us!!



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our School Supply Drive. Your response was amazing! All supplies will be distributed to Westborough school children who are in need. It is our

hope that every child can start off their school year with a backpack filled with all the essentials needed for their grade. As always, thank you for understanding the importance of Outreach.



Nan Ford/Parish Outreach Coordinator

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



DAILY ROSARY GROUP

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday After the 9am weekday MASS



Sports fans can be a predictable group. When their team is winning, they never miss a game! They talk about how

great the team is and buy jackets, caps, and anything with the team's logo. But if the team is struggling or has an off year, fans are hard to find. The seats are empty and everyone is full of criticism and other 'helpful' suggestions. There is lots of blame to go around and everyone knows exactly what needs to be done. Of course, there is always next season!

Jesus has quite a few fans, that is, until he says or does something with which they don't agree. Faced with the harsh realities of faith and spiritual practice, or confronted by a mystery they cannot understand, people walk away. If it is not easy and simple to do, they can't be bothered. No one gives Jesus any credit and they quickly forget all that He has said and done for them. They dismiss him as crazy or strange and go on with their lives. Even the Apostles express some doubt. But it was Peter who voiced their loyalty and faith: we are convinced you are God's holy one. They may not have fully understood, but they knew Jesus was the real deal.

Discipleship is about loyalty and faithfulness. It is about perseverance and persistence. We are not fairweather believers, nor are we easily distracted from our work. We have seen what the Lord can do and we take Him at His word. Do not worry about tough times or difficult moments. We play on a winning team!

James Gaffney



"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends

time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

HAITI APPEAL WEEKEND OF AUGUST 31 — SEPT 1

Gloria Josephs will be speaking at all the masses about Haiti and St Luke's support of Fr Rick's ministry for over 35 years! Pictures of Haiti will be running in the vestibule and behind Gloria as she speaks.

FREE VETERANS BREAKFAST

Westborough American Legion Post 163 invites all Veterans to a Free Veterans' Breakfast on Saturday, September 14, 9:00am at Westborough Senior Center, 4 Rogers Road. Please RSVP at 508-366-300, transportation is available if needed. If you have questions, please contact John Gallinagh at USNR1967@gmail.com or Paul Horrigan at paulhorrigan123@gmail.com.

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Parents of Seniors

We want to congratulate you and your son(s) and/or daughter(s) on their graduation!

Whether they are continuing with their education or entering the workforce, St. Luke's would like to acknowledge them at Mass during the month of August. Father Diego and Father Sagar will say a prayer for them as they embark on their journey in life and faith.

If you would like your senior recognized, please send an email to Denise Pelkey at dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org. If your senior would prefer to stop by the Parish Center and pick up their Gift they are also more than welcome to do so.

Thanks and God Bless

Saturday's 4 pm Mass is in need of more Altar Servers! Can you help?



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

Once trained, scheduling for upcoming Masses is very flexible. You decide which weekends you are available to serve. Training is offered by our pastoral associate Julie Basque. Please contact her at 508-366-5502, ext 15 or email at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org

to set up your training sessions.

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

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.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Emails have been sent to all previously registered families.

Please see the St. Luke's website at <u>www.stlukes-parish.org</u> 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

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.



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!

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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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