

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" Mk 7: 31-34



“Decapolis,” where Christ appears in today’s gospel, is not a single place, but rather means “Ten Cities” (in Greek) that were on the edge of the Roman Empire, spread between what is today present-day Jordan, Syria and Israel. As such, they were mostly populated by Gentiles (non-Jews). The scene of Christ performing the miracle is highlighted by a light illuminating the area before the large archway and yet is dwarfed by the massive classical Roman architecture that dominates the scene. The painter has chosen to situate today’s scene among the architectural ruins of Rome as reminder that Christianity eventually triumphed over the Roman empire. The painting is also a general commentary on Christ’s miracle working in that it references several of his other miracles—on the far-left foreground, a man leading a blind woman and a paralytic with a crutch. Also of note, on the right we see a boy in contemporary (17th cen.) dress leading his dog toward the center of the action. This is not only a reminder of the contemporary relevance of Christ’s works, but a dog is always a reminder of the faith necessary to recognize Christ.

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OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

4:00pm **Jane & John Kwiatkowski**
by family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, September 8

7:30am **Maria Barretti**
by family

9:00am **Peter Louis Messina**
by family

11:00am **Louis & Jenny Delfanti**
by niece Sharon DiProffio

Monday, September 9

9:00am **Increase in Holy Vocations to Priesthood, Religious, Marriage, Single life**
by Diane & Ed Gorak

Tuesday, September 10

9:00am **Anthony Putnam**
by Divine Mercy Cenacle

Wednesday, September 11

9:00am **Fr. Walter Riley**
by Gillis family

Thursday, September 12

9:00am **Harry W. Roberts, Jr.**
by Julie & Bruce Szczepankiewicz

Friday, September 13

9:00am **Souls in Purgatory**
by Horrigan family

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm **Karen & Jon Coax**
by family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, September 15

7:30am **Pat & Paul Dempsey**
by family

9:00am **Donald & Phyllis St. Martin**
by family

11:00am **Paul & Rita Smith**
by 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, Ellie Barney, 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 Zanciewicz, 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

**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**



New to St. Luke's?

A heartfelt welcome to new members of our parish family! Whether this is your first visit or you're joining us weekly, we are thrilled to welcome you to your new parish home. Join us especially for Welcome Weekend -

September 28 & 29 - to receive your special gift of welcome!

Be sure to visit <https://stlukes-parish.org/newcomers> or easy sign-up as a parish member with QR.

We look forward to meeting you soon!



Cover Image: Bartholomeus Breenbergh, *Christ Healing the Deaf Mute of Decapolis*, 1635.

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St. Luke's Parish Welcome Weekend! September 28 and 29



WELCOME GREETINGS TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

WELCOME GATHERING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

MEET AND GREET ~ COFFEE AND TREATS

AFTER MASSES ON SUNDAY

7:30AM, 9AM & 11AM

Many hands, hearts and smiles are needed! Thank you for considering to help as:

Church Greeters & Helpers

<https://tinyurl.com/2x46tkm6>

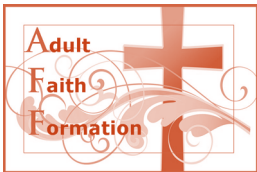


Parish Center Bakers and Helpers

<https://tinyurl.com/2nw3f4cc>



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JOIN an ADULT STUDY FALL 2024

Great topics to choose from:

- The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation History
- God: They Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible
- First Corinthians: The Church and Christian Community
- Questions Jesus Asks
- Faith and Fellowship for Moms
- Living the Sunday Gospel
- "You've Got a Friend in Me" Men's Prayer Group

For descriptions, details, dates/times, and locations AND to register, please visit:

www.stlukes-parish.org/adult



HELP NEEDED

If you regularly attend the 7:30am Mass on Sunday, please consider joining the Usher Ministry for that Mass. Paul Freeman is the head usher and he is greatly in need of your help. Several faithful ushers at 7:30am have retired. Thank you!



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: craigstine@aol.com, or by phone: 508-277-3771. Thank you so much for considering; we would love to have you join us!!

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI WITH FR. SAGAR

Join **Fr. Sagar Gundiga** on a 9-day pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi! Fr. Sagar will be accompanied by Catholic Composer/Singer Ryan Mascilak on what will be a truly holy, sacred, and fun experience. For more information contact Fr. Sagar Gundiga 508-366-5502 Ext. 12.

AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Visiting the Eternal City offers a uniquely Catholic experience — where visitors can simultaneously experience ancient Rome, Medieval Rome, and the grandeur of modern Papal Rome. The city offers one breathtaking experience after another, with awe-inspiring religious sites, world-class museums, splashing fountains, delightful plazas, and exquisite art and architecture everywhere.

Our pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican offers you a deeply personalized experience that carries you back in time on an unforgettable journey that will include Italian culture, history, art, and culinary delights. Join us on this unforgettable experience where you will encounter beauty and forever be reminded of the greatness of Rome and her universal mission as the spiritual home of all Christians.

The goal of this pilgrimage is “to put people in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.” - **POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II, CATECHESI**

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).

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAY 8:30AM—12:30PM
MONDAY 9:30AM—1:30PM
TUESDAY 9:30AM—5:30PM
WEDNESDAY 9:30AM—1:30PM
THURSDAY 9:30AM—1:30PM

Forever Young

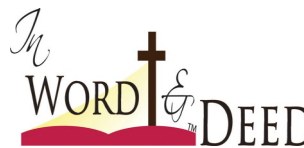
Members of St. Luke's “Forever Young” want to take this opportunity to invite parishioners, especially **Baby Boomers**, who are of a certain age (60+) to join this active ministry of Senior Adults.

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



Many of life's most important lessons come through experience. We live and learn through our successes and mistakes, often discovering the truth about ourselves and others when we least expect it. Experience can open our eyes and our minds to a better understanding and a deeper appreciation of life. That insight can happen in an instant.

When Jesus cures the deaf and mute, it is not simply to restore them to health, but rather to lead them to faith. He opens their ears that they can hear the Gospel and He opens their mouths that they can proclaim what they have heard. Healing is never about Jesus showing His power. It is the power of God, restoring balance and wholeness so that the message of salvation is more apparent and experienced by those healed and by those who witness it.

In the Rite of Baptism for Children, the Church prays that the Lord will soon touch the child's ears to receive His word and the child's mouth to proclaim His faith. The experience of baptism changes life in an instant. By faith we are given the charge to be a witness, to grow in our understanding and love of God and to be the faithful disciples of the Lord. It is an instant in time where we are put on the path to eternity.

James Gaffney



FELLOWSHIP FAITH FORMATION PRAYER

St. Luke's Parish is introducing a Faith Building Initiative in the form of a men's Prayer Group to assist men in building a stronger and closer relationship with

Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

- ◆ Each gathering will be 1 hour, 15 minutes in duration.
- ◆ Gatherings will be on Mondays, September 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16 at 7 pm in the Parish Center Hall.
- ◆ 1. We will begin with a simple meal. We will sit around tables to eat, talk and enjoy fraternity.
- 2. We will watch a short video from the series the "Mission of the Family" followed by a discussion.
- 3. We will conclude each gathering with prayer

All are welcome! Please join us! Bienvenidos!

Advance registration is not required. However, it would be appreciated because it would help us in planning. If you registered for the August gathering online or in person, you need not register again.

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



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.

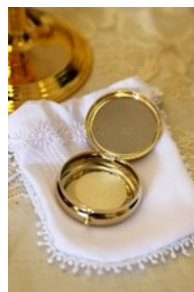
Once trained, scheduling for upcoming Masses is very flexible. You decide which weekends you are available to serve. Training is offered by our pastoral associate Julie Basque. Please contact her at 508-366-5502, ext 15 or email at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org to set up your training sessions.



CALLING ALL COOKS!

We have a need for one person willing to make a meal once a month for a parishioner in need. Our meal ministry coordinates meals to be delivered weekly to a parishioner in

need of a home cooked meal. A group of four cooks each take one Wednesday per month to make their meal for the parishioner. These meals are greatly appreciated. If you would be able to help us or would like more information please contact Julie Basque at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or call 508-366-8509, ext 4.



HOME COMMUNION VISITS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Looking for people to bring communion to parishioners who cannot attend Mass. Visits happen often during the week but can also be on the week-ends. Flexible schedule to meet the needs of the person visiting and the one being visited. Training provided.

Requirements: Enjoy people and the opportunity to bring Jesus to others.

For more information, please email Julie Basque at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or call 508-366-5502. Ext. 15. Thank you!

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Patrick Malone, Building and Grounds

ST. LUKE'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.*