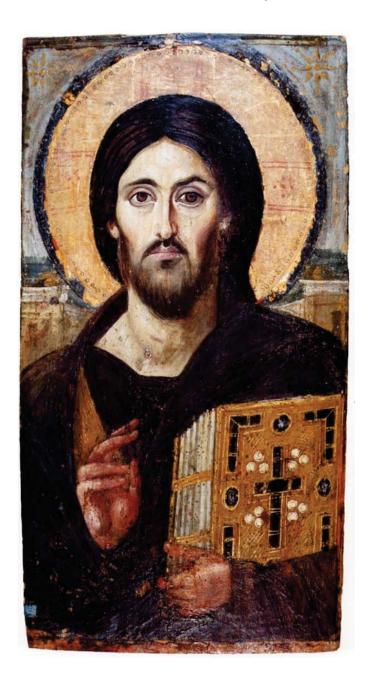
SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH Westborough, MA

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. Mk 8:27-30



Our image this week is one of the oldest known depictions of Christ our Savior. It is a Byzantine icon still housed in the remote monastery of St. Catherine's in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, and dates to the middle of the 6th century. It is relevant to today's gospel because it deals precisely with the question Christ asks Peter: "But who do you say that I am?" The answer is laid out before us in this commanding portrait of Christ, "the Pantocrator" ('ruler over all'). If you look closely, you will see that the left side of Christ's face is slightly different from the right side (asymmetrical). This is because the left (more idealized) side is a representation of his divinity, and the right (less idealized) represents his humanity. In his left hand he holds a gold gem-encrusted covered book (signifying its sacredness) of gospels that tells his story. However, his right hand is lifted in a blessing gesture, and his two fingers (index and middle) are raised slightly indicating to the viewer his dual nature; he is at once both fully man and fully Christ. The gesture also references Jesus Christ's initials in Greek, further indicating his identity.

GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1162 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY **OF ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm Karen & Jon Coax by family **Baptism: Miranda Sanchez** 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

Monday, September 16 9:00am Edward McManus

by Terri Los

Tuesday, September 17

9:00am **Bob Malone (19th)** by his family

Wednesday, September 18

9:00am **Special Intentions**

Thursday, September 19 9:00am Kara Moulter

by Daniel Breidenbach Friday, September 20

9:00am Russell Smith

by Barbara Harrington

and Souls in Purgatory by Horrigan family

Saturday, September 21

4:00pm Elaine & Jim Scannell & Richard Narel by family

6:00pm Antonio Marin

Sunday, September 22

7:30am Nora & Jack Cullinan by Huddy family

9:00am Olivia Colby

by friends

11:00am Joyce Gallinagh

by Pat & Kenny Gagnon



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 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

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



We look forward to meeting you soon!

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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:

Chris <u>4farmers@verizon.net</u>
Leslie <u>leslie.a.buffo@gmail.com</u>
Kathy kathyrichov@gmail.com

<u>Church Greeters & Helpers</u> https://tinyurl.com/2x46tkm6



Parish Center Bakers and Helpers https://tinyurl.com/2nw3f4cc



Register Now

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, October 5th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!



MASS OF ANOINTING

Mass of Anointing on Saturday, October 5th, at the 4pm Mass At the 4pm Mass on Saturday Octo-

ber 21st both Fr Diego and Fr. Sagar will offer the Sacrament of Anointing to all those present who are in need of healing. The "grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of a serious illness or the frailty of old age" (CCC #1520). If you cannot attend but feel you would benefit from the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Julie Basque at 508-366-5502, ext. 15, so that she can help you to make other arrangements for Fr Sagar to visit.

JOIN an ADULT STUDY FALL 2024

For descriptions, details, dates/times, and locations
AND to register, please visit:
www.stlukes-parish.org/adult





ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Come and join us to celebrate the beginning of Faith Formation!
We will have activities, games, and Pizza prior to the start of classes.

When: September 22, 2024 at 6 pm Where: Parish Center Hall

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

Date: September 28, 2024

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

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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



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 weekends. 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HARVEST KICK OFF DINNER

October 24, 2024, Thursday 6:30pm \$20.00 pp Parish Hall

Appetizers followed by a traditional Thanksgiving style dinner with all the fixings, (gluten free will also be available.) Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, winter squash, steamed green beans, cranberry sauce. Desserts: apple crisp and pumpkin pie.

(Sign up coming soon)

We look forward to seeing all of you fabulous women. Bring a sister, daughter or a friend! *must be 21 or older to attend*

Questions: Kathy Lawrence 508-366-6631





During halftime, the high school basketball coach was trying to motivate his team as they struggled to stay in the

game. "You're not really trying," he said, "you're just going through the motions. Your bodies are here, but your minds and hearts are a million miles away. Where's your commitment? Get in the game! Focus on what you are doing. Give it 100% or we are sure to lose."

Jesus wants to know what the Apostles are thinking about Him. He asks and it is Peter who answers for them all. Ironically, it is Peter who tries to spare Jesus from the cross, and later, Peter will deny even knowing Jesus. His body was there, but his mind and heart were elsewhere. Peter's faith wavered because of his fear and uncertainty. But once he recovers and is strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Peter will be the first to proclaim the Gospel and the first to lead the Church.

People struggle with faith. Our minds want to understand what we believe; we look for insight into what our hearts desire; we want to be more certain about our values, morals and choices. If you struggle, you are on the right path. Don't worry about 'spiritual' trends in society or how loudly others may speak out against all that is holy. Let your life witness answer the question of faith: who do you say that He is?

James Gaffney

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 508-366-5502 Ext 15

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!

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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

Women of St. Luke's (WOSL) ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

MEET AND GREET

Friday, September 27, 2024 at 6:00pm Broken Creek Vineyard 614 South St. Shrewsbury, MA 01545 brokencreekvineyard.com 508-925-5617

They have a variety of wines as well as soft drinks. WOSL will supply light refreshments; charcuterie and sweets no need to RSVP Dress according to the weather, we will be both inside and outside. Open to ALL women of the Parish, bring a friend! *must be 21 or older to attend*





The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday September 17th from 1:00 – Ministry 2:30 PM in Room 23 of the Parish Center. This ministry is open to any person interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes or afghans for

the sick and suffering. The ministry also makes hats and mittens for the Giving Tree at Christmas. If you would like to participate but can't make the monthly meetings, please e-mail/call Carol Mulcahy at cmmulcahy@live.com/508-898-0409 for more information about patterns and yarn. We would love to have new members since there are many requests for the handmade items. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.

Forever Young

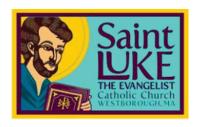
Are you a senior adult who desires to foster your Catholic faith and Christian values within an active Parish Ministry?

Consider joining us for fellowship, educational enrichment, and community outreach activities. Please take a flier found on the tables in the back of the church to learn more and see our planned 2024-2025 calendar. We have a varied activity schedule beginning on Monday, September 23, when our first Guest will be our very own Pastor, Fr. Diego!

Come join us on September 23! Enjoy some "coffee and" following the 9AM Mass. For more information contact Karen Sheldrick at ksheldrick33@gmail.com, or Dianne Patrick at diannempatrick@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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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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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