

# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

*They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Mark 9: 34-37*



Today's work of art focuses on the second part of the gospel reading – immediately after the apostles have been arguing, Christ upends their idea of who is first and last and takes a child, typically a symbol of innocence and trust, and places him before them. The artist depicts Christ plainly showing the child to the viewer as if demonstrating the gospel's message. Children are also commonly included in Christian art to symbolize human potential and new beginnings. Christ is shown in white, highlighting his purity and glory, while the child wears a pale blue mantle, symbolizing spiritual love and truth. Of note, however, underneath the mantle near the child's collar, part of a red shirt is visible. Red, a sometimes-ambiguous symbol, could potentially reference Christ's Passion while the palm certainly symbolizes victory and the triumph over death in the Resurrection. Although Christ is shown with a halo and the child with a palm, Carl Bloch's religious paintings often deemphasized overt religious symbols. However, Christ's model of faith and trust—so evident in a child—is clearly conveyed in this painting.

**GATHER HYMNAL**  
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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 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
- Monday, September 23**  
9:00am **Matthew Griffin** by Erin McCarthy
- Tuesday, September 24**  
9:00am **Paul Dempsey** by family
- Wednesday, September 25**  
9:00am **Abbie Kay (birthday)** By Dennis & Helen Kay
- Thursday, September 26**  
9:00am **Souls in Purgatory** by Horrigan family
- Friday, September 27**  
9:00am **Rosalinn Latha & Julian Justice** by family
- Saturday, September 28**  
4:00pm **Deceased Members of the Bocian & Gorak Families** by family  
6:00pm Spanish
- Sunday, September 29**  
7:30am **Stephanie Fleming** by Catherine Szczepankiewicz  
9:00am **John Miller** by Joanna Donahue  
11:00am **Daniel McCann & Kathleen Benson** by Pat and Kenny Gagnon  
5:30pm **Billy Belle** by family  
(Charismatic Mass)

***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*  
Eleanor "Ellie" Barney, Charles Anderson

**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 Sept. 28 & 29**

**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!**



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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** [4farmers@verizon.net](mailto:4farmers@verizon.net)

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



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



## 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**



## 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 over-  
come 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.

## *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 en-  
richment, 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 infor-  
mation contact Karen Sheldrick at  
[ksheldrick33@gmail.com](mailto:ksheldrick33@gmail.com), or Dianne Patrick at  
[diannempatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:diannempatrick@yahoo.com) . Thank you!

### ***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 27-SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

**To register please go to:**

Register at [stcharlespilgrimages.com/gundiga](http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/gundiga)



## **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](mailto:dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org) for a  
permission slip.



### Suggested Items

Pasta sauce  
Tomato paste  
Beef stew  
Chunky soups  
Chowders  
Ramen noodles  
Jams and jellies  
Cake and brownie mixes  
Mayonnaise  
Mustard  
Ketchup  
Hamburger Helper  
Rice Pilaf  
Laundry detergent (small)  
Dish detergent  
Bar soap

Financial donations also welcomed.

Donate via the website:  
[www.WestboroughFoodPantry.org](http://www.WestboroughFoodPantry.org)

[Pantry.org](http://www.WestboroughFoodPantry.org)

or Venmo:

@Westborough-Food-Pantry

PLEASE  
no opened or expired items



Supporting The Westborough Food Pantry

**SAT, OCT 5**  
**9:00 am**

**CURBSIDE PICKUP** Simply register your address at

[westboroughfooddrive@gmail.com](mailto:westboroughfooddrive@gmail.com)

Email us and we'll send you the link to register.

Or, scan the QRL code.

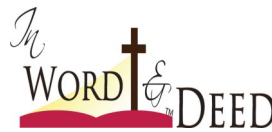


SCAN ME

On OCT 5th by 9am, leave your donation curbside and we'll be by to collect throughout the day.  
THANK YOU!



COMPASSION KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES  
<https://www.westboroughasp.org>



Years ago, people who came from humble homes would say, "It's not much, but it is home."

When some of their sons became priests and would be assigned to parishes with large rectories and churches, the priests would joke, "It's not home, but it's much!"

The Apostles fell into the same trap, but their superlative was "the greatest." They were debating among themselves who was the most important--the first struggle for power in the Church! Jesus changes the focus. Being the greatest is about service, not power. When one can serve the needs of all, even a small, powerless child, then greatness is achieved. That greatness is measured by the standard of love and selflessness, not strength and domination.

Practicing our faith gives us a vision to see others as God sees them and act accordingly. We have the power to change the world, one life at a time. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and consoling the sorrowful are not far off works of mercy. They are the stuff of everyday life, the practical ways in which we serve, heal, and pray. It is not played out on a world stage, nor will it make the news. It does, however, make a difference. It's not just something; it's much!

*James Gaffney*

## Saint Pio of Pietrelcina "Padre Pio"

1887-1968

FEAST DAY — SEPTEMBER 23

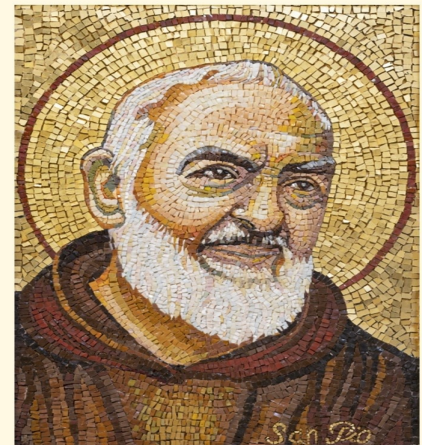
Francesco Forgione was born in the Italian farming village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. He was one of seven children. By age five, Francesco had already dedicated his life to God. He helped take care of his family's flock of sheep until age ten. Then, as a requirement for joining the Capuchin order, he received private tutoring, to make up for the time he had spent shepherding, rather than in school. At age fifteen, he joined the Order of Friars Minor, taking the name "Pio."

As a Capuchin Franciscan friar, he experienced both physical illness and spiritual battles, but persevering, he was ordained a priest in 1910. Due to poor health, he stayed mostly with his family until 1916, when he was required to return to the friary.

During World War I, he was drafted to serve in the Italian army in the medical corps in 1914/5, and again in 1917. Both times, illness prevented him from continuing in the service; the second time, he was given a permanent discharge. When he left the service, he returned to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he remained for the duration of his life.

Friar Pio became known to many as Padre Pio. He bore the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, invisibly from the time of his ordination in 1910 and visibly from 1918. The Vatican investigated the authenticity of his stigmata, and his ministry of prayer and healing, beginning in 1921. As his renown grew, so did persecution. In 1922, various restrictions were placed on his ministry, including being forbidden from giving blessings to the faithful. In 1931, he was forbidden from publicly celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and receiving visitors. This ban was lifted by the Pope Pius XI in 1933, and Padre Pio was allowed to gradually resume public ministry.

Padre Pio is known for being a gifted confessor, his efficacious intercessory prayer, and other mystical gifts associated with his religious life. Under the direction of Padre Pio, in 1947, construction began to build a hospital to treat patients at San Giovanni Rotondo, using science along with faith and prayer. Shortly before his death in 1968, the stigmata disappeared. He was canonized in 2002 by St. John Paul II. Pope Francis has called Padre Pio an "apostle of the confessional."



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Pilot Bulletins



### 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](mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org) or call 508-366-5502. Ext. 15. Thank you!

### 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](http://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\***



*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)* Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice.

Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = *sacred* and "facere" = *to make*. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

### SAINT JOHN'S FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 17, at 6:00 PM & Saturday, November 16, 9:00 AM To register, visit <https://www.beapioneer.org/experience>. During this event, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff, and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to boys and young men in grades seven through twelve

**FREE Get Charged Up Regional EV Expo**  
**September 29th from 2 - 5 PM at 50 Otis Street, Westborough.** This annual event offers an up-close experience with electric vehicles (EVs). Speak with knowledgeable EV owners, sit inside various models, and even test drive some of them. For more info-  
<https://www.westboroughma.gov/1146/EV-Expo>

### 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](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!



### 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](mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org) or call 508-366-5502 Ext 15

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### HARVEST KICK OFF DINNER Women of St. Luke (WOSL)

**Open to ALL women of the Parish,**

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



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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**70 West Main Street, Westborough**



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Judy Savoie

***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.*