SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. Mk 9:39-41



Pieter Aertsen, was a Dutch painter and his painting picks up on Christ's statement in today's gospel: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." However, this is not just about acts of charity among Christians, but speaks about God's generosity to every person regardless of who they are. As such, we have a scene that can be read as both a *genre* painting (style of painting depicting scenes from ordinary life) and a *religious* moral painting. It depicts the corporal works of mercy in a scene set with ordinary people in a 16th century public square. Christ is not overtly depicted, but he is present in the day-to-day behavior of all these people. The only image of Christ is in is a small Last Judgment scene in the upper right, adjacent to the arch, painted as a sculptural relief. Christ looks over the scene, reminding us of the origins of this altruistic behavior. In the background, beyond the gate, we see a burial, on the left we see the caring for prisoners, in the middle the thirsty are watered and sick are nursed. In the foreground are clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and taking in the homeless. And of course the dog represents Christian faith.

GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1168 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm Saturday, September 28
Deceased Members of the
Bocian & Gorak Families
by family

6:00pm Spanish

7:30am Sunday, September 29
Stephanie Fleming
by Catherine Szczepankiewicz

9:00am **John Miller** by Joanna Donahue

11:00am Daniel McCann & Kathleen Benson

by Pat and Kenny Gagnon

Monday, September 30

9:00am Carole Bowles by Karen Sheldrick

9:00am Peggy Lipka

by Callery family

9:00am Wednesday, October 2
Souls in Purgatory

by Fr. Sagar

9:00am Thursday, October 3 Thomas Heyward

by Savoie family

9:00am Friday, October 4 Francis J. Cahill

by Mike & Marlene Blaney

Saturday, October 5

4:00pm Fr. Walter Riley

by Ken & Beth Salsman

MASS OF ANOINTING

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, October 6

7:30am Francis F. Riley by Crowley family

9:00am **Joyce Gallinagh**

by St. Luke's Parish Family

11:00am Matthew Malone (7thAnv)

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 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 Mary Benoit, Lawrence Maloney

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?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME 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. Be sure to visit https://stlukes-parish.org/newcomers or easy sign-up as a parish member with OR.

We look forward to meeting you soon!



Cover Image: Pieter Aertsen, *Deeds of Christian Charity*, c.1575.

Source: National Museum of Warsaw, Public Domain, https://cyfrowe.mnw.art.pl/en/catalog/442997

St. Luke's Parish Welcome Weekend!

Every year, towards the beginning of the new school year, we celebrate Welcome Weekend in our Parish.

Even though the celebration is meant to welcome new families and members of our community, I believe it aligns with the spirit of St. Luke's Parish.

Saying "All are welcome" is not merely a nice motto for a club or group of people who want to recruit new followers or members. It's not about proselytism or being in tune with a particular trend.

The Church is a community of Jesus' disciples who strive to live in communion as a reflection of the Trinity. As such, we are sent into the world to share with everyone the blessings we receive from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Welcoming is also a unique sign of Jesus' mission, who shared the table with the sinners, the poor, the outcasts, the foreigners, and the last of society and announced the Good News of Salvation.

Celebrating this Welcome Weekend invites us to remember that God is the Father of all and that everybody has a place in the heavenly banquet of the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of Fr. Sagar and St. Luke's Staff, I wish my blessings of love, peace, and joy to all those new members who recently joined our community and to the old members of St. Luke's family.

Fr. Diego

MASS OF ANOINTING



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

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.



WELCOME GATHERING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

MEET AND GREET COFFEE AND TREATS AFTER MASSES ON SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9AM & 11AM



The St. Luke's Christian Initiation for Adults inquiry sessions continue through October - meeting on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in room 23 of the Parish Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith

or have an interest in joining the Catholic faith community are welcomed to attend. No need to register - just show up!

We welcome all inquirers. For more information, please contact Bob Thompson at 508-341-7677 or just show up at one of our inquiry sessions.





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!



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 deliv-

ered 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



A college professor was frustrated with the pile of administrative paperwork that was required for a new project he was

undertaking. He said that with his luck, he would find a cure for a dreaded disease and no one would look at it until he filled out the right forms and got all the necessary committee approvals. At times, red tape can halt the wheels of progress.

A man is using the Lord's name to cast out demons, but he is not one of the Apostles and they try to stop him, apparently without success. When they report to Jesus, He once again changes the focus. No one can do what the man does without believing in Jesus. His works reveal his faith and his faith is in the Lord. There is no class to take nor is faith an exclusive club. Anyone, and everyone, can proclaim, practice and witness to faith.

We can learn the lessons of faith from people we least expect and at times that seem most unlikely. If we reject the message because we do not like the messenger, we create our own red tape that halts the progress of faith. God never said you had to be perfect, good-looking, educated, rich, kind, faultless or ordained to carry the message of faith. The only requirement is to believe in Him.

James Gaffney

HARVEST KICK OFF DINNER Women of St. Luke (WOSL) Open to ALL women of the Parish,

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

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ~ Saturday, October 5, 2024 "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart"

St. Joseph School in Webster, MA to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

Faith Formation Kick Off

We had a wonderful time on Sunday, Sept. 22
It was the kickoff of Classes. We had pizza, snacks, games and activities!
Father Diego even showed off his Ping Pong abilities with the students!



St. Luke's Annual Pilgrimage Thursday October 17, 2024 National Shrine of Divine Mercy I Stockbridge MA

Please plan to come alone, with your group, or to carpool with others meeting at 10 am in the St. Luke's Parking Lot at 70 West Main St. Westboro. Or you can choose your own times when you wish to go and return, and we will see you there! Food is now available at the new Eden Hill Café at the Shrine! See their attached menu.

Please share this with others you think might be interested and contact Judy Savoie <u>jsavoie42@msn.com</u> if you would like to attend the Pilgrimage, with any questions and if you need a ride or a handicap cart

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





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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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