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Westborough, MA

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, LORD OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2024

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:36-37



This painting illustrates today's gospel that describes the interaction between Christ and Pilate after he is handed over by the chief priests. Painted by one of Hungary's most famous painters, it belongs to a three-part series and is massive life-size painting measuring 13 ft 8 in high by 20 ft 10 in wide! We find Christ, dressed in white and slightly off center, yet our eye is drawn to him as the focus of the painting. This is because almost everyone in the painting looks at Christ except, ironically, those deciding his fate. Christ looks at Pilate on his throne, Pilate looks down to his hand (which points to Christ) while the chief priest, Caiaphas, to Pilate's right gesticulates back toward Christ creating a visual loop. On the far left, next to a man in blue, is a man with his hands in the air representing the crowd, likely shouting, "Crucify Him!" Munkácsy has captured humanity's disordered reaction when confronted by the Truth. Interestingly, a woman holding a child stands before the wall pier. This resemblance to the Blessed Virgin holding the Christ Child is likely not a coincidence, but a reminder of the Paschal Mystery of the incarnate God.

GATHER HYMNAL

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**FEAST OF CHRIST THE
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23

4:00pm **Jean Marie Newey**
by St. Luke's Parish family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, November 24

7:30am **John Strouse, Jr.**
by Knights of Columbus

9:00am **John Odell**
by his family

11:00am **John Leone & Maria Contrada**
by family

Monday, November 25

9:00am **Adele & Norman Dine**
by Diane Sullivan

Tuesday, November 26

9:00am **Maria Barretti**
by family

Wednesday, November 27

9:00am **Grace & John Sullivan**
by Diane Sullivan

Thursday, November 28

9:00am **Franca Fantasia**
by family

Friday, November 29

9:00am **Maria Barretti (10th Anniv)**
by family

Saturday, November 30

4:00pm **Louis Orlando**
by family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, December 1

7:30am **Lucy DiCicco**
by Mike & Marlene Blancy

9:00am **Jack Strouse**
by Tom & Mary Burke

11:00am **Marvel Jean Griffin**
by Christine Gallinagh



Please Pray for...

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Sharon Wilkins, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson, Ella Walker, 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, 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, James Thomas, Rich Reynolds, Thomas Houde, Ann Martin, Michael Berthume, 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, Paola Amorelli, David Sawyer, Madison Knopf, Claire Kennedy, 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, William Fargelli, Demetrius Mobley, Erin Magrane, George Beecher, Susanne Ollman, Christina Narensky, Chloe Nascimento, Gary Shults,

**Let us remember to pray for all our military men and women
who are over seas in harm's way.**

We remember those who have died

Natalie Motta, Graciela Powers

**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. Be sure to visit [https://stlukes-
parish.org/newcomers](https://stlukes-parish.org/newcomers) or easy sign-up as
a parish member with QR .**



Cover Image: Mihály Munkácsy, *Christ in Front of Pilate*, 1881-82.

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ST LUKE'S THANKSGIVING PROGRAM – 2024

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Donating a \$50. grocery card. (The most asked for are Walmart, Stop & Shop and Market Basket.)
2. Make a donation in any amount to help defray the cost of food cards. Checks can be made out to St Luke's Outreach with Thanksgiving in the memo. They can be dropped off at the Parish Center, or mailed to St Luke's Outreach, 1 Ruggles St.
3. Go online to **We Share** and make a donation by choosing "Thanksgiving".

Thank you for all the support you have given this program in the past, and we encourage your support again this year!

Nan Ford/Parish Outreach Coordinator



This year, the number of families that have signed up for our Thanksgiving program has almost doubled. In an effort to provide assistance to all those in need, we are asking for your help.

Instead of bringing in food this year, all the students in our religious ed program have been asked to donate essential items that families cannot purchase with a SNAP card. However, because the number of families is so great, we could use a little help. We are looking for the following items:

- * diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6),
- * baby wipes, detergent, soap,
- * paper towels, toothpaste,
- * toilet paper, and cleaning supplies.

These items can be brought to the Parish Center any time before our Thanksgiving distribution on Mon, Nov 25th.

Thank you for your continued support of Parish Outreach.

Nan Ford/Outreach Coordinator



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

*Blessing of food at
Thanksgiving Mass*

on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9AM

Table will be set up near the altar.

Bring something that will be served at your home for a special blessing



WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S WREATH DECORATING TUESDAY, December 3, 2024

Knights of Columbus Hall
17 Willow St. Westborough, MA
6:30pm ~ \$40.00

Please bring a bag of wrapped candy for our Giving Tree recipients. Everything is provided, 14" fresh double sided evergreen wreath, fresh greens, baubles and bows. Feel free to bring your own decorations!

Sign up sheets in church entrance Be sure to drop your payment off to the Parish Center! (1 Ruggles St.) Maria's office is 1st door on the right. We would love it if you / friends would like to donate a raffle basket for the raffle table. Sharon Franco runs the raffle. Please email Sharon to let her know you will be dropping off a raffle basket.

athafraco@aol.com

The money raised goes to helping the town wide Giving Tree program and our men in Dismas, as well as our Parish and community needs.

50/50 cash Raffle!

Bring your \$\$\$\$dollars\$\$\$\$\$ to win!

Questions: Kathy Lawrence 508-366-6631

St. Luke's ADVENT JOURNEY " Starting Sunday, December 1st Let's come together to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas!



REFLECTING....

...upon a daily commentary and journal question. Books \$5 at Sunday masses while supplies last or on Amazon

SHARING....

...within an optional small group once a week throughout the Advent season to have conversation about our reflections.

CELEBRATING...

...together as a whole parish at a special ADVENT GATHERING worship event to culminate our journey on:

Tuesday, December 17th
7:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Luke's Church
FOR DETAILS GO TO

stlukes-parish.org/advent



YOUTH MINISTRY

A sincere thank you to all student and adult parishioners who helped with Leaf Raking on Saturday, November 16th! The yards look amazing and the owners are overjoyed with the results!

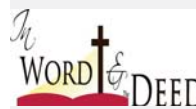
Thank you to Fr. Sagar who prayed with us beforehand.



The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Please pray for all deceased loved ones this month, and those souls most forgotten!



A profound thank you to all parish volunteers and YM who participated in the Veterans Flag retrieval at St. Luke's Cemetery on Saturday, November 16th! 600 Veterans Flags were collected!



Members of the social outreach committee debated endlessly, asking if various programs were 'in keeping with our mission.' In the meantime, two former members of the committee were driving around the city, handing out hot soup, sandwiches and water to the homeless. These guys left the debating up to others. In their minds, the mission was to feed the hungry, just as Jesus said. Clear and simple.

When interrogated by Pilate, Jesus leaves no doubt about His mission. He has come to testify, to give witness, to the truth. What is that truth? The truth is that God loves us so much that He became one of us, dying on the cross to free us from sin. He is the King of all creation and His throne is a tree. In his death, He destroys sin and in His resurrection, He restores us to life. His mission of service saves us and brings us eternal life.

What is your mission? How is it that your life will give witness to the truth of the Gospel? Each of us may do it differently, but we all are called to teach, preach, heal and forgive, just as Jesus did. No need for debate or struggle with complicated ideas or highly structured programs. Just live the Gospel. Be Christ to others. Clear and simple.

James Gaffney



Christmas Memorial Service

On the evening of **Wednesday, December 18th**, St. Luke's will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Memorial Service in the church sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** to

remember our loved ones who have died. During this busy, and often difficult, holiday season we invite family and friends to participate in this evening of thoughtful prayer, reflection and music. You are welcome to bring a photo or other small remembrance of your loved one to display during the service. If you would like the name of the deceased mentioned during the service, please plan on arriving at **6:45 p.m.** We look forward to having you join us for this special evening of shared sorrow and joy in the presence of our Lord



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
57TH MEMORIAL MASS
Monday, November 25th at 7:00PM
John Boyle O'Reilly Hall
17 Willow Street, Westborough

Our members have remembered Brother Knights at a Memorial Mass every November. This year we will remember in a special dedication Larry Boyd, Dr. Tom Barry, Daniel Pavolis, and John "Jack" Strouse. Everyone is invited to join us. We hope to see you there.



Our INTERFAITH GIVING TREE PROGRAM

To all of our wonderful parishioners, we thank you so much for taking tags and participating in our love-filled program. Please

keep taking them until they're gone and bring back the wrapped gifts with the green tags attached

On Sunday, December 8th, by 2:00 pm.

God bless you all!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

December 24 at the 6PM Mass

Sign-up November 17—December 10

Children Grades K—6

Rehearsals

Sunday, Dec. 15 12:30-1:45pm

Sunday, Dec. 22 12:30—2:15pm

Online sign up: stlukes-parish.org

Contact Kathy Dunbeck

Via phone/text 508-479-0585

Kathy.Dunbeck@gmail.com

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tional Creche Museum or buy some hot chocolate and snacks in the cafeteria. Enjoy the Christmas season with your friends at St. Lukes!

Meeting at 5 pm at St. Lukes on the 15th.

Bus Leaving St Luke's at 5:30 pm

Returning to St. Luke's at 10 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

First Come, First Serve.

Bring payments to Melissa Baril-Lower or Denise Pelkey in Rm. 25 at the Parish Center.

FOREVER YOUNG

Sunday, December 8, trip to see "A Christmas Story" at Calliope Productions in Boylston.

SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVE NOW

Tuesday, December 17, Christmas Luncheon at Cold Harbor Brewing Co. in Westborough.

Please consider joining this active community group. Come see who we are! Contact Dianne Patrick at diannepatrick@yahoo.com or Karen Sheldrick at ksheldrick33@gmail.com for more information.

Calling All Cooks!

We are looking for people willing to *make a meal once a month* for a parishioner in need starting in January. 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.



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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
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