

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2024

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Luke 2: 46-50



Today's gospel scene is painted by Paolo Caliari, nicknamed Veronese after his hometown Verona. The so-called last master of Venetian Renaissance painting was famous for his use of color and expressing the rich quality of materials. Here we find the youthful Christ as a 12-year-old boy sitting in an idealized temple that does not resemble Jewish temple architecture, but instead references Renaissance classicism with its Corinthian colonnades, pedimented doorways and beautiful Italian marble columns (Veronese's father was a master marble craftsman). Christ sits above everyone gesturing with his right hand up to God his Father (underscoring his divinity) while his left hand suggests a traditional teaching position reminiscent of the classical *ad locutio* gesture, which was commonly used in art for Roman Emperors giving a public address (symbolizing earthly authority). His right-hand and forearm, emphasized by the verticality of the marble column next to him, remind the viewers of his heavenly authority (despite some skepticism in some of the surrounding doctors' faces). In the background, before the doorway, are his parents Mary and Joseph who, by their faces are frantically searching for their son reminding us of Christ's, and our own, humanity.

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, December 28**
4:00pm **Barbara Brogie**
by family
- 6:00pm Spanish
- Sunday, December 29**
7:30am **Souls in Purgatory**
by the Horrigan's
- 9:00am **Joe Federici (1st Anniversary)**
by family
- 11:00am **Jean Hope**
by St. Luke's
- Monday, December 30**
9:00am **Lou Rella**
by Jack & Diane O'Shaughnessy
- Tuesday, December 31**
9:00am **Patrick DePiano**
by Pauline Fournier
- Wednesday, January 1**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

MOTHER OF GOD

9AM MASS

7PM SPANISH

- Thursday, January 2**
9:00am **Ralph Zona**
by Karen Sheldrick
- Friday, January 3**
9:00am **Vivian McDonald**
by family
- Saturday, January 4**
4:00pm **Harvey Hodsdon**
by family
- 6:00pm Spanish
- Sunday, January 5**
7:30am **Ernest & Alice Jalbert**
by Savoie family
- 9:00am **Claude Papp**
by Nancy Papp & family
- 11:00am **Joseph Fournier**
by his wife



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, Jack Walker, Rich Reynolds, Thomas Houde, 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, 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

**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**



**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**

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> or easy sign-up as a parish member with QR. We look forward to meeting you soon!



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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

To our St Luke's Parish Family,

On behalf of St Luke's Outreach, I would like to express my gratitude for the overwhelming kindness and generosity that you have given our parish and our community this Christmas season. The outpouring of love that you have shown to those in need is truly amazing.

During the past few years, we have seen a substantial increase in the number of families in Westborough who are in need. This year, in particular, we have been working with many immigrant families who have come to this country with little more than their hopes and dreams. It is only through the generous support from our entire community that the Interfaith Giving Tree has been able to provide gifts to hundreds of children whose families are facing economic insecurity.

Together with St Luke's, five other Westborough churches contributed to make the Interfaith Giving Tree Program an incredible success again this year. Generous donations were also made by local organizations including: The Rotary Club, Westborough Women's Club, Westborough Civic Club, Women of St Luke's and The Knights of Columbus, who donated 100 warm jackets for children in need!

The Women of St Luke's assembled and decorated 150 holiday gift bags filled with treats for our seniors, and residents of group homes throughout our community. Volunteer "Elves" took time delivering the treats as well as their "Christmas Presence" on each of their visits.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Karen Lonardo for her continued dedication coordinating the Interfaith Giving Tree. This is truly a "labor of love" that Karen has given our parish for many years. She works tirelessly to ensure that no child is forgotten.

As always, thank you for saying "yes" and for sharing your blessings with those less fortunate.

Wishing you and your family Christmas Peace!

Nan Ford/Parish Outreach Coordinator



MUSTARD SEED

St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on **Friday, Jan. 3, 2025**. We will be serving chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit and dessert.

Please see the signup sheet in Flocknotes for details. Please deliver the food hot to the parish center parking lot between **3:30 and 4:00** on Jan. 3rd.

Any questions, please call or email Sue Black at 508-212-2748 or susanmblack08@gmail.com.



SOLEMNITY OF THE MARY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2025

Mass Schedule

9:00am & 7:00pm (Spanish)

*Because of his boundless love, Jesus became
what we are that he might make us to be what he is.*

IRENAEUS | THIRD CENTURY

FAITH FORMATION

For PreK to Grade 6
SUNDAY CLASSES RESUME January 12
TUESDAY CLASSES RESUME January 14

For Grades 7-10
CLASSES RESUME January 12

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
Saturday, January 11

La Salette
Shrine Trip



Together in Spirit

ADVENT SERVICE



Driver Needed! A parishioner who lives at the Willows on Lyman St is in need of a ride to Mass on the weekends. Any Mass works for her and she is able bodied. Please contact Julie Basque at pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or call 508-366-8509 x 15 for more information. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection Monthly

Month of September 2024	62,699
Month of October 2024	57,932
Month of November 2024	64,104

OPEN SKY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to all who volunteered. The residents had a great time and always look forward to the evening!



Fr. Diego on guitar with *Feliz Navidad*



STAY CONNECTED! Be sure to sign up to receive “Flocknotes” from St. Luke’s.

Text the word STLUKES to the number 84576 or sign up online: flocknote.com/StLukesWestborough

Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts



Christmas 2024

My dear brother and sisters in Christ,

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open and enter the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica to celebrate Christmas Mass and begin a Jubilee Year.

A Jubilee Year is a special time of remission of sin and punishment due to sin. It involves pilgrimages, prayer, and works of mercy and penance. Jubilee Years awaken in us a profound awareness of the depth of God's love, mercy and solicitude for each one of us. That deepened awareness leads to a greater hope of sharing in the glory of God (Romans 5:2).

At Christmas, the glory of God briefly shone down on quaking shepherds tending their flocks as angels announced good news of great joy: God's Eternal Son was born of the Virgin Mary. Through the Holy Spirit, He took on our lowly humanity that we might forever share in the glory of His divinity. As Jesus was fully God and fully man, no one can claim that God is distant from us, or unaware of our trials. He walked among us and died for us. He is that close. He cares that much. This gives us hope throughout life and in every circumstance of life. Pope Francis has called us "Pilgrims of Hope" as the theme for this year's Jubilee. It is a hope that will not disappoint because it is based in Jesus Christ who is the Eternal Word of God made flesh.

The New Year 2025 is not only a Jubilee Year, but an anniversary year. It is the 1900th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which defined the dogma of the divinity of Jesus Christ as true God and true man. It is also the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Worcester, for which we give thanks. 2025 will be a year full of opportunities for grace, hope and joy. They all stem from the Son of God and Son of Mary who was born in Bethlehem. I pray that you and your loved ones will have a blessed Christmas and that the observances and celebrations of 2025 will prolong those joys, deepen your faith and strengthen your hope.

With every prayerful best wish for a Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester

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conversation...**

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January 16—April 3
6:30pm—8:30pm**

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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.*