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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2025

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word..." Lk 2:25-29



Today's image is by the Dutch Baroque master Rembrandt, who brought a special sensitivity to his biblical representations. This is one of his (at least) three substantially different paintings of this story from the Gospel of St. Luke: the Presentation of Jesus (in the temple). According to today's Gospel, the temple priest Simeon had been promised by God that he would not die until he saw the Messiah for himself. Depicted here is that scene, when the Christ Child is presented for the first time at the temple in Jerusalem. The Virgin Mother in blue and Joseph (with the two turtle doves) are looking on as Simeon, who is the first person to recognize the divinity of Christ after the Nativity, sings his 'Song of Praise.' The painting is Baroque not only because of its date, but more so because of the dynamic diagonals in the composition and dramatic lighting. Rembrandt illuminates this important central scene with a beautiful divine light within the cavernous temple dramatically emphasizing the significance of the event. However, Rembrandt makes it difficult to tell whether this divine light is coming from above or emanating from the Christ child himself.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1

4:00pm Shirley Cannon

by family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, February 2

7:30am Louise Cote

by her family

9:00am Theresa Collins

by family friends

11:00am Norman Beland

by the Choir

Monday, February 3

9:00am Mark Gagnon

by family

Tuesday, February 4

9:00am Frank Rahmig

by Nancy Papp & family

Wednesday, February 5

9:00am Pat Dempsey

by family

Thursday, February 6

9:00am **Sean Horrigan**

by Diane Sullivan

Friday, February 7

9:00am Richard A. Guagnini (1st Ann)

by Guagnini & Willman families

Souls in Purgatory

by the Horrigans

Saturday, February 8

4:00pm Helen & Ed Gorak

by family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, February 9

7:30am Kathryn T. Freeman (20th Ann)

by her son Paul

9:00am Eleanor Barney

by St. Luke's Parish family

11:00am Fr. Walter Riley

by Knights of Columbus



Join us after 9am Mass each weekday!

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, Courtney, 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 Gabor Vermes

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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

MEMBERS 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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WELCOME



MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone who recently contributed to the Mustard Seed. St. Luke's parishioners are consistently loving, compassionate and gener-

ous. Both those in need and the staff greatly appreciated the meals!

I have been delivering meals prepared by St. Luke's parishioners to the Mustard Seed for a little over 20 years and have found it inspiring and rewarding. I took over the ministry from another parishioner at a time when that parishioner was ready to move on. That time has now arrived for me. It is time to pass this worthwhile ministry on to another parishioner or parishioners. The time commitment is reasonable. Coordinating and delivering occurs six times a year, that is, every other month. However, for the month of July, because so many people are away, we usually collect donations so a meal can be catered.

So, I am offering this ministry to others. During the transition, I am happy to stay on and assist and train whoever takes over until you are comfortable. If anyone is interested or would like to talk about this ministry, please call or email me at 508-212-2748, susanmblack08@gmail.com.

Again, thank you all so much for your time and effort that you have given this wonderful ministry.

May God bless you all!

Susan Black

Together in the Spirit

Please join us for Charismatic Worship & Praise

Wednesday, February 5th 7:00 - 8:00pm

UPDATED PARISH OFFICE HOURS MONDAY — THURSDAY 9:30AM — 4:00PM

If you are in need of assistance,
Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 x10
or Melissa at 508-366-5502 x16

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S COMMUNION BRUNCH

Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 12:00pm

All women of the parish are welcome! Please join us for 11:00am Mass followed by brunch at:

Tavolino's - 33 E. Main St. - Westborough

Menu: Fresh fruit salad, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, roasted potatoes, mixed green salad, pasta and sauce, chicken parmesan, dessert, juice, coffee and tea service, cash bar

\$20.00 per person must be prepaid for reservation RSVP by: February 12, 2025 (space is limited)

Mail or drop off payment to: St. Luke's Church 1 Ruggles St. - Westborough, MA 01581

Please write: WOSL brunch on envelope

Questions? Call Cindy Haskell 508-948-5349 Kathy Kivlehan 508-868-4285

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COME SEE Henry the Juggler

Defy the laws of gravity by juggling any number of balls, clubs and rings and by balancing

strange items on the tip of his nose. Everything is accomplished wordlessly as Henry uses body language (and road signs!) to express himself.

Caution: Henry is known to use innocent bystanders in his act!

Henry the Juggler is a professional who has been performing for almost 40 years at theaters, schools, libraries and festivals up and down the East Coast. He is an active member of the International Jugglers' Association.

Location: JBO Hall (KofC), 17 Willow St., Westborough, MA

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2025

Time: 1:00PM Cost: FREE



Contact: Joe Black (joeblacksr@verizon.net)

Open to all. Refreshments provided.

Donations to KofC accepted.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH

Information



In case of inclement weather and cancelled classes, parents will be notified by email, through Flocknote, and on our Saint Luke's website.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All High School students from Grades 9 - 12 are encouraged to volunteer. If your son or daughter is in the 9th or 10th grade, this opportunity would be part of the "Action" program. Please see below:

Event: Feeding the Homeless Where: Oscar Romero Food Pantry 19 Chatham Street, Worcester

Date: Saturday Morning **Time**: 9 am - 11 am

Sign Up: If interested, please email Denise Pelkey

at dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org.

Volunteers Needed: 2 students needed. First 2 to

respond will be able to attend.



Junior high and high school students learning about our faith with pizza, painting and Faith Feud!





Calling all high school students! Invite your friends!

Friday, February 7th • 7pm - 8:30pm St. Bernard's Church/OL of PVD Parish 236 Lincoln St - Worcester, MA

Praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration and opportunity for Reconciliation

> Questions? Contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org



Attention Parents of Seniors

Scholarship The Greater Worcester Community Foundation Scholarship is available for graduating seniors. FAFSA is not required for the scholarship application.

Please go to their website at https:// greaterworcester.org/scholarships/how-to-apply and create an account on their scholarship portal and complete the application. If you have any questions, please contact Amaris Gonzalez at 508-755-0980 or email her at agonzalez@greaterworcester.org at Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

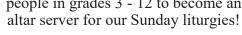
Deadline: February 21, 2025

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@stlukesparish.org or call 508-366-8509 x 15 for more info.

Altar Server Training

Fr. Diego and Fr Sagar invite all St. Luke's young people in grades 3 - 12 to become an



- Be actively involved in the Mass
 - Get to know our parish priests
 - Be a role model for others



Available Training Dates (choose one)

Monday, February 24th 4pm – 5pm (in church)

Saturday, March 1st 9am – 10am (in church)

Pre-Registration Required!

For more information or to register, Please email pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org Or call 508-366-5502, ext 15 or ask for Julie.



St. Luke's Christian Initiation for Adults inquiry sessions continue. For more information, please contact Bob Thompson at 508-341-7677. We welcome all inquirers.

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INVITATION TO SUPPORT MARIAN GROTTO/SHRINE

Fr. Enoch's Parish at St. Joan of Arc

celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year. He is planning to build a Marian Grotto to honor Fr. Walter

Riley's devotion to our Blessed Mother. The \$60,000 project will be revealed on June 15, 2025. Please consider donating to the grotto by February 28, 2025. For more information please contact Fr. Enoch at 508-852-3232 x106 or stjoan570@hotmail.com. *Thank you!*



New Mom's Group Starting April 4th

Are you a new mom with a baby under 1? Are you looking to meet other new moms? If so, we'd love to have you join us for a six-week new mom group. The group will be

facilitated by one of our parish moms, Meghan McLoughlin.

WHO? Moms and babies
WHERE? Meghan's home in Westborough
WHEN? April 4, 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16
10:15am -11:30am

Each week moms will have the opportunity to share the joys (those first baby smiles) and struggles of motherhood (will I ever sleep again?).

Topics we will discuss include: your new identity as a mom, changing relationships, infant sleep, things to do with your baby and sharing your faith with your child.

For more information or to register,
Please email <u>pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org</u>
Or call 508-366-5502, ext 15 and ask for Julie



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, February 11 1:00 – 2:30 PM Parish Center, Room 23

This ministry is open to all interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes or afghans for the sick and suffering. We 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 cahy@live.com/508-898-0409 for more information about patterns and yarn. We would love to have new members to fill the many requests for the handmade items. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY Today's feast marks

Today's feast marks
the Presentation of
the Lord Jesus in the

Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.

So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer is redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

The drama surrounding Jesus' conception and birth began in the Temple — when the Archangel visited Mary's kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus' infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service — and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood.

Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that Jerusalem is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as "The LORD of hosts ... the king of glory."

There is another curious turn to the Gospel story. The story nowhere mentions Jesus' "redemption," but seems to describe a religious consecration — such as a priest might undergo. Saint Luke tells us that Jesus is "presented" in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice (see Romans 12:1). Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel (1 Sam 1:24-27) to the Temple as a priest.

Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself (see <u>John 2:19-21</u>).

by Scott Hahn

ST. RAPHAEL HEALING SERVICE



Sunday, February 9, 2025 11:00am Mass Healing Service & Confessions following Mass (~12:15pm)

St. Mary's Church 640 Main St - Shrewsbury, MA

With Fr. Stephen Mullaney & Fr. Larry Brault Special Guest: Maureen Capistran



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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

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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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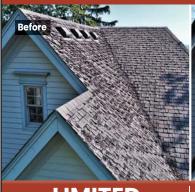






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