



# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

## First Sunday of Lent

### March 9, 2025

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert...*  
*Luke 4:1*



Briton Rivière, known mostly for his paintings of animals, takes an impressionistic approach to today's gospel scene of Christ's temptation. The luminous Christ contrasts against a dark landscape (bridging the darkness and light), while a fox, representing Satan, crawls away in the bottom left corner (lost in the darkness of this reproduction). The dawn's beautiful glow symbolizes Christ's triumph, reinforcing his role as the "light of the world."



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## NEW TO THE PARISH

*Welcome!*

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 this QR code.

*We look forward to meeting you soon!*



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** 4PM, 6PM (Spanish)

**Sunday** 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

**Weekday (followed by the Rosary)**

9:00 AM Monday through Friday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00AM Tuesdays after Mass

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00PM Prayers for Sanctity of Life

6:00PM Benediction

## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 x10 for information.*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45PM and by request.*

*Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible.*

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance.*

### OCIA - CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

*If interested in learning more about or in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition please contact Bob Thompson at 508-341-7677.*

*We welcome all inquirers.*

### 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 508-366-5502 X15. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 8

4:00pm **Lee Cassidy**

by family

6:00pm **Spanish**

### Sunday, March 9

7:30am **Patrick Blaney**

by family

9:00am **Gordon Sainsbury**

by family

11:00am **Norman Beland**

by the Choir

### Monday, March 10

9:00am **Chisholm Family**

by Vic & Judy Melfa

### Tuesday, March 11

9:00am **Sean Horrigan**

by Eileen & Bob Ryan

### Wednesday, March 12

7:00am **Dr. Thomas Barry**

By Knights of Columbus

### Thursday, March 13

9:00am **Joseph Melfa**

by Vic & Judy Melfa

### Friday, March 14

9:00am **Eddie Pepper & Matthew Cuning**

by friends of the deceased

### Saturday, March 15

4:00pm **"Red" Cote (5th Anniversary)**

by his family

6:00pm **Spanish**

### Sunday, March 16

7:30am **Paul Fallon**

by Patrick family

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

by their family

11:00am **Bill Felice (3rd Anniversary)**

by his family

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Month of December 2024 \$81,387

Month of January 2025 \$62,448

Month of February 2025 \$65,927

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

## READINGS GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1018

## 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*

## PARISH COUNCIL

**EMAIL:** [pastoralcouncil@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stlukes-parish.org)

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Colin Murphy, Secretary

Julie Basque

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Jaime Gomez

Christian Hedrick

Kevin Hsu

Tom Kieler

Silvia Pinto

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**DAILY MASS** 9am Monday-Friday

**ADORATION** 9:30am-6pm Tuesdays

**BENEDICTION** 6pm Tuesdays

**CONFESSION** 5pm-6pm Tuesdays

3pm-3:50pm Saturdays

**MORNING PRAYER** 7am-8am Wednesdays

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 9:30am Fridays

**SOUP & STATIONS** April 4, 6pm Stations

Soup to follow

**TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

March 12, 7pm-8pm

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

April 2, 7pm-9pm

**SEE WEBSITE FOR LENTEN CALENDAR**

Cover Image: Briton Rivière, *The Temptation in the Wilderness*, 1898

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## MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



*Thank you Sue for over 20 years of service to the Mustard Seed! As she retires from this ministry, we are in need of new leaders who she will assist and train.*

Any questions? Please call or email Sue Black at 508-212-2748 or [susanmblack08@gmail.com](mailto:susanmblack08@gmail.com).

## RICE BOWLS CRS LENTEN PROGRAM



**Please take a Rice Bowl  
Collect donations as a family!**

They will be available in the vestibule of the church and in the Parish Center during lent. Filled bowls can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

## MISGIVINGS - COMEDY SHOW

Join "Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings" (comedian Dave Kane) for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. The hilarious, interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and actual Bingo game.



**Friday, March 14  
Knights of Columbus  
17 Willow St, Westborough  
6:30pm doors open  
7pm Dinner (Lenten friendly)  
8pm Show**

**Cost: \$25/person**

**Includes dinner & show, cash bar**

Contact Joe Black for more info at 508-212-2848 or [joeblacksr@verizon.net](mailto:joeblacksr@verizon.net).

Checks payable to: KofC Council 85. Send to:  
Joe Black 2 Dover Way, Westborough, MA 01581

## PARISH-WIDE LENTEN JOURNEY



**Small Groups Time and Location**

Sundays 10:00-10:55am  
Rectory Meeting Room (all ages)  
Rm 23 Parish Center (parents)

*No sign-up necessary—just drop by!*

## PARENTS OF SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS



Is your son or daughter graduating this year? There are scholarships available to help with the cost of the education - whether going to 2-year or 4-year college, or trade school. **Please contact Denise Pelkey at [dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org) for info.**

## PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

We would like to recognize your son or daughter during a regularly scheduled mass and share their dedication towards the Sacrament of Confirmation with the St. Luke's community.

**The Rite of Light Masses will be on**

**March 30th at 4pm or March 31st at 11am**

Please contact Denise Pelkey at [dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org) if you would like your son or daughter to be recognized.

## QUIET WAYS TO PRAY



**Monday, March 10 at 2pm**

**Parish Center, Room 23**

Prayer Guide: Kathy Burbank

Please join us! Register with Julie at 508-366-5502 x15 or [pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org)

## 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**

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 [pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org). Or call 508-366-5502 x15 and ask for Julie.



## THANK YOU FROM FR. DIEGO

Thanks to your generous donations, we have a new set of vestments in all liturgical colors of the year and the design pattern of our church. A special thanks to Pat Gagnon for her diligent and dedicated service to make this possible.



## GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Beginning on March 10, Sunshine Sign will start the process of excavating the old St. Luke's sign and installing the new one.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



St. Luke's Parish  
Spring Bereavement Series  
Starts Wednesday, April 9th  
6:30pm-8:00pm

Register with Julie Basque, Pastoral Associate  
[pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org)  
508-366-5502 x15

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets  
**Tuesday March 11th**  
**1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**in Room 23 of the Parish Center**

This ministry is open to any person interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes or afghans for the sick and suffering. The ministry 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 [cmulcahy@live.com](mailto:cmulcahy@live.com)/508-898-0409 for more information about patterns and yarn. We would love to have new members since there are many requests for the hand-made items. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

*Seeking  
God's Healing  
and Divine  
Intervention*



## WOMEN OF ST. LUKE LUNCHEON - MARCH 30

ALL women of St. Luke's are invited!

*Rescheduled WOSL Luncheon*

**Sunday, March 30th**

**11am Mass with a special blessing!**

**12pm Luncheon in the Parish Center Hall**

If you were already signed up, there is no need to RSVP. You will receive a full refund.

If you have not signed up already, and wish to attend, you must RSVP by calling:

Kathy Kivlehan 508-753-1329

Cindy Haskell 508-366-1715

## HENRY THE JUGGLER! NEW DATE - MARCH 16



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.

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

**Date: Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Time: 1:00PM Cost: FREE**

Contact: Joe Black  
([joeblacksr@verizon.net](mailto:joeblacksr@verizon.net))



Open to all. Refreshments provided.  
Donations to K of C accepted.

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Sharon Wilkins, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson, Ella Walker, 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 Rouse, Kirolos Gergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Lynn St. Jean, 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 Shahn, Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Daniel Baker, Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo,, 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, Charlie Skinner

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

## An OCIA Milestone for our Candidates



Our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) candidates, Michele Conway, Bob Potters, Keila Santa, and Quinn Stanton, celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester on March 9, the first Sunday of Lent, with Bishop McManus presiding. Through the OCIA (formerly called RCIA), our candidates are seeking the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist that will bring them into full communion with the Catholic Church. Michele, Bob and Quinn were baptized in another Christian faith tradition and have chosen to become in full communion with the Catholic Church. Keila, while baptized Catholic, will also be receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. This is a milestone in their spiritual journey, which has already been enhanced through the support of the St. Luke's parish community.

Our candidates join hundreds of other catechumens and candidates from the Worcester Diocese who celebrate the Rite of Election (for the unbaptized) and Call to Continuing Conversion (for those like our candidates who have already received a Christian baptism). Our candidates have now moved into the final phase of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist) to be conferred at the Easter Vigil Mass. The past several months of catechesis focused on a conversion of heart and mind to follow Christ in the Catholic faith tradition.

The gathering at the cathedral is a memorable occasion for catechumens and candidates. St. Paul's Cathedral is magnificent, and the throngs of people throughout the diocese seeking full communion into the Catholic Church represent a powerful witness to God's work along with all the sponsors, who have chosen to walk with the catechumens and candidates on their spiritual journey through the OCIA process.

The Rite of Sending at our own parish precedes the ceremony at the cathedral. As awe-inspiring as the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion is, the Rite of Sending is a more intimate expression of support from our own St. Luke's Parish as we prepare our candidates to go before our bishop. At the Rite of Sending, our candidates inscribe their names in the book of our parish, a long-standing tradition. In so doing, they inscribe their lives in the heart of our St. Luke's faith community and remind all of us at St. Luke's to not take our own faith for granted.

**Please keep Michele Conway, Bob Potters, Keila Santa, and Quinn Stanton in your prayers as they complete this final phase of OCIA preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.**



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