



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



The artist Abel Grimmer was known for his close observation of nature. In the right foreground we can see Jesus (haloed) explaining the parable to three disciples. They gesture toward a small barren fig tree just to the left of the man wearing blue. This scene is contrasted by the group of men picking an abundant harvest from the apple trees across the way revealing both the patience of God and the urgency for repentance.



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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 22

4:00pm **Jane (Hedwig) & John Kwiatowski**
by their family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, March 23

7:30am **Sean Horrigan**
by Nancy Papp

9:00am **Walter & Stase Ogar**
by family

11:00am **Norman Beland**
by the Choir

Monday, March 24

9:00am **Michael & Ruth Darci**
by Vic & Judy Melfa

Tuesday, March 25

9:00am **Carolyn & Rich Maloney**
by friends

Wednesday, March 26

9:00am **Sean Horrigan**
by Joan & Joe MacDougall

Thursday, March 27

9:00am **Viola & Arnie Cantera**
by friends

Friday, March 28

9:00am **Sean Horrigan**
by Pat & Kenny Gagnon

Saturday, March 29

4:00pm **Mitzi McLoughlin**
by her family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, March 30

7:30am **Alden Francis**
by his family

9:00am **Bob Sullivan**
by his family

11:00am **Brian Scott Sullivan**
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!

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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

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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

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

April 2, 7pm - 9pm

SOUP & STATIONS April 4, 6pm Stations of the
Cross with soups & salad to follow

TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

April 9, 7pm - 8pm

SEE WEBSITE FOR LENTEN CALENDAR

FOREVER YOUNG-SR ADULTS MONDAY, MARCH 24



The Senior Adults of St. Luke's will hold their March gathering on **Monday, March 24, following the 9am Mass.**

We welcome back **Neeni Francis of St. Gabriel's Parish** as our Guest Speaker. Neeni will be sharing her reflections on Lent this session.

We invite you to join us for the morning and share in a light Lenten luncheon of homemade soups and baked goods. Contact Dianne Patrick at diannepatrick@yahoo.com with questions.

FLOCKNOTE

Be sure to sign up to receive "Flocknotes"

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

STATIONS & SOUP FRIDAY, APRIL 4 - 6PM



**YOU DO THE PRAYING
We'll do the cooking!**

Soups & Salad (Parish Hall)

****Please bring non-perishable item
for the Food Pantry****

JOINING US FOR SUPPER?
RSVP to join our meal: sign-up
<https://tinyurl.com/mjfw3va>
kathyrichov@gmail.com
or (508)366-5502



CAN YOU HELP?
Readers (grades 6-12)
Donations, Helpers: sign-up
<https://tinyurl.com/543888kx>



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Welcome Ministry**

RICE BOWLS CRS LENTEN PROGRAM



Please take a Rice Bowl
Collect donations as a family!
Drop off in the Parish Center

FAITH FORMATION



Mrs. Hanlon's
7th grade class

Religious Ed
~ Jenga ~
A question on
every block

Faith in
Action

Cleaning
up the
grounds



PARENTS OF SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS



Is your son/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 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 29th at 4pm or March 30th at 11am
Please contact Denise Pelkey at dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org if you would like your son or daughter to be recognized.

PRAY IT FORWARD - ADOPT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE

Thank you for praying for our Confirmation students
over the last few months! Their Great Adventure Bi-
bles have arrived. If you would like to write a note in
it, please contact Denise Pelkey in the Parish Center
or at dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

Westborough's 2025 Ecumenical VBS!



Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1
9am to 12pm

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center

Adult and High School age volunteers are needed.
Information sessions for volunteers begin in March.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE - APRIL 5

Saturday, April 5 - doors open at 7:30am
DCU Center - 50 Foster St - Worcester, MA

Inspiring talks by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC; retired US Navy Seal, Sam Blair; Fr. Derek Mobilio; Dr. Edward Sri; miraculous witness by Artie Boyle. Adoration, confession, closing Mass with Bishop McManus at 4:00pm.

Cost: adults \$50 before March 26; \$60 thereafter
Cost: students \$30.

Ticketing and info are available at
www.catholicmenworc.com.

If you are interested in helping with this event, Mike Degnan is coordinating the volunteers. He can be contacted directly at mjdegan77@gmail.com



Supporting The Westborough Food Pantry

SAT, APRIL 5
9:00 am



WOMEN OF ST. LUKE LUNCHEON - MARCH 30

ALL women of St. Luke's are invited!

Rescheduled WOSL Luncheon

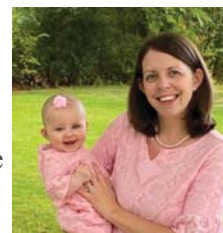
Sunday, March 30th
11am Mass with a special blessing!
12pm Luncheon in the Parish Center Hall

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

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. Or call 508-366-5502 x15 and ask for Julie.

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
508-366-5502 x15

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR CANCELLED ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
Coffee & Donuts will be back the following
Sunday (April 6th)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Sharon Wilkins, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson, Ella Walker, Bev Longine, 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 Shatin, 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

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!

SENIOR ADULTS BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars!

Our Annual Senior Adult Bake Sale will take place on Palm Sunday weekend, April 12/13. This is an opportunity to gather some goodies for Easter.



Bakers are needed for this event and there will be an Easter Basket Raffle as well



Behold, I am the
handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



During recess time at the parish grade school, one young boy was accused of cheating because he did not admit he had been tagged. A few minutes later, he tripped and scraped his knee on the pavement. As the tears welled up in his eyes, one of his companions offered a theological explanation for the painful mishap. "God made you trip because he doesn't like cheaters!" If this were indeed a doctrine of faith, we'd all be limping for life!

When bad things happen, people like to know why. The people assume that those who died in Siloam or Galilee were the worst of sinners and their sin was the cause of their suffering. Jesus refutes this notion, and reminds them that without reforming, evil will remain with them and they too will perish. But there is hope. Everyone is given another chance to reform, just like the fruitless fig tree. But without real change, there will be no life.

Lent is the time to take advantage of another chance God gives us to reform our lives. God offers everyone the chance to accept His grace, to be forgiven and to grow in holiness. No sin is too great and no person is beyond hope. Just ask, and all that you need will be given to you.

James Gaffney

*God of wholeness and hope,
send your Spirit of healing and
mercy to comfort Pope
Francis*



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