



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

“Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”
John 8:7



Today's work of art captures only the first moments of today's gospel—when the scribes and the Pharisees first bring Jesus the woman caught in adultery and challenge him to approve her stoning. We see Rubens' masterful facial expressions: from the excited, almost bloodthirsty, expression on the Pharisees' face (gesturing toward the accused woman), contrasted with Christ's, full of compassion and mercy who gestures to both of them.



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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, April 5

4:00pm **Anthony Putnam**
by Nancy Papp & family
6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, April 6

7:30am **Bertha Savoie**
by her family
9:00am **John McKenna**
by his family
11:00am **Sean Horrigan**
by Vic & Judy Melfa

Monday, April 7

9:00am **Dawn Bowman**
by family

Tuesday, April 8

9:00am **Sean Horrigan**
by Pauline Fournier

Wednesday, April 9

9:00am **Anthony Putnam**
by Nancy Papp & family

Thursday, April 10

9:00am **Fr. Leo Barry & Fr. George Lange**
by Friends of the deceased

Friday, April 11

9:00am **Forgotten Souls**
by Friends of the deceased

Saturday, April 12

4:00pm **Elena Pucciarelli**
by her family
6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, April 13

7:30am **Gloria L. Guagnini (2nd Anniv)**
by Guagnini & Willman families
9:00am **Maria Socorro**
by her family
11:00am **Norman Beland**
by the Choir

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*

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LENT/EASTER

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,

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9:30am Fridays

HOLY THURSDAY 7pm (Bilingual)

8:15pm Procession to Hall, Adoration to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3pm (Bilingual)

PASSION OF THE LORD 7pm (Bilingual)

EASTER VIGIL 7:30pm (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY 9am & 11am Mass

FINANCE COMMITTEE SIX MONTH UPDATE

February 28, 2025, marks the midpoint for St Luke's fiscal year, and as we cross this six-month mark, we are providing this brief Parish update.

I. Overall, our Parish community continues to strengthen and rebound after these past few challenging years. Weekend and holy day participation at Mass continues to rise. Our Parish's Pastoral programs are well attended including our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program, the ALPHA Program, the Men's Prayer Group, the Bereavement Group, the Quiet Ways to Pray group and the Senior Adults Forever Young Program.

II. Since September 2024 40 new families have joined our Parish increasing our enrollment to 1,816 registered families. And, we are up to 340 students in our Religious Education program.

III. Sunday weekly collections are on budget. The WeShare online giving program is being used by 44% of parishioners who donate weekly, monthly, and quarterly. This consistent and regular giving assists us with our financial and pastoral planning.

IV. The Grand Annual special collection program was launched in October to assist with long overdue Capital Improvements. Our biggest and most expensive challenge will be repairing the Church roof. In April, an engineering firm will be assessing its condition and helping us plan the next steps. In the meantime, we have used some funds for a new security system in both the Church and Parish Center. In addition, over the next few weeks a new sign is being installed in front of our Church (to both welcome visitors and comply with town regulations). Stay tuned for a blessing and unveiling upon completion.

V. With all this good news, we do face some challenges. During the first six months of our fiscal year, our expenses exceeded collections by \$19,134 or 3.75%. This is due to our utility bills exceeding budget by 71% and two snowy/icy weekends in February which reduced our collections.

Overall, there is much to celebrate and some challenges to work on.

If you are not taking advantage of these many rejuvenating Pastoral Programs, please consider exploring these many opportunities to momentarily dim the deafening roar of our busy world with prayer and reflection.

As far as our finances, please keep your Parish in mind as we struggle with many of the same challenges your family does like unexpectedly high utility bills and larger-than-expected snow-clearing expenses. If you are not using the WeShare online giving program, please consider this financial support option.

Most importantly, THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity and consistent support of our Parish.

In Christ,

St Luke's Finance Committee

Joe Black, Adam Cimala, Tony Dolphin, Chris Payant, Joe Pucciarelli, Ken Salsman, Mary Sanning

Saint Luke's Church Six-Month 2024/2025 Financial Report			
	Prior YTD 2023/2024	Current YTD 2024/2025	Next Yr Budget 2025/2026
OPERATING INCOME			
Parish Sunday Collection	392,259	394,497	394,770
Easter/Christmas/Holy days	22,136	26,709	22,250
Religious Ed/Outreach/Other	92,813	96,366	79,240
Total Operating Income	507,208	517,572	496,260
Total Operating Expenses	516,172	536,706	496,260
Operating Income over (under)	(8,964)	(19,134)	----
Average Weekly Collection	15,087	15,173	15,183

SENIOR ADULT BAKE SALE APRIL 5TH AND 6TH



Mark your calendars!

The Annual Senior Adult Bake Sale will take place after Masses the week-end of April 5th and 6th.

There will be an Easter Basket Raffle as well.

As this is our only fundraiser, your support is appreciated. Only cash and checks can be accepted. No credit cards. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday April 8th from 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 cmmulcahy@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 handmade items. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S 2025 \$10,000 RAFFLE

It's that time of the year for our BIG \$10,000 Raffle!
5 additional cash prizes!
Door prizes for attendees!



\$100 per ticket (only 200 sold)

On sale: After Masses on April 5/6 and April 26/27
In the Parish Center, Maria's Office
From Mary Christensen at (508) 868-5483
Checks are made out to: St. Luke's the Evangelist
Ticket number in Memo

Drawing & Celebration

Friday, May 2 - Doors open at 7pm
Knights of Columbus Hall (must be 21+)

This is our only fundraiser and it takes a "village" to make it happen. The money we raise goes towards scholarships to graduating St. Luke's high school seniors who show their service to the parish as well as need based, outreach needs, homebound, events, Giving Tree, Dismas, Community Outreach, and much more.



RITE OF LITE MASS

This Mass & Blessing encourages students in their faith as they get ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, while allowing parents to place their son or daughter into the hands of God.



We ask for your prayers over all of our young people who are in their final preparation for their Confirmation April 6th at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, MA.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



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

Register with Julie Basque,
Pastoral Associate, 508-366-5502 x15
pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org

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 Blancy, 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

TRANSPORTATION TO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS



A bus service will now be available on Wednesday mornings for transportation. Call the Westboro Senior Center to reserve a spot at 508-366-3000. It is on a first come first serve basis.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP TUESDAY, APRIL 15 at 7PM

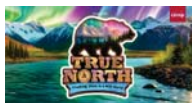


Please join us on **Tuesday, April 15th at 7pm** for our monthly gathering in the Parish Center Hall. As part of your Lenten journey, please come to build a stronger and closer relationship with Jesus through fellowship, faith formation, and prayer. A light dinner will be served.

RSVP optional at:
<https://stlukes-parish.org/adult>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE



**Westborough's 2025
Ecumenical VBS!**

**Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1
9am to 12pm
St. Luke's Parish Center**

Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available in the Parish Center.

FREE VETERANS BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 12 at 9:30am



The American Legion Post 163 of Westborough is sponsoring a free breakfast for veterans on April 12th at 9:30am at the Westborough Senior Center. Join us as we come together and to celebrate and support our veterans. All veterans are welcome!

PARENTS OF SENIORS 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.

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S BUNCO FRIDAY, APRIL 25 at 6:30PM



Save the Date! Come join us for a fun girls night out - guaranteed! Feel free to invite other friends who may be interested. **No previous experience is necessary.** Cash prizes will be awarded!

Social time begins at 6:30pm, Games start at 7pm and end approx. 9:45pm, at St. Luke's Parish Hall. More info will be in next week's bulletin.

To reserve your seat or if you are interested in helping contact Cindy at c.orejola@verizon.net

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