



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Luke 10:38-39



Our painting depicts today's gospel scene of Christ visiting Martha and Mary. Siemiradzki shows Christ teaching Mary at his feet in a sunlit, outdoor terraced-style setting, while Martha stands holding a jug in the left background, occupied with household duties and looking at her sister with concern. The work contrasts spiritual contemplation with worldly care, echoing the biblical message. Having never visited the Middle East, Siemiradzki's setting reflects a romanticized, idealized vision typical of 19th-century academic art rather than historical accuracy drawn from firsthand observation.



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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 until
6:00PM Benediction
3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:00PM Prayers for Sanctity of Life

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.

Cover Image: Henryk Siemiradzki, *Christ in the House of Martha and Mary*, 1886.

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MASS INTENTIONS

	<u>Saturday, July 19</u>
4:00pm	Bill Miller by Joanna Donahue
6:00pm	Spanish
	<u>Sunday, July 20</u>
7:30am	Robb Blanchette, Jr by Boyd Family
9:00am	Margaret & Rocco Tocci by McKenna family
11:00am	Margaret Duffy, Rita Smith, Shari Grady by family
	<u>Monday, July 21</u>
9:00am	Communion Service
	<u>Tuesday, July 22</u>
9:00am	Edward McManus by family Kenny Gagnon by Carole Rudman
	<u>Wednesday, July 23</u>
9:00am	Dave Blackerby by Bob Metzinger
	<u>Thursday, July 24</u>
9:00am	Kenny Gagnon by Mary Driscoll
	<u>Friday, July 25</u>
9:00am	Simone Caron by Faherty family
	<u>Saturday, July 26</u>
4:00pm	Deceased Members of the Bocian and Gorak Families by Ed & Diane Gorak
6:00pm	Spanish
	<u>Sunday, July 27</u>
7:30am	Bill Miller by Joanna Donahue
9:00am	Lisa Joseph by family
11:00am	Thomas Faherty by her daughter Paula Sparks

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Month of March 2025	\$82, 886
Month of April 2025	\$56, 902
Month of May 2025	\$58,191

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
10AM - 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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God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to
Himself and gently transform us.

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Man reaching out for each other at the same time.*



**Please come and share in this experience
every Tuesday all day following the 9:00am Mass.**

**HOW TO HELP!
RELIGIOUS WORKER VISA**



Who? An increasing number of religious -
priests, sisters, brothers, others - serving our
local parishes and throughout the US will be
forced to leave the country for a lengthy pe-
riod of time.

Why? Due to the backlog in the system un-
der the Religious Workers Visa.

How? Let your US Senators and Reps know we need our
priests and nuns!

*To learn more about this issue and what you can do, visit
worcesterdiocese.org/religious-visa*

WE MUST ACT SOON! SPREAD THE WORD!

ADULT STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAMS



LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

10am - 10:50am (between Masses)
Sundays of June, July, August
Rectory Basement Meeting Room



THE HOLY SPIRIT

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the power of the Holy Spirit*

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm
July and August, Rm 23

Both small groups led by Tony Joseph.
For details, go to: Stlukes-parish.org/adult

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2025-2026

REGISTER NOW



Information about upcoming classes, sacramental preparation and registration for grades PreK - Grade 10 can be found on the St. Luke's website www.stlukes-parish.org/youth-faith-formation-overview or at the Parish Center.

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



We are honored to celebrate
this important moment with you!

Throughout the months of July and August, we will be recognizing our graduates at Mass. During these special celebrations, Father Diego will offer a blessing and prayer over the graduates as they embark on the next stage of their journey in life and faith.

For more information, please contact Denise Pelkey
at dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org.

FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER FRIDAY, JULY 25



On July 25, the Catholic Church will be celebrating the feast day of St. James the Greater. St. James was a fisherman and the brother of John. Peter was his partner. When they were called to become Apostles of Jesus, they left everything to do so. St. James the

Greater is the patron saint of laborers and Spain.

There were two Apostles named James. James the Greater is the older of the two. He was also called "The Son of Thunder". James, John and Peter were honored to be the only Apostles present at the Transfiguration. They were also present in the Garden of Gethsemane while Jesus prayed before His death.

Tradition tells us he evangelized in Spain after the crucifixion for nine years. St. James the Greater was the first Apostle to be martyred. In the year 44, King Herod Agrippa killed him with a sword during the early persecutions of the Church.

Source: www.catholicfaithpatronsaints.com

Saint James, pray for us!

Are you interested in
ALTAR-SERVING

Altar serving is a wonderful way to give back to the church by participating in the liturgy. We are excited for all those who choose to join us!

Training session
August 2nd, 1-2pm

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to
pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org
and zoggekai27@gmail.com

Altar-Servers

There has been an updates we
would like to inform you about

July 28th, 5-7pm



- Please join us in the Church sacristy for a walk-through of the new criteria when Altar Serving.
- Followed by a cookout- the main food will be supplied. Feel free to bring sides, drinks, and/or desserts.

We hope to see you there!



RSVP: pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org or
zoggekai27@gmail.com

PARISH SIGN UPDATE



Since July 2024, St. Luke's sign project team has worked collaboratively with a sign vendor to deliver a beautiful sign for the front of our beloved church.

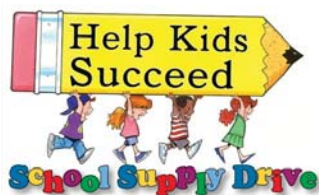
This spring, the project experienced a series of unforeseen setbacks in the availability and delivery of quality materials and workmanship. The

two brick pillars built in April did not meet quality expectations of the St. Luke's sign team. The vendor deconstructed the pillar last week and will rebuild them at their own cost. The total project cost to St. Luke's has not changed from the budget and any cost overruns are and will be covered by the vendor.

The sign team has high expectations and is looking forward to unveiling a beautiful sign, hopefully by the end of this month. Any questions, please reach out to Chris Farmer - 4farmers@verizon.net



PARISH OUTREACH SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



St. Luke's Outreach is partnering with Westborough Youth & Family Services to collect school supplies for local kids in need.

There will be a drop off box in the Parish Center. Donations will be accepted through **Monday, August 21st.**

Supplies needed include:

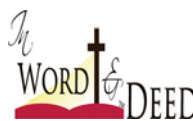
Backpacks for all ages, Ticonderoga pencils, Scissors, Crayola Crayons 16 & 24 count, Crayola colored pencils, Glue sticks, Markers - washable Crayola thick & thin, Pencil boxes, 3 Ring Binders, Pens - black & blue, Sharpie Markers, Pocket Folders, Notebooks-Subject spiral Composition Notebooks, Highlighters, and Erasers.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

Nan Ford, St. Luke Outreach



IN WORD AND DEED



Recent polls find that many people think of themselves as less religious, but more spiritual. Religion is judged to be impractical, or not as 'enlightened' as modern people. Those ideas and distinctions have been around for centuries and the only ones who are still going strong are those who practice religion.

Jesus visits Martha and Mary and they each have a different view of what needs to be done and who should do it. Martha is concerned about all the details of hospitality while Mary wants to listen to what Jesus has to say. When Martha objects and wants her sister's help, Jesus reminds her that only one thing is important and since Mary has chosen it, she should not be deprived of it.

The practice of faith often takes second place to many other things that take our time and energy and give very little in return. Our choices leave little time for prayer, works of mercy or religious activity. Yet these are the only things that really count. They express our values and ideals, helping us to be missionaries of faith and witnesses of love. Don't be fooled by the clutter of life and make busyness your excuse. Faith contains the treasure of life, a meaning and purpose that satisfy us. The better portion awaits our choosing. ~ James Gaffney

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NURSING HOME MINISTRY

We are pleased to share that Beaumont nursing home now has weekly communion services (up from twice a month), followed by room visits. The residents are thrilled! Two volunteers from our parish visit on Monday mornings and offer communion or prayer to over 50 residents.



Some weeks they pray the rosary. Volunteers often say, "I receive so much more than I give."

Westborough Health Care Center used to have communion services monthly but one of their awesome Activities Leaders, Dylan, asked if we could increase our communion ministry to every other week. We'd love to try to make that happen!

If you have a love of the Eucharist and enjoy being with people, we would help train you to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Commitment is once or twice a month on Monday mornings, starting with 9:00am Mass and ending by 12 noon.

For more information please contact Julie Basque at 508-366-5502 ext. 15 or pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org.



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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, 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., Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Debbie Krikler, Dalene Stephens, Vicki Foley, Joel Rivera, James Thomas, Jack Walker, Rich Reynolds, Thomas Houde, Michael Berthuime, Joan Sanders, Sofia Shahin, 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, Jim and Roz Oesterle, Laraine Day

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

Please pray for the deceased - Paul Zarella

IGNATIAN PRAYER & RETREAT

St. Peter's Church in Worcester is hosting a 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. "Retreat in Daily Life"

www.ignatianspiritualexerciseworcester.com

Information Night: Tuesday, July 29th at 6:30pm
St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. Join us in serving those in need in our communities and with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve one or two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchin @ dhinchin@ivcusa.org.

Check out our website at www.ivcusa.org/newengland.

ST. RAPHAEL HEALING SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 27th

Our Lady of Good Counsel
111 Worcester St
West Boylston, MA
508-835-3606

10:30am Mass
11:45am Healing Service - Confessions

LOOKING FOR ENGLISH?



Register with Carmen (508)826-5172

Mondays 6-8pm for Beginners
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm for Advanced

LOOKING FOR YOUTH MINISTER

Enjoy being with teens and sharing your faith with them? We are in need of a Youth Minister and invite you to our vibrant community!

Please contact Fr. Diego if interested at:
508-366-5502 x11 or frdiego@stlukes-parish.org

FLOCKNOTE

Be sure to sign up to receive "Flocknotes"

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

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine
Stockbridge, MA



A chartered bus will depart St. Luke's Parking Lot at 10am and leaves Stockbridge at 4:30pm. The cost is \$25/person. Please contact Judy Savoie at 508-366-5642 for more information or to reserve your seat on the bus.

12pm Lunch
1pm Adoration
1:30pm Holy Rosary

2pm Mass
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30pm Stations of the Cross

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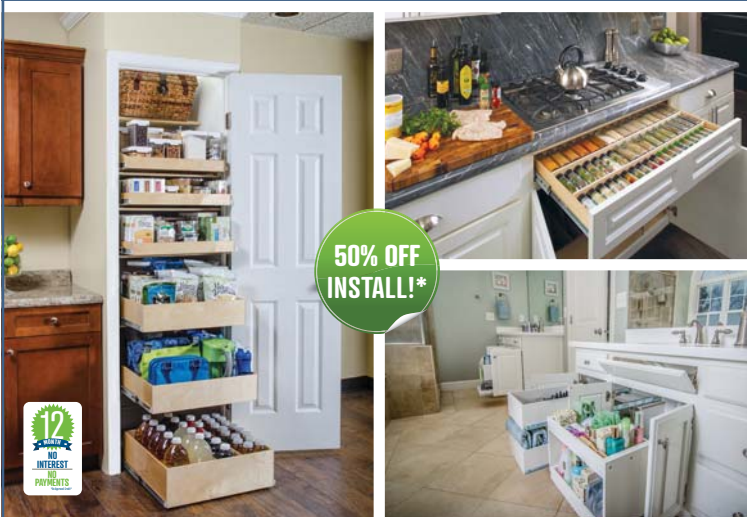
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