



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Westborough, MA

Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27



Today's painting portrays an early British family sheltering a missionary within their rough riverside hut, while outside a mob of pagan Celts pursues his companion, urged on by a Druid. Within the hut, a red cross painted on a stone signals the family's Christian faith, emphasizing the contrast between the new belief of Christianity and old enduring pagan traditions. The painting, like today's gospel, reminds us that discipleship carries a cost and that the Christian path is not an easy one.



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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 Josh Dion at Joshua.t.dion@gmail.com or 978-807-1631. 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: William Holman Hunt, *A Converted British Family Sheltering a Christian Missionary from the Persecution of the Druids*, 1850. Source: Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, England. Photo and Text © Christian A. Hedrick (2025)

4:00pm **Saturday, September 6**
Diane & Ed Gorak
60th Wedding Anniversary
by family
6:00pm Spanish
Sunday, September 7
7:30am **Chet Sowa**
by his family
9:00am **Alyce Casey**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!



Thank you to all our catechists and families! We look forward to a fruitful new year and pray that God's blessing will be on us all.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th



**Tues, Sept 9th from 1:00-2:30PM
Room 23 of the Parish Center**

Interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes or afghans for the sick and suffering? Please join us!

Cannot attend the monthly meetings? Please contact Carol Mulcahy at cmulcahy@live.com or 508-898-0409 for information and about patterns. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.

WOSL MEET AND GREET SEPTEMBER 11th



DATE: Thurs, September 11th
TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
WHERE: Broken Creek Vineyard
614 South St - Shrewsbury

****non alcohol choices available****
Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided

Bring a friend and come meet some fabulous women! Questions? Contact
Kathy Lawrence 508-847-7744
Mary Christensen 508-868-5483

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 27th



**St. Joseph School in Webster, MA
Saturday, September 27**

Confessions - Exhibitors
4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus

Dynamic talks about Evangelization:

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Image
St. Paul Street Evangelization
Theology of Home
Powerful Conversion Stories**

Visit the website www.wcwconference.com
for info and to register,
or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.
Seating is limited, REGISTER TODAY!

WELCOME WEEKEND! SEPTEMBER 13-14th

**September 13-14th
Newcomers recognized at all the Masses!**

**Sunday, September 14
Welcome Gathering in the Parish Hall**
after all Sunday Masses 7:30am/9am/11am
Meet and Greet - Coffee and Treats

Whether it's your first or weekly visit, we are thrilled you are with us! Join the celebration!

Learn more at this QR code or
stlukes-parish.org/newcomers



Many hands, hearts and smiles are needed!



Sign-Up - Mass Greeters and Helpers
tiurl.com/3ah7wz3d

Sign-Up- Parish Center Bakers and Helpers
tinyurl.com/bdz2uu9b



Questions? Chris 4farmers@verizon.net
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OCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS BEGIN TUES, SEPT 16



**Sessions start Tue, Sept. 16
Then continue weekly
Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
in Room 23, Parish Center**

If you are not already a member of the Catholic faith community (or perhaps no Christian faith community), this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition.

All are welcomed to attend without any obligation or pressure to "become Catholic." For those who choose, OCIA can provide a path to one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). No need to sign up - just stop by the Parish Center and join us in Room 23. If you are a confirmed Catholic having received all your sacraments, please gently mention OCIA to any people you meet who you sense may be receiving a calling from God to explore Christianity in the Catholic faith tradition.

We would be delighted to meet them!

For more information on OCIA at St. Luke's, please contact Josh Dion via text/phone at 978-807-1631 or via email at Joshua.t.dion@gmail.com.

Remember that at the end of our time on earth, our faith is our most precious possession.

Alpha begins on Thursday, September 11, 2025

Space is limited — Sign Up Today!

Use the QR Code below or contact Maria
at 508-366-5502 x10 or office@stlukes-parish.org



think. chat. eat.
laugh. connect.
explore. question.



Got questions
about life?
Try Alpha

JOIN an ADULT STUDY at St. Luke's this FALL 2025

Find out more details and register at
<https://stlukes-parish.org/adult>

FALL COURSE OFFERINGS

- ♦ FROM GENESIS TO JESUS
 - ♦ THE MASS
- ♦ THE FREEDOM THAT COMES WITH FORGIVENESS
 - ♦ BIBLE TIMELINE
- ♦ FAITH & FELLOWSHIP FOR MOMS
- ♦ LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

CANONIZATIONS SEPTEMBER 7th



Pope Leo XIV will
canonize
Blessed Carlo
Acutis and
Blessed Pier
Giorgio Frassati
this weekend

on September 7, 2025

This historic event will draw pilgrims from across the globe to St. Peter's Square and marks a powerful moment for young Catholics seeking modern role models of faith. Go to www.ascensionpress.com for more details.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - THURSDAY

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



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, 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, David Arkle, Dotty Millet

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

We pray for those who have died.... Carol Harvey

IN WORD AND DEED



Sheila, our fifth grade teacher's 8-year old daughter, wanted a puppy and she was begging at every opportunity and promising to take care of it. Knowing full well it would end up being her responsibility, the teacher made arrangements with her brother to dog-sit for a week while he was on vacation. The first few days went pretty well, but by the fourth day 'doggy fatigue' was setting in. It seems that the young dog enthusiast failed to account for multiple daily walks, feedings, bathing, playtime and 'cleaning up.' At the end of the week, Sheila informed her mom that she had changed her mind and would prefer goldfish instead.

Faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just a set of intellectual beliefs. More than just accepting the idea that Jesus is the Savior, faith means that we change so that we live by God's standards, even when it is demanding, inconvenient or difficult. Our values and morals are the foundation of our lives and if we compromise them, we compromise our life, both temporal and eternal.

We live our faith when we follow the teaching and example of Jesus. Plus we have the Church, the sacraments, the example of the saints and the support of one another—all of which are part of our community of faith that lives and supports our baptismal commitment to follow the Lord. There is no 'faith fatigue.' Our God and our faith renew and strengthen us as we journey together.

LOOKING FOR ENGLISH?



Mondays 6-8pm for Beginners
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm for Advanced
Other times are available as well.

Register with Carmen (508)826-5172

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Beaumont Nursing Home now has weekly communion services (up from twice a month), followed by room visits. Every Monday morning, two parishioners offer communion or prayer to over 50 residents. The residents are thrilled! Volunteers often say, "I receive so much more than I give."



Westborough Health Care Center 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 can prepare 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 pastoral-associate@stlukes-parish.org.

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