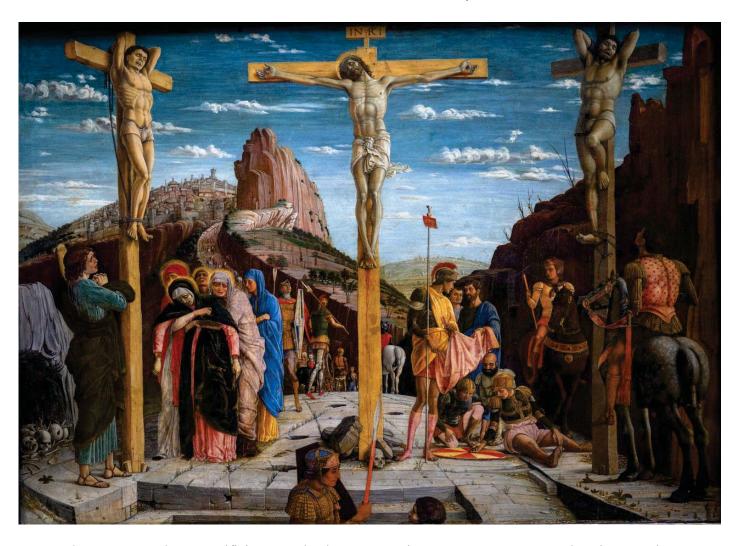


### SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

Indeed, the grace of the Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 1:14



Today we contemplate a crucifixion scene by the great Renaissance master Mantegna. There is a great irony here on this feast day, of course, since the scene is a horrific one. Mantegna was famous for rendering emotional intensity and expressive figures. Here, symbolism enriches the scene. The cross embodies both suffering and redemption, while Mary (in anguish) reflects compassion and grief, and John (far left) loyalty amid despair. Together, they invite viewers to contemplate sacrifice, love, and faith, transforming the image into a spiritual meditation.



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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 <a href="https://stlukes-parish.org/newcomers">https://stlukes-parish.org/newcomers</a> or easy sign-up as a parish

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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.

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#### READINGS GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1163

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

4:00pm 6:00pm	Saturday, September 13 Peter Louis Messina by his family Antonio Marin & Billy Lynch
0.00pm	by Maria Lynch
7:30am	Sunday, September 14 Leo Frechette by Gloria Josephs
9:00am	Eleanor "Ellie" Barney by Maria & Bob Gasser
11:00am	Paul & Rita Smith by their family
9:00am	Monday, September 15 Pat and Paul Dempsey by their family
9:00am	Tuesday, September 16 Increase in Vocations to the priest hood, religious, married & single life by Ed & Diane Gorak
9:00am	Wednesday, September 17 Bob Malone (25th Anniversary) by his family
9:00am	Thursday, September 18 John Miller by Joanna Donahue
9:00am	Friday, September 19 Richard M Horrigan by his family
4:00pm	Saturday, September 20 Deceased members of the Antkowiak & Kwiatkowski families by Ed & Diane Gorak
6:00pm	Spanish
7:30am	Sunday, September 21 Diane Brescia by her family
9:00am	Maria and Mike Barretti by their family
11:00am	John Leone by his family

#### **SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Month of June 2025	\$59,976
Month of July 2025	\$63,093
Month of August 2025	\$59,591

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### JOIN THE CHOIR ALL ARE WELCOME



#### SING, O SING!

St Augustine once said:
"Those who sing, pray twice!"
If you love to sing, come and praise our
Good God with us in song!

### Our parish choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

The choir sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. All are welcome, so please consider joining us!

### SENIOR ADULTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd



Welcome! St. Luke's Senior Adult Ministry invites you to join our vibrant group of individuals!

### Monday, September 22, at 9:45am in the Parish Center Hall

Fellowship, fun, and spiritual enlightenment

We generally meet on the fourth Monday of each month and have a variety of activities planned.

Please complete the "Senior Adult" membership envelope for September 7, or use the form on the Senior Adult flyer in the back of the church.

Our dues are \$10 per person which help cover the cost of speakers and costs associated with events. Checks should be made out to "St. Luke's."

For more information, please refer to the Senior Adult flyer or contact Dianne Patrick at 508-839-3220. We look forward to seeing you!

### COME AND ADORE JESUS ALL ARE WELCOME



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

"WE DO NOT GO TO HOLY COMMUNION BECAUSE WE ARE GOOD; WE GO TO BECOME GOOD."

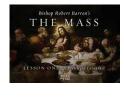
St. John Bosco

#### ADULT STUDY FALL OPPORTUNITIES

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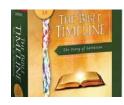


The Mass

Bible Timeline



Faith and Fellowship for Moms



Living the Sunday Gospel



For more details and Register, scan the QR code or go to St. Luke's website



### WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 27th

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

Confessions - Exhibitors 4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus

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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.

#### **KICK OFF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY!**

#### Calling all Jr High and High School Students!

Join us for a fun-filled evening to kick off the Faith Formation year! Games, activities, pizza.

Don't miss out! Bring your friends!

September 21, 2025 5.00-6.00pm

Please RSVP to dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org







#### 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



## Welcome Weekend! This Weekend! JOIN US FOR A GATHERING AS WE WELCOME YOU!

AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES 7:30am 9.00am 11.00am IN THE PARISH CENTER HALL ~ MEET AND GREET ~ COFFEE AND TREATS ~

## TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17th at 7PM



Please join us for Charismatic Worship & Praise

Wednesday, September 17th 7:00 - 8:00pm

Potluck Dinner in the Parish Center Hall 6:00 - 6:45pm

Bring a dish to share! Leftovers can be taken home.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

EMAIL: pastoralcouncil@stlukes-parish.org

Ellen Gualtieri, Chair Colin Murphy, Secretary Julie Basque Cristian Carrasco Jaime Gomez Christian Hedrick Kevin Hsu Tom Kieler Silvia Pinto Judy Savoie

#### **HAVE TRAVEL PLANS?**

There is no need to miss Mass! Find a Mass wherever you happen to be: https://findamass.org/

### GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT SERIES BEGINS OCTOBER 8th



Our fall series meets on seven Wednesdays St. Luke's Parish Center 6.30 - 8.30pm

> October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 November 5, 12 & December 3

> > Space is limited.

Register with Julie Basque at 508-366-5502 X 15 Natalie Bruce at 774-258-0869 Joe Pucciarelli at 508-878-5964 or stlukesgriefministry@gmail.com

#### **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

#### 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, 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, Ray Baril

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....

#### IN WORD AND DEED



Sheila, our fifth grade teacher's 8year 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 a 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 continue to forgive so that we live by God's standards, even when it is demanding, inconvenient or difficult. Forgiveness and reconciliation are the basis of the Christian life 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, when we reach out to those who have hurt us and offer forgiveness over and over and over. We have the Church, the sacraments and the example of the saints—all of which are part of our community of faith that strengthens and supports our baptismal commitment to follow the Lord. There can be no 'faith fatigue'. Our God sets the example; our faith is renewed and strengthened when we put it into practice.  $\sim$  James Gaffney

#### 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 resi-



dents. 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 <u>pastoral</u>-

associate@stlukes-parish.org.

#### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP TUESDAY, SEPT 23rd at 6:30pm

You are invited to gather with other men

Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30-7:45pm

in the Parish Center Hall for fraternity, formation, and prayer. The gathering will include a fabulous video presentation by Bishop Fulton Sheen.

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