

# Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist October 18th



**St. Luke the Evangelist**

**Parish**

**Westborough, MA**

**“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 18

**9:00 Solemn Mass Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist**

4:00pm **Stephen N Sonia**  
by St. Luke's Choir

6:00pm **Spanish**

### Sunday, October 19

7:30am **Deceased Members of the Hilley Family**  
by their family

9:00am **Nicholas Argento (8th Anniversary)**  
by his family  
**Robert McLaughlin**  
by his family

11:00am **Louise Victor**  
by her family

### Monday, October 20

9:00am **Maria & Mike Barrett**  
by their family

### Tuesday, October 21

9:00am **Robert Sullivan**  
by the Horrigan family  
**Mary Donelan**  
by Bill & Joann McCullough

### Wednesday, October 22

9:00am **Paul Baril**  
by the Baril family  
**Edward & Jeannette Young**  
by Steve & Theresa Churchill

### Thursday, October 23

9:00am **Ken Gagnon**  
by Mike & Dianne Patrick

### Friday, October 24

9:00am **Dave Blackerby**  
by Bob Metzinger  
**James Walsh**  
by Liz O'Malley

### Saturday, October 25

4:00pm **Hilda & Stan Di Rosa**  
by their family

6:00pm **Spanish**

### Sunday, October 26

7:30am **Mike & Maria Barrett**  
by their family

9:00am **Dan & Barbara Brogie**  
by their family

11:00am **John "Jack" Strouse**  
**Sharon Wilkins**  
by St. Luke's Choir

## Dear brothers and sisters,

With great joy, we celebrate St. Luke's feast day.

This celebration comes at a time of great revival for our Parish. Our community has grown exponentially; we are blessed with a great diversity of families and individuals from different backgrounds, nationalities, and languages; and more ministries have been added to support the work of evangelization.

We aim to continue growing as a community of faith, *guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, to make Jesus known* through loving, serving, and proclaiming the gospel even beyond the walls of our Parish.

At this time in history, the gospel of St. Luke speaks directly to our hearts and souls as we face strong challenges that undermine the value and dignity of human beings.

This gospel has a particular concern for the marginalized, the poor, the outcast, and the rejected. Jesus goes to the peripheries along with his disciples to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand, even for those who have been excluded for various reasons.

Therefore, as members of this community, we should strive to make a difference in our society by protecting and promoting human dignity for everyone, particularly the most vulnerable and the poor.

There is a place for everybody at the table of faith and friendship, the table of love and service. Everybody is welcome to know the amazing love of God that transforms and gives life.

Happy Feast Day of St. Luke!

**Fr. Diego, Pastor**

# What do you like the most about working at St. Luke's?



There are many things that St. Luke's offers. I love the sense of community, feeling at home when I enter the church and the Parish Center, and how kind and loving everyone is at St. Luke's. Our Church is beautiful because UR all involved and participate in so many different ways. Whether it is sharing your gifts, the generosity of people volunteering, or always knowing I can count on St. Luke's makes it so special. In the Gospel of St. Luke it says "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." *Luke 6:38 (NIV)* I think this sums up the community at St. Luke's.

***Denise, Director of Junior High & High School Religious Ed***

What I like most about St Luke Parish, is the very kind, compassionate and supportive nature of the folks in this parish community. The love and care shown to everyone is astounding and warming to the heart...

***Craig, Music Director***



It is a great place for everyone to grow and thrive! Just like the universal Church, St. Luke's is composed of people from diverse backgrounds, ideas, and experiences. Nevertheless, we are unified by the Truth of the Gospel, the outpouring of grace from the Sacraments, and the ever-present mercy of God. St. Luke's faith community is friendly, and generous in offering opportunities to learn more, pray or worship more, and serve more. I appreciate being able to connect spiritually with others no matter where we are on our faith journey.

***Melissa, PreK- 6th Grade Religious Ed***

What I love most are the people! Striving for authentic holiness. Genuine, caring, generous, loving. Each made uniquely by God, and it's a delight for us as staff to witness His work!

***Julie, Pastoral Associate***





I love that our parishioners always say YES!

It amazes me how generous our parish is to our Outreach program. No matter if we are asking for school supplies, grocery cards for Thanksgiving, baby clothes and diapers for immigrant families, our parish always responds with a generous heart. They understand the importance of taking care of those in need.

***Nan, Outreach Director***

What I like most about St. Luke's Parish is the special bond of faith, hope, and love that unifies all of our diverse ministries as we help each other grow in Jesus. Even more, I love how we call upon the Holy Spirit to empower us to bring the light and love of Christ into the world.

***Tony, Director of Adult Formation***



I have been working with the finances at St Luke's Church for 30 years. I have seen many fluctuations in the financial history. The one thing that has been consistent here in the parish is the welcoming and generosity of the parishioners. With this generosity we have been able to keep our parish vibrant. Whether through paying for operational expenses, assisting families with our outreach program or taking care of the capital improvements. For me, working with such a wonderful staff and group of many volunteers has been such a blessing.

***Linda, Business Manager***

There is much about St. Luke that makes it a special parish, but what I find most exceptional is the generosity and commitment to helping those in need. When I moved to Westborough in 1989 I learned how the parish was instrumental in the establishment of the Bridge, a home for mentally challenged individuals and sponsored a family of "boat people" from Vietnam. Building on that tradition of care, Parish Outreach Ministry was officially initiated in 1996 providing support to our parishioners and community, and coordinating the Giving Tree program. In addition, the Outreach ministry works closely with our Pastoral Associate who cares for the spiritual needs of our parishioners. As the parish secretary, I receive calls from people in need. I have always felt so blessed to be able to connect them to someone who will listen and care.



***Maria, Secretary - Evangelization Team Coordinator***

# BRIEF HISTORY LINE OF OUR PARISH

**1834** The earliest recorded Catholic service in the town of Westborough was celebrated by a missionary priest, **Father Fitton**, who later founded The College of the Holy Cross.

**1851-1855** Westborough was established as a mission. Services were held in local homes.

**1869** Old Baptist church was purchased by **Father Barry** and moved to Milk Street.

**1870** Westborough was officially established as a parish, with **Father Richard Donovan** as its first pastor.

**1886** On April 4, 1886, the converted church burned to the ground!

**1888-1889** Under the supervision of the pastor, **Father John J. McCoy**, a new wood frame church in the Romanesque style was built on the corner of West Main and Ruggles Streets. The new church was dedicated on August 1, 1889.

**1920-1921** Parish church burned to the ground (again!). Under the leadership of **Father John D. McGann**, the present brick structure (as we know and love it today) was built and dedicated.

**1975** The Stone property at the corner of Cross and Ruggles Street was purchased and made into much needed parking space adjacent to the Parish Center.

**1969** The parish center was completed and dedicated during the pastorate of **Father Raymond Burke**.

**1980** The original Victorian styled home that had served as a rectory for many years was removed and the present parish house was built on the corner of West Main and Charles Streets during the ministry of **Father Leo Barry**. At this time the current ramp for the handicapped was also installed at the church entrance.

**1996** An elevator was added to the Parish Center and the people of St. Luke's celebrated the 125th anniversary of the parish community.

**1994** The interior of the church was completely renovated during the tenure of **Father George Lange** and was solemnly dedicated by **Bishop Timothy J. Harrington** at a con-celebrated Mass on September 18.

**2000** In 2000, parish records showed 5,371 people registered at St. Luke's; there were 567 people over 65 and 610 children under the age of 7. Total parish mailing at that time was approximately 1,900 families or individuals in Westborough, Northboro, Shrewsbury, Marlboro, Hopkinton and Grafton.

**2025** The Parish reported around 77 new families registered. In total, the community is made of more than 1,800 families.

## ***Did you know...?***



The Gospel of Luke is one of the four canonical Gospels and, along with the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, is one of the synoptic Gospels. Despite the similarities with these three Gospels, Luke has a unique character and language. It is recognized first, as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, due to the multiple mentions and actions of the Holy Spirit present in the different stories.

Also, the Gospel of Luke presents a particular concern for the poor, presenting some of the most direct and striking of Jesus' teachings about the dangers of wealth and God's love for the poor.

Here are the stories we can find only in Luke's gospel:

### **Birth and Childhood of Jesus:**

The narrative of Jesus' birth and childhood, including the Annunciation, the visit to the temple at age 12, and the census, is found only in Luke.

### **Parables:**

Luke contains several famous parables not found in the other Gospels, such as:



- The Good Samaritan
- The Prodigal Son
- The Rich Man and Lazarus
- The Good Samaritan
- The Lost Coin
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector



### **Jesus' Ministry:**

- The Sermon on the Plain
- The healing of the woman who was bent over for 18 years
- The healing of the ten lepers
- The mission of the 72 disciples
- Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem



### **Crucifixion and Resurrection:**

- Jesus' prayer for His executioners: "Father, forgive them."
- The conversation with the penitent thief: "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- Jesus' ascension to heaven from Bethany
- The post-resurrection appearance on the road to Emmaus



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