



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

70 West Main Street ~ Westborough, MA 01581

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026



Today's painting by Vincent van Gogh was used by Pope Leo XIV in his first General Audience last year as he reflected on the Parable of the Sower. The Pope sees the sower's generous scattering of seed as an image of the way God freely gives us His Word, even when the soil of our hearts may not be ready to receive it. Van Gogh places the hardworking sower off to the side, while the blazing sun dominates the composition. Behind him, the grain is already ripe. For Pope Leo, this is an image of hope: the seed has borne fruit, while the sun reminds us that it is ultimately God who moves history and brings the harvest to maturity.

In all our endeavors may we ... "Know Jesus and Make Him Known"



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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

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00PM Prayers for Sanctity of Life

6:00PM Benediction

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call Julie at 508-366-5502 x15 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 the Priest at least six months in advance.

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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.

Welcome to St. Luke's!

Whether it's your first, daily or weekly visit, we're thrilled to welcome you! Enjoy the fullness and connection with our parish family by signing-up for Flocknote updates and joining as parish member:

Flocknote



*Parish
Member*



Sunday Ordinary Collections

Month of March 2026 \$73,237

Month of April 2026 \$66,686

Month of May 2026 \$57,527

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Questions? We're happy to help!

Email welcome@stlukes-parish.org

Visit us at stlukesparish.org/newcomers

Employment Opportunity Office Administrator



St. Luke's Parish is seeking a friendly, organized, and dependable
Administrative Assistant

The ideal candidate will possess:

- Strong technical skills, including proficiency with **Google Workspace** and **Microsoft Office**
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- The ability to maintain confidentiality
- Solid organizational and multitasking abilities
- A willingness to learn and embrace new challenges

Hours: Monday –Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining our parish team, please submit a **Letter of Interest and/or Resume** to Fr. Diego at frdiego@stlukes-parish.org no later than **Thursday, July 30th at 5:00 p.m.**

In Word and Deed by James Gaffney



Under the huge oak tree in the yard, my 5-year-old niece was shocked to discover that the huge tree had begun as a small acorn, just like one of many she found on the ground. She could not believe that something so large began as something so small.

Crowds of people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. When He taught, Jesus used parables to explain spiritual realities that are difficult to grasp. But their everyday experiences provided vivid images to explain things they could not see. Seed needs good soil to grow; so does the Word of God need good soil—us—for it to grow.

People will often express a desire to have greater faith or trust in God. Somehow more is better and even necessary for it to 'work.' Looking for ways to find more faith, people will overlook the fact that what they have is enough. Prayer, practice and patience will allow the seeds of faith to grow, becoming stronger and deeper each day. Then, one day we can say with Paul, that I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us Feast Day on July 16



Response to the Earthquakes in Venezuela Please Be Generous!



Worcester Diocese & Catholic Relief Services Collect Aid for Venezuela

As you know from various news reports, the earthquakes which struck parts of Venezuela have caused a humanitarian crisis for the people in the area, including more than one thousand deaths, countless injured, and tens of thousands of people left with nothing.

Please consider a gift to support the response being provided through Caritas Venezuela, which is working in conjunction with Catholic Relief Services. Your online donation can get to work immediately. Visit www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake.



Grandparents' Day • Sunday, July 26



Grandparents play such a special role in our families, sharing their faith, wisdom, and love across generations.

Each year on **July 26**, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of **Saints Joachim and Anne**, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. This year, **July 26 falls on a Sunday**, making it a wonderful opportunity to celebrate grandparents in a special way.

We invite all grandparents, grandchildren, and families to join us for the **9:00 AM Mass** where grandparents will receive a **special blessing** in honor of Saints Joachim and Anne.

If your grandparents or grandchildren live far away, they can still be part of the celebration by joining us on our **livestream** and praying with our parish community.

Following Mass, everyone is invited to enjoy a **reception with lemonade and cookies** on the lawn next to the Parish Center. Come celebrate the gift of grandparents and the blessings they

Christian Congregations are Rebounding

Christian Congregations are Rebounding; Median Weekly Attendance Surpasses Pre-Pandemic Levels



Data from September to December 2025 has shown that "Christian congregations in the U.S. has not just reversed COVID-era declines but has surpassed 2020 levels... The rebound was even stronger among Catholic/Orthodox congregations." Scan the QR code to the right for the entire article.



Praise God!

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Missionary Priests This Weekend Fr. David Gakunga and Fr. Varghese Johnson

Please welcome Fr. Johnson and Fr. Gakunga this weekend as they share the good work of the Camillian Missions.



*To witness the merciful love of Christ
through service to the poor and sick.*

The Order of St. Camillus is a devout group of Roman Catholic men dedicated to caring for the sick, both in the United States and abroad. We follow in the footsteps of our Founder, Saint Camillus de Lellis. Over 400 years ago, St. Camillus encouraged his followers to love the sick as deeply and unconditionally as a mother loves her sick child. It's still our mantra today.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

Full of Grace: Women's Prayer Group Tuesday, July 21 • 6:30 - 8:00pm



*"And the Lord called her by name."
Isaiah 43:1*

All women seeking to grow closer to Jesus are invited to gather in prayer and reflection, walking together through life's journey, guided by His Spirit, sharing His grace, and nurturing faith in fellowship.

**Tuesday, July 21 • 6:30pm – 8:00pm
St. Luke's Parish Center Hall**

Use the QR code to join our mailing list
or email us at

FullofGrace@stlukes-parish.org



Holy Grounds • Coffee & Company Wednesday, July 22



Join our St. Luke's Parish Community
for fellowship!

Wednesday, July 22 after the 9am Mass
In St. Luke's Church Vestibule

Hosted by the Welcome Ministry Team
Questions? Email: welcome@stlukes-parish.org

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Parishioner



Isabel Gloria Moran Lewis

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026 • One Nation Under God



In honor of America's 250th year, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage carried the theme One Nation Under God. It is an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ. It's a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one soul at a time.

Pilgrims on this route walked with Christ praying that His love might draw our nation back to Him. You're invited to join us, in person or in spirit, and offer prayers and sacrifices for the renewal of America.

The pilgrimage began over Memorial Day weekend in St. Augustine, Florida, near where the first Mass was celebrated. The route continued up the Eastern Seaboard through most of the 13 original

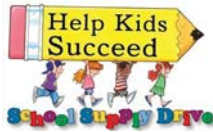
colonies, reaching as far north as New Hampshire and Maine. Stops were made in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our country's very first Catholic diocese, as well as the Archdiocese of Boston to visit significant national historical sites. The pilgrimage concluded over the 4th of July weekend in Philadelphia, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. As the first American citizen to be canonized a saint, Mother Cabrini was a woman of great prayer and devotion to the Eucharist who answered God's call to serve the abandoned and poor in our country.

For the original article, scan the QR code.



Annual School Supply Drive July 6th to August 10th



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 10th.**

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

Martha's and Mary's Ministry Needs You

The mission of the Marthas & Mary's Ministry is to provide compassionate care and support to parish families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. One way we serve is by hosting a luncheon following Funeral Masses, offering family and friends an opportunity to gather together in a warm and welcoming environment.

Our ministry is led by a dedicated team of parishioners, and we are seeking additional volunteers to join us. Whether your gifts include baking, serving, hospitality, setup, cleanup, or helping coordinate luncheon arrangements, we would be grateful for your support.

Beyond serving others, members often find lasting friendships and a spirit of compassion, unity, and quiet joy within our parish community.

If you feel called to be part of the Marthas & Mary's Ministry, or would like more information, please contact:

Mary Christensen – 508-868-5483

Pat Gagnon – 508-561-6187

Sue Faherty – 774-288-9020

Serve like Martha. Love like Mary.



Adult Studies Opportunities

Stay Connected This Summer!

Go to www.stlukes-parish.org/adult for more info



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Faith Formation Registration is OPEN!



It's time to register for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year!

We offer programs for children and youth in **Pre-K through Grade 10**. Registration can be completed online via our parish website, or paper registration forms are available in the Parish Center. We look forward to welcoming your family and growing together in faith together!

For more information or assistance, please contact the Religious Education Office. 508-366-5502 x16 or x17

Vacation Bible School



Calling all campers grades preK to 6 and volunteers - teens and adults! We have three exciting opportunities for Vacation Bible School this summer! Please go to our parish website for more information or to register. www.stlukes-parish.org/youth-faith-formation-overview. Scroll down to Vacation Bible School. There are also flyers in the church and Parish Center. *Volunteers especially needed at the Ecumenical VBS. Thank you!*



Be a Welcoming Presence at St. Luke's

Do you enjoy welcoming others and helping parishioners feel at home? Consider joining St. Luke's Greeter Ministry Team!

As a greeter, you will:

- Serve just once a month
- Attend your preferred Mass time
- Arrive approximately 20 minutes before Mass
- Wear a nametag lanyard and a welcoming smile
- Greet parish family members and offer a bulletin as they arrive
- Be available after Mass to help direct parishioners and visitors to the appropriate staff members

This simple but important ministry helps create a warm and welcoming experience for everyone who comes to St. Luke's.

Feast Day on July 14

Saint of the Day:

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
also known as
Lily of the Mohawks

St. Kateri, Star of Native People and Bright Light for all! We thank God for your heroic courage, constant perseverance and deep love of the Cross. Pray for us that our love for Christ may deepen. And may we imitate you in following God's Will even when difficulties arise.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Mass Intentions Week of July 11 - July 19

Mass intentions are a beautiful way to pray for loved ones, living * or deceased †. To request a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

Saturday, July 11

4:00pm † **Elaine & James Scannell & Richard Narel** by the Gorak family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, July 12

7:30am † **Eric Stamets** by Carolyn

9:00am † **Gladys & John McKenna** by family

11:00am † **Margaret Duffy, Rita Smith, Shari Grady** by family

Monday, July 13

9:00am † **Margaret Ryan** by Eileen & Bob Ryan
† **Sherrie A. Carroll** by a friend

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekawitha

9:00am † **Petrone Le Totoraitis** by family

Wednesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure

9:00am † **Mary Elizabeth O'Malley** by Liz O'Malley

Thursday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00am † **Joseph & Dominic Scali** by their family

Friday, July 17

9:00am † **Joseph Fournier** by his family
† **Dale Bent** by his family

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm † **All Souls who have passed through our lives** by Gorak family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, July 19

7:30am † **Bertha & Arthur Ulmer** by Nancy Papp & family

9:00am † **David Holmes** by his family

11:00am † **Paul Mulvey** by Jill Mazanec



Please Sign up for Parish Updates



Flocknote: Online at flocknote.com/StLukesWestborough or text the STLUKES to the number 84576

Facebook: StLukesWestborough

Instagram: [st.luketheevangelistwestboro](https://www.instagram.com/st.luketheevangelistwestboro)

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Parish Prayer Requests

Please pray for Margaret Hanna, Frankie Murphy, Adrian Marin, Olivia Zerwas, Lisa Sarli, Amy Conway, Rachael Pearce, Logan Troy, Elaine Vezina, Aidan Parker, Judy Hall



For those in active military service:

Brian Stewart, Michael Killian Belliveau, Brodrick Kerkhoff

For those who have died: Janice Dreyfus

If you would like to add your loved one to the above list please contact Nancy at 508-317-3832

Come Let Us Adore Him

Come and share in the experience of **Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday all day following the 9:00am Mass**



3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

5pm Respect Life Prayers

6pm Benediction

"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." – Pope Benedict XV

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