



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

"I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 16:19



Today's painting reflects the events in the gospel both quite literally as well as imaginatively. On the one hand, the scene depicts the moment when Christ gives St. Peter the metaphorical "keys to the kingdom of heaven," which become St. Peter's attribute (object by which a saint can be identified in art). On the other hand, we have a setting that is characterized by what art historians call the "principle of disjunction" whereby a historical biblical scene is depicted in a more contemporary setting (here 15th century Italy). This involves the presence of contemporary Italians in their period clothing on the far right and left of the picture. This was a common technique in Renaissance painting due to the popular revival of classical antiquity. In the background, other events of Christ's ministry are depicted. Although no massive, paved area like this was ever built during the Renaissance, the large grid organizes the scene beautifully and establishes the painting's perspective. The scene is anchored by classical buildings in the background, which represent the Church for which St. Peter is being given responsibility.

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



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Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday • 10am - 2pm

Further assistance is available, by request

Online Contributions

Contributions to St. Luke's can be made online. Sunday offerings can be donated online as well. Go to www.stlukes-parish.org or scan this QR code. Thank you!



Sunday Ordinary Collections

Month of May 2026 \$57,527

Month of June 2026 \$70,863

Month of July 2026 \$55,571

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.

**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.

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



Questions? We're happy to help!

Email welcome@stlukes-parish.org

Visit us at stlukesparish.org/newcomers

St. Augustine and St. Monica Pray for us!



St. Augustine was a truth seeker and timeless model of profound repentance. His mother, St. Monica, was a woman of unwavering faith, perseverance, and commitment to her family. Both of their feast days are this week.

Employment Opportunity Administrative Assistant



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, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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

Faith Formation Registration is OPEN!



It's time to register!
2026–2027
Faith Formation year!

Programs offered for children and youth
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



Men's Prayer Group August 25th at 6:30pm



**You've got a
Friend in Me**
A Men's Group

Time to celebrate our **2-Year Anniversary** with a barbecue! All men in the parish are invited! Bring a family member/friend!

Tuesday August 25 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall, 17 Willow St

Dinner, fraternity, faith formation and prayer

Holy Grounds • Coffee & Company Wednesday, August 26



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

Wednesday, August 26
after the 9am Mass

In St. Luke's Church Vestibule

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

St. Luke's Jazz Night Friday, August 28th at 7:30pm



Enjoy an evening of great music, fellowship, and fun at **St. Luke's Jazz Night!** Join fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors for a relaxing night featuring the **Russo Bros. Jazz Quintet**.

Friday, August 28 at 7:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Hall, 17 Willow Street

Tickets are **\$10 in advance** and will be sold after Masses on **August 15, 16, 22, and 23**. You may also reserve tickets by calling or texting **Joe Considine** at **508-397-4557** or by email at joe.considine@kofc.org. Tickets will be available at the door for **\$15 (cash only)**.

Come enjoy an evening of outstanding live jazz while connecting with members of our parish community. We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Women of St. Luke's.

Second Collection This Weekend Earthquake Relief for Columbia



Following the 7.4 magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia, Catholic Relief Services is supporting Caritas Colombia and its nationwide diocesan and parish network as they respond to widespread damage across multiple communities.

Many families are in urgent need of shelter, clean water, food, medical care, protection and other essential support. Please pray for all those affected—and give today to help bring urgent support to our sisters and brothers in Colombia. <https://>



A Warm Welcome to Jim Bruce



Please join us in welcoming Jim Bruce to our St. Luke's staff, as our new Alpha/Evangelization Team Leader! If you have any questions, feel free to contact him at jbruce@stlukes-parish.org.

BEWARE!

Scam Emails from Fr. Diego

Fr. Diego's name, among the names of other priests and even the Bishop of Worcester, is being used to attempt to steal gift cards, money from financial accounts, and other fraudulent measures to fool parishioners by using priests' names as a way of getting us to respond to the communication.

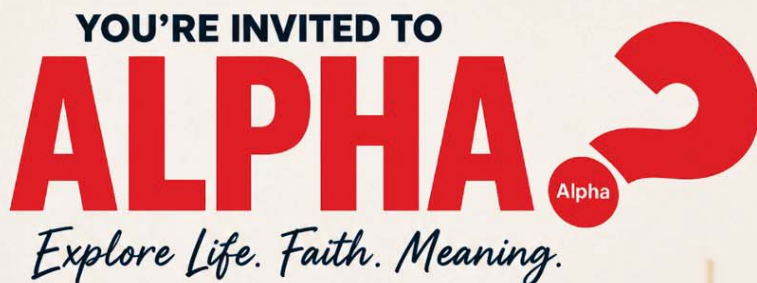
Most recently, thieves are taking advantage of the earthquake in Colombia to send emails to parishioners pretending to be from Fr. Diego.

You can check the email address to see if it came from St. Luke's parish. (St. Luke's emails end with @stlukes-parish.org.) However, please be aware that sometimes an email can look valid, even if it is fake. If you receive any form of communication that looks fishy and odd, we recommend that you delete it immediately.

Never, under any circumstances, respond to these tactics that seek to steal finances. Fr. Diego will not ask for gift cards or for any financial information. These scams are often directed elderly people, but are not limited to the elderly by any means.

Remember, don't respond and DELETE IT!!

Upcoming Alpha Opportunities This Fall! Please Join Us! Invite Others!



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith in a friendly, open space and environment.

St. Luke's Alpha

Thursdays, Sept 17 - Dec 19
6:30-8:30pm

Cafe Alpha

Wednesdays, Sept 16 - Dec 9
10am-12noon

Pub Alpha

dates and times TBD

Scan to learn more
and sign up!



Everyone is welcome
COME AS YOU ARE. BRING A FRIEND!

Partners in Charity - Thank you!



**St. Luke's exceeded their goal
of \$138,000**

Thank you for your generosity!

In Word and Deed by James Gaffney



Many people claim to be spiritual, but not religious. They acknowledge a spiritual reality, but it is often non-personal and non-specific. It does not involve church or community and resembles a 'feel good' pep talk rather than anything with the power to transform, change and bless. Being spiritual is noncommittal and easy; being religious requires something more personal and committed.

Jesus is not one to tiptoe around the question of faith and commitment. He does not suggest that discipleship is about feeling good or being happy. To follow Him, you pick up a cross. You sacrifice yourself for the sake of others. You follow Him wherever He goes. All this is done with hope in His promise of life and grace.

The quick way to decide if you are spiritual or religious is to answer the question that Jesus asks: Who do you say that I am? If you say He is a nice guy who preached about love, you are spiritual. If you say he is the Son of God who died for our sakes and rose from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, and He guides and directs my life through the Holy Spirit and through the Church, then you are religious. Look at the cross, and decide what your answer will be.

Martha's and Mary's Ministry Needs You

Our mission 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.

We are seeking additional volunteers to join us and share your gifts of baking, serving, hospitality, setup, cleanup, or helping coordinate luncheon arrangements. We build lasting friendships and serve in a spirit of compassion, unity, and quiet joy. If you feel called to be part of the Martha's & 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.

OCIA Inquiry Session Tuesday, September 15th



OCIA Inquiry Sessions start Tue, Sept. 15, 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 welcome 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 who has 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.

Cooking for Mustard Seed Ministry Friday, September 4th



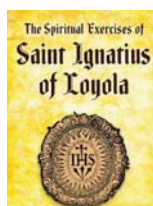
St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, September 4th. Please see the following link or scan the QR code below to sign up. You may sign up for one item or multiple if you enjoy cooking.

All food should be delivered hot to the Parish Center parking lot **between 3:30-4:00pm on September 4th**. (Look for Sean and his red CRV).

Any questions? Please contact Meghan McLoughlin at (978) 807-4625 or Meghan@Biggins.com



Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Begins Tuesday, October 6th



**Retreatants have said, "It's wonderful!"
and "Life-changing!"**
The program begins Oct. 6, 2026.

Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester. An **informational video** including a personal reflection, along with an **Application** are on the website:

<http://IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com>

Applications are due by Sept. 1, 2026.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Mass Intentions Week of August 22 - August 30

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

Saturday, August 22

4:00pm † **Souls of Niagara University** by Gorak family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, August 23

7:30am † **Jane Sprague** by her daughter

† **Michael Merschoff** by Reilly family

9:00am † **John & Ann Martin** by their family

† **Antonio Evangelista** by Domenica

11:00am † **Elliot Petrie** by Baril-Lower family

Monday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

9:00am † **Paul Fallon**, 3rd Anniversary by his family

† **Thomas Winters** by his daughter

Tuesday, August 25 - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz

9:00am † **Antonio** by his family

Wednesday, August 26

9:00am † **Grace Odum** by Chinelo (Dingiri)

Thursday, August 27 - St. Monica

9:00am † **Lawrence & Emily O'Brien** by their family

† **Eugene Buffo** by his family

Friday, August 28 - St. Augustine

9:00am † **Maureen Lockman** by her family

† **Robert McGrath** by his family

Saturday, August 29

4:00pm † **Wyeth Curtis** by Baril-Lower family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, August 30

7:30am † **Rudolf Pollicino** by his family

9:00am † **Annette & Howard LaNoce** by McKenna family

† **Robert Sullivan** by his family

11:00am † **Timothy Hodgins** by Linda & Richard O'Donnell

Please Sign up for Parish Updates



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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, Aidan Parker, Ariadna, Luz Lopez



For those in active military service:
Brian Stewart, Michael Killian Belliveau,
Brodrick Kerkhoff

For those who have died.
Maureen Ferrara

*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**

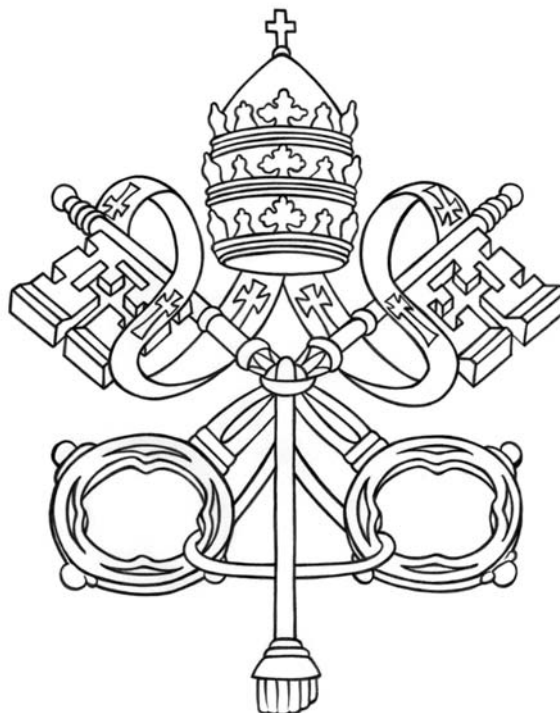
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

5pm Respect Life Prayers

6pm Benediction

*"You made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in You." St. Augustine*

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"He has risen." Matt 28:6

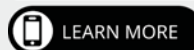
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