SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

70 West Main Street ~ Westborough, MA 01581

Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

October 18, 2026



To celebrate St. Luke's Feast Day, we have a painting of St. Luke the Evangelist in his role as Patron Saint of Painters. Here St. Luke sits before a painting of the Virgin and Child he has just completed (with the aid of divine inspiration suggested by the angel in the background). There is a legend that he was the first and only person to have ever captured the likeness of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Baroque painting emblematic of the Catholic Counter Reformation movement, indicated by the Evangelist's gesture *toward* the image and *away* from the book (his Gospel) behind him on the table beneath a statue of an Ox. The Ox is St. Luke's attribute because he stressed the sacrificial aspects of Christ's life for our redemption. The artist Guercino has St. Luke gesture toward the image not to belittle the text of the gospel, but rather to indicate the important role that devotional art plays in the Church's prayer life.

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

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday ● 9am - 3pm

Thursday ● 10am - 6pm

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.stukes-parish.org or scan this QR code. Thank you!

Sunday Ordinary Collections

Month of July 2026	$55,571
Month of August 2026	$66,199
Month of September 2026	$61,749

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 Benediction
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

Letter from the Pastor



Happy St. Luke's Weekend

The feast of our patron, St. Luke, on October 18, marks another year in our calendar.

196 years ago, the first Mass was celebrated in Westborough, and the seed of the Catholic community was planted in Westborough. Then, in 1870, the Parish community was officially established.

It's been 156 years of being a Catholic community serving the Lord and his people. I can't be more grateful for all the priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people, men and women, who have served Jesus in this community; for the many lives that have been touched and changed by the power of the Holy Spirit; for all the people who have found God in their lives through the celebration of sacraments, the religious education classes, the retreats, the pilgrimages, and the celebrations.

The story continues, and it's our responsibility to carry on the mission of the universal Church in this portion of the Body of Christ, proclaiming that Jesus is alive and that His Holy Spirit is still at work in this world.

New times bring new challenges that might be scary and new opportunities that are exciting.

One big challenge is to spread the seed of unity and reconciliation in these times of division. The Acts of the Apostles, written by St. Luke, reminds us how the apostles remained united in prayer along with our Blessed Mother before they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, praying together and for one another is a powerful way to work for unity and reconciliation.

Another important challenge is taking care of the building that is our home. The church roof lasted over 100 years and is now failing. More than 25 years ago, Fr. George Lange led a major project to renovate the interior of the Church. It's time to give our church a little love with some overdue maintenance work.

On the other hand, one huge opportunity for us is the great diversity of our Parish community. More nationalities, languages, and cultural traditions are now part of the family of St. Luke, making us a more accurate reflection of the Universal Church, the Catholic Church. With a more diverse community, more talents and gifts are brought to the service of the gospel, and more ways to know Jesus and to make him known. What a great blessing!

This weekend, I would like to invite you to offer your gift of prayer for our Parish, for all the leaders and volunteers, for all the projects and activities we will work on, and for me, your pastor. Let's intercede with love and devotion, especially for the work of evangelization, so we may be attentive to the voice of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With love and gratefulness,



Fr. Diego



Signature Campaign to Repeal 188

This year in Massachusetts, we face a grave threat to human life which requires our attention. On August 10, 2026, our governor signed a law (Chapter 188) removing all restrictions on abortion. If this law take effect as scheduled in November, abortion will be legal through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason, even if the mother and baby have no medial issues.

The Catholic bishops from Massachusetts have joined concerns to gather a statement to be shared with the lay faithful of our dioceses. Please read the provided bulletin insert.

A citizen-led referendum petition has been filed seeking to suspend Chapter 188 and allow voters to decide whether the law should remain in effect. 49,716 certified voter signatures are required to suspend the law while the referendum process proceeds. If reached by October 23, the law will be suspended, and the question will be added to the ballot in 2028.

Signature gathering will take place at many parishes, including St. Luke's, during the weekends of Oct 10-11 and Oct 17-18. The four bishops of MA urge your participation in this worthy effort. Your signature is very important!

Learn more at: repeal188.com or the QR code link.

New Parish Center Office Hours

Office hours at the Parish Center have expanded!

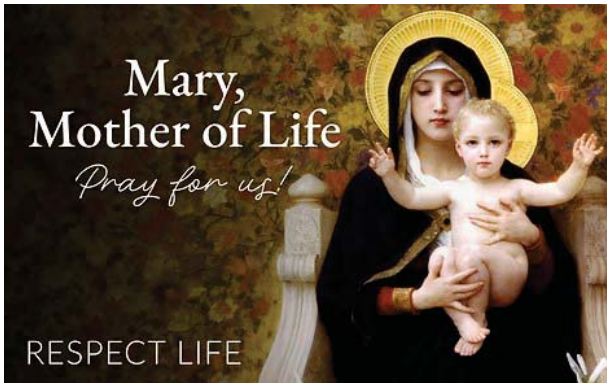
New Office Hours

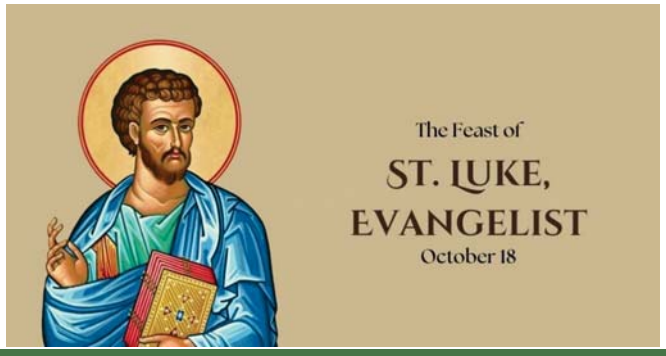
Monday: 9am - 3pm
Tuesday: 9am - 3pm
Wednesday: 9am - 3pm
Thursday: 10am - 6pm

The Parish Center office is available to assist you with parish business, sacramental records, scheduling, and other inquiries during these hours.

If you need assistance outside regular office hours, please contact us at 508-366-5502 or office@stlukes-parish.org.

We look forward to serving you!





Holy Grounds
Wednesday, October 21 after 9am Mass



Please join us for daily 9am Mass with coffee, treats, and good company immediately following.!

Hosted by
St. Luke's Welcome Ministry
welcome@stlukes-parish.org

Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30pm

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

Faith – and the Rest of Your Life

"Come to me all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Archbishop Hebda speaks on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us on Tuesday October 27 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in the Parish Center for dinner, fraternity, faith formation and prayer.

Please join us! All are welcome! Bienvenidos!

Lost and Found



Are you missing something that you may have lost at church?

Please visit our Lost and Found area! It is located on the windowsill of the steps leading to the choir loft. All items will be removed by November 1st. Thank you.

Looking for English Classes?

Tuesdays in the Parish Center
10am - 12pm for Beginners
12pm - 2pm for Advanced

Register with Carmen (508) 366-0519

Full of Grace Prayer Group
Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm

FULL of GRACE
WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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.

October 20 , 2026 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
St. Luke's Parish Center Hall

Join our Mailing List: FullofGrace@stlukes

Forever Young Senior Adult Ministry
Monday, October 26 at 10am

Forever Young

Our FIRST gathering will take place on MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, at 10am in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Dianne Patrick at 508-839-3220 or diannempatrick53@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

Suggested Items

Dinty Moore Beef Stew
Ramen
Chowders
Hash
Chili (can)
Pasta Sauce
Pasta
Ketchup
Mustard
Instant Potatoes
Pancake Mix (small box)
Microwave Popcorn
Beets (can)
Corn (can)
Potatoes (can)
Cooking Oil

Shampoo
Conditioner
Bodywash
Pump Soap

PLEASE
no opened or expired items

Westborough ASP

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Supporting The Westborough Food Pantry

SAT, October 24
9:00 am

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On October 24th by 9am, leave your donation curbside and we'll be by to collect throughout the day. THANK YOU!

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https://www.westboroughasp.org

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM



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worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood

Mass Intentions Week of October 17 - October 25

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

Saturday, October 17

4:00pm † **Paul Baril** by Baril family

† **Lynn Ann Ahronian**, 1 yr Anniversary by Diane Collins

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, October 18 - Feast of St Luke

7:30am † **Lt. Col. Carl W. Sprague** by his daughter

9:00am † **Nicholas Argento, Sr.** 9th Anniversary by his family

Anna Sylvester by Barretti family (blessings)

11:00am † **Donna Piccolo** by John & Josephine Barone

† **Judy Hall** by Theresa & Steve Churchill

Monday, October 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Joques

9:00am † Members of the Gombach-Franco family by their family

Tuesday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

9:00am † **Judy Hall** by Bill and Joann McCullough

† **Ed Sullivan** by Maria & Bob Gasser

Wednesday, October 21

9:00am **Nathan Indelicato** by Horrigans (healing for)

Thursday, October 22 - St. John Paul II

9:00am † **Family of Bagocius-Zarzycki** by family

Friday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano

9:00am † **John E "Skip" Oneil IV** by Bill & Joann McCullough

Saturday, October 24

4:00pm † **Timothy Leo Breen** by Breen family

† **Tim Hodgens** by Joan & Joe MacDougall

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, October 25

7:30am

9:00am † **Judy Hall** by Mary & Tom Burke

Anna Sylvester by Barretti family (blessings)

11:00am † **Hilda & Samuel DiRosa** by McMullen family

† **Suzanne Murphy** by Barretti family

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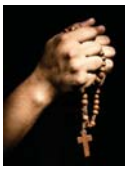
Parish Prayer Requests

Please pray for Margaret Hanna, Frankie Murphy, Adrian Marin, Olivia Zerwas, Lisa Sarli, Amy Conway, Rachael Pearce, Logan Troy, Aidan Parker, Ariadna, Luz Lopez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Cáceres family



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

For those who have died.

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

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the EUCHARIST."
St. John Paul II

Bulletin Info Deadlines

Interested in adding to our bulletin? Please submit your request to **mbarillower@stlukes-parish.org** **at least 7 days before** the desired weekend publishing.

The Church is OPEN 24/7

St. Luke the Evangelist Church is OPEN 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You are welcome to make a visit anytime you pass by.

Jesus is as happy to see us as we are to see Him.



Please Sign up for Parish Updates

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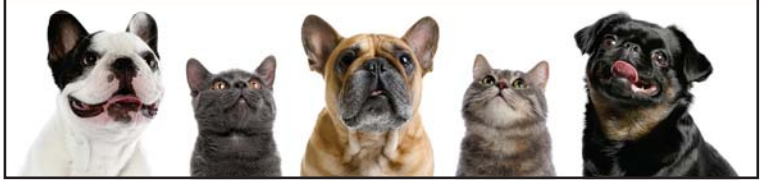

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