

Saint Luke the Evangelist

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TWENTY-THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Rom 13:8-9)





Every classroom in our school posted the rules for

learning. They included listening to others, being kind, being prepared and respecting both visitors and classmates. Every student knew what was expected and what was necessary for a successful academic year.

The Gospel presents a short guide for spiritual success, a set of rules for living a spiritual life in a community of faith. As the master teacher, Jesus gives us the steps to correct each other and keep a straight path to holiness. The most important step is prayer, which joins us with each other in the loving Presence of God. Success is assured.

Working and praying together are the steps we need to build the Kingdom of God on earth. Grace strengthens our efforts and prayer guides our decisions as we discern God's Will. Together we can accomplish so much when we include God in our lives. The spiritual life is about our response to grace, our choice to love and our willingness to sacrifice. We imitate the work and the life of Jesus when we seek the Father and love others. Those are the rules posted in our hearts, rules necessary for spiritual success.

James Gaffney,



Saturday, September 5

5:00pm Adelard "Red" Cote by his family

Sunday, September 6

7:00am Xavier John

by his family

9:00am Cleanne, Vilzard, Enold Revost

by their family

11:00am Mr. George

Monday September 7

9:00am Matthew John

by his family

Tuesday. September 8

9:00am **Dave Blackerby**

by his friends

Wednesday, September 9

9:00am

Thursday, September 10

9:00am

Friday, September 11

9:00am

Saturday, September 12

5:00pm Ruth Leo

by her family

Sunday, September 13

7:00am

9:00am Laurie Bilodeau

by Jeannette Ahronian

11:00am Claire Strouse

by her family

BAPTISMS` 12:30pm: Kellan Ryan Tierney & Tierney James Allsion



Please pray for...

Elise Ollman-Kahle, Susanne Ollman, Patricia Amorelli, Carol Aloisi, Michael, Kim Evans, Ann Martin, Mickie Aylward, Tuyen Tran, Mary Mahan, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Cheri McGee, Agnes Limberger Joe Gonzales, Zachary Collins, John Miller, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho, Sharon Beaulieu, Donna Manduke, Toby Claufon, Becky Rawson, Carmelia Potenti, Elisa Korb, George Beecher, Russell Gazzana, Erin Magrane, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Epifania Soto, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Andrea Furtado, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Neil Kenny, Paul Fallon, Debbie Giroux, Carole & Pam Laino, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Marie Wilson, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Kirolos Gergis, Beverly Taylor, Judy Melfa, Claire Kennedy, Maria Matejko, Peter Rose, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Richard Carey, Luz Chavez, James Thomas, Teresa Putnam, Christina Narensky, Lynn St. Jean, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Margaret Markert, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann, Joan Bunnell, Joan Finnerty, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Lucy Hamburger, David Carrera, Joel Rivera, Gary Shults, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, John Lynch, Kristy Cautello, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Carol Guarino, Michael Turpin, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Sally Gagliardi, Sam Mozley

Names of individuals on the Prayer Line are not published in the bulletin
Let us remember to pray for all the men and women and their
families who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan
We remember those who have died

Evelyn Richardson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by personal request Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

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 the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday at 5:00 PM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish.

Sunday Masses will be at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. There will be no 6:30 PM Mass on Sunday until further notice.



Registration is Ongoing for Faith Formation

Programs for grades Pre-K through 11th Most classes will be held online via Zoom

Click to visit St. Luke's website for details, schedules, and registration information

For Jr. High and High School Programs, contact Gloria Josephs: youthministry@stlukes-parish.org
For Grades K - 6 contact Tony Joseph: anthony1joseph1@gmail.com

SEEKING TEACHERS

Do you have a love for sharing our beautiful Catholic faith?

Would you be willing to share your faith with children of St. Luke's?

If so, please consider teaching or co-teaching a Faith Formation class. Your faith is a blessing to our youth!

We provide training, materials, and support!

Click here for more information: Faith Formation

K - 6 Catechists

Or Contact Tony Joseph (Grades K-6) at anthony1joseph1@gmail.com



"O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
who are so precious in your eyes...
God of love, show us our place in
this world

as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you!"

His Holiness Pope Francis for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, 2016

Amen.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The School Supply Drive is just one way Catholic Charities helps fami-

lies in need in Worcester County. Each year they provide backpacks filled with school supplies to hundreds of children. St. Luke's has proudly supported this drive for 8 years, helping 75 children whose families would not otherwise be able to provide for them.

This year the drive is contact-less. To help, you can purchase supplies on their Amazon Wish List, below. Supplies will be sent straight to their office to be packed and distributed to school children in need. Thank you for your support!

Kindly indicate on your Amazon order that your gift

Virtual Bake Sale



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Forever Young has been unable to host any delicious Bake Sales, which are their only fund-raising efforts. Instead, we are enlisting your support by way of a "VIRTUAL BAKE SALE".

You can help us by using the Senior Adult envelope provided in your September church envelope packet.

Thank you for your support!





The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues to pour their love, care and prayers into every beautiful lap robe, baby blanket, and prayer shawl they knit. These wonderful items are available for those who seek a little extra comfort during these trying times.



Carol Mulcahy shares, "Over the past two months we have been meeting behind the Parish Center and will continue to do so as long as the weather cooperates. We bring lawn chairs that are placed six feet apart and we wear masks. It's a good opportunity to socialize while we work on the shawls." Parishioners who are not able to attend meetings at the parish center actively work on shawls in their home.

When finished knitting, the ministry prays over each carefully crafted item and attaches a Miraculous Medal and prayer card before providing them to our Parish Outreach programs. These beautiful shawls, lap robes and blankets have been a particular source of comfort to our Saint Luke parishioners as well as the families of Visitation House, the Appalachia Service Project, and the babies baptized at St. Luke's.

These beautiful hand-knit items will be available in the vestibule of the church at all masses this weekend. You are invited to take one of these gifts to those who may be suffering, those who are in mourning, or those who just need to feel they are very much loved. They are also available by reaching out to Pam at the Parish Center Office at 508-366-8509 to make arrangements for pickup

WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL ONE OPEN SEAT ON ST. LUKE'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

SUBMIT A SELF-NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL

What is the Pastoral Council? It's a group of parishioners who investigates pastoral matters, considers them thoroughly, and proposes practical conclusions about them to Monsignor Mike.

What is the commitment?
The council meets monthly. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Terms are for three years.

What if I am interested?
Email Vice Chair Matt Zogg at
mszogg@hotmail.com
-Include a brief one sentence message indicating
your interest.

- -Include your name and contact information.
- CC both Monsignor Mike frmike@stlukesparish.org

and Father Joe FrJoe@stlukes-parish.org on the email.

THUS SAYS THE LORD: RETURN TO ME

God says, "I am your God and will be faithful to you even when you won't be faithful to me." Through human history, this divine faithfulness is shown to us in God's increasing desire for intimacy. At first God was the God for us, our protector and shield. Then, when Jesus came, God became the God with us, our companion and friend. Finally, when Jesus sent his Spirit, God was revealed to us as the God within us, our very breath and heartbeat.

Our life is full of brokenness—broken relationships, broken promises, broken expectations. How can we live that brokenness without becoming bitter and resentful except by returning again and again to God's faithful presence in our lives? Without this "place" of return, our journey easily leads us to darkness and despair. But with this safe and solid home, we can keep renewing our faith, and keep trusting that the many setbacks of life move us forward to an always greater bond with the God of the covenant.

Fr. Henri Nouwen, **Sabbatical Journey** Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932–1996) was an internationally known priest and is among the great spiritual writers of modern times.

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, VBS GOES VIRTUAL!

We were excited to offer Vacation Bible School (VBS) virtually in August! The theme was the Rocky Railway with the slogan, "Jesus Pulls us Through!" Teaming up with several other Westborough churches, St. Luke's helped to create a fun, creative and spirit filled week of Bible adventures, music, crafts, games and Kidvid videos! Families participated from their own homes each morning, with team leaders helping the children and parents to navigate through the program. The highlight of the week was snack time on Friday, when all the kids gathered as one large group. Here the kids got to build trains out of food and then enjoy them - yummy!

A big thank you to our parishioners: Noelle Monaghan who oversaw publicity and her son Tyler who was a crew leader; Christine O'Keefe and her kids who provided fun games for the kids and to Christina Zogg who was in charge of the Imagination Station. We are also grateful for the leadership at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and the Methodist Church who created a strong leadership team that was unfazed by the need to go virtual. Jesus' power definitely pulled us through.











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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM,

<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM

<u>Holy Days</u>
7:00 AM, 12:10PM and 7:30PM

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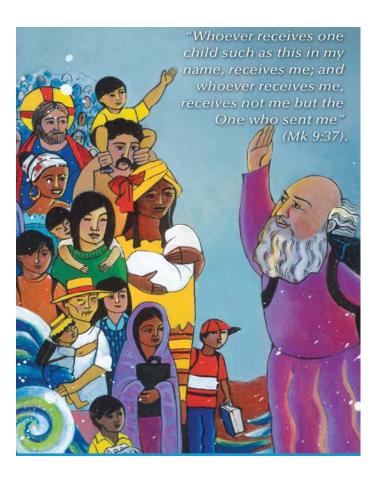
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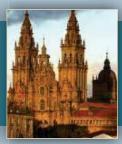
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