



# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT February 18, 2018

Diocese of Worcester  
Office of the Bishop  
49 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609



*“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”*

--John 10:10

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have begun the forty day Lenten season of prayer, penance and almsgiving that precedes the re-birth of Easter. You and I need Lent because we are sinners called to repentance. However, Lent’s journey is not just aimed at repentance and, through God’s grace, overcoming sin. Lent and Easter lead us to accept Jesus Christ more fully that we may have the abundance of life He came to bring. Too often, we settle for less.

Saint Augustine captured well the human condition on earth when in his Confessions he said, “You have made us for thee, O Lord, and restless are our hearts until they rest in thee.” Our restless hearts long for peace, joy and fulfillment. Too often in that pursuit, we waver in our commitment to the Lord, as compromise, weakness and rationalization lead us to pursue our peace, joy and fulfillment apart from Jesus Christ and His Gospel. In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis asks, “how many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!”

Lenten prayer as well as the desert starkness of its penance, fasting and sacrifice for others, give us the opportunity to see through the allure of sin, dispel the trance of materialism and free ourselves from the things that can attract but not satisfy our hearts. Those disciplines then incline our hearts to be more receptive to God’s grace, Easter’s joy and the sublime wonder of our baptismal adoption as God’s children called to share in His divine life.

Reflecting on the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis speaks about the “fire of Easter” and the prayer that “the light of Christ rising in glory may dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.” It is my prayer that through a fervent Lent, we may deepen the holiness of our lives by repenting and rooting out sin from our hearts. Then, with a clarity of vision that can only come from purified hearts, may we in Holy Week, grasp anew the fire of God’s love for each one of us. In the light of that deepened realization may our restless hearts discover the abundance of life for which we long.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

Today's readings can be found in the *Gather Hymnal* page 1017

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- Saturday, February 17**  
 5:00pm **Gabrielle Gabriel**  
 by her daughter
- Sunday, February 18**  
 7:30am **Patricia Horrigan DiLorenzo**  
 (9th Anv.) by her family
- 9:00am **David Holmes**  
 by his family
- 11:00am **Anthony Papp**  
 by Nancy Papp Anton & family
- 6:30pm **Mary Flynn**  
 by her family
- Monday, February 19**  
 9:00am **Merle Coughlin**  
 by the family
- Tuesday, February 20**  
 9:00am **Cleanne, Vilzard & Enold Revost**  
 by their family
- Wednesday, February 21**  
 9:00am **Dec'd members of Clasby family**  
 by their family
- Thursday, February 22**  
 9:00am **Souls in Purgatory**
- Friday, February 23**  
 9:00am **Paul Dempsey**  
 by his wife
- Saturday, February 24**  
 8:00am **Carole Young**  
 by the family
- 5:00pm **Bertha "Bertie" Rahmig**  
 (10th Anv.) by Nancy Papp Anton & family
- Sunday, February 25**  
 7:30am **Patrick Kearney**  
 9:00am **Vilsaint Revost & Celinice Milien**  
 11:00am **Margaret Revine Barry**  
 6:30pm **Betty Parry**

Pray the Rosary  
 Monday through Friday  
 after the 9:00 Mass  
 Cenacle Monday at 6:30PM



*Please pray for...*

Nancy Papp Anton, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Cheri McGee, Kim Evans, Beverly Taylor, Sharon Beaulieu, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Joe Gonzales, Zachary Collins, Grace Roche, Elise Renee, Ann Tisbert, Patrick, Christine, Robert Coutinho, Toby Claufon, William Carr, Charles Flynn, Becky Rawson, Richard Renaud, Russell Gazzana, Abelardo Prodigalidad, Bill Miller, Erin Magrane, Don McLatchey, Ellie Carlson, Epifania Soto, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Melinda O'Connor, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Rosemary Bartolini, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Neil Kenny, Paul Fallon, Carole & Pam Laino, Sharon Magnetti, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Ronald Cox, Joan Fallon, Joan Antonio, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Judy Melfa, Claire Kennedy, Connie Heagerty, Maria Matejko, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Richard Carey, Emiliano Cuellar, Donna Butler, James Thomas, Teresa Putnam, Christina Narensky, Lynn St. Jean, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Margaret Markert, Susan Garry, Barbara Auger, Ann Price, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann, Joan Finnerty, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker, Ruth Davoe, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Elizabeth Flynn, Richard Samson, Marie Paradis, Joel Rivera, Gary Shults, Isla Winnie Bassler, Corine Sciarappa, John Lynch, Kristy Cautello, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Carol Guarino, Michael Turpin, Debbie Krikler, Sally Gagliardi, Sam Mozley, Carson Wong,

**PARISH PRAYER LINE 508.366.6916**

*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...***

William Horohoe, Patrick Cuff (grandson of Mary Cuff)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION**



**TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:30PM**  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AT 3:00PM**  
**PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AT 6:00PM**  
**ADORATION MUSIC AT 6:10PM**  
**BENEDICTION AT 6:30PM**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## RCIA

Rite of  
Christian  
Initiation  
for Adults



Interested in becoming Catholic?

## RCIA – RITES OF SENDING AND ELECTION

Three people will be celebrating the **Rite of Sending** and the **Rite of Election** on February 18, the first Sunday of Lent. From the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), **Michael Verzosa** is seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, and **Christy Cullen and Scott Perry** are seeking the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The spiritual lives for all these people have been enhanced through the support of the St. Luke's parish community.

The first Sunday of Lent marks a milestone in the RCIA journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church. On this day, our candidates, Mike, Christy, and Scott, participate in the Rite of Election at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester. They join hundreds of other catechumens and candidates from throughout the Worcester diocese on that day. At the cathedral, the Rite of Election (for catechumens who have yet to be baptized) and the Call to Continuing Conversion (for candidates like Mike, Christy, and Scott who have received a Christian baptism) affirm the intention of catechumens and candidates to move into the final phase of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation to be conferred at the Easter Vigil Mass. The past several months of catechesis focused on a conversion of heart and mind to follow Christ in the Catholic faith tradition. Our candidates are now entering the stage of purification and enlightenment, a time of deep reflection on what it means to be a Christian in the Catholic faith tradition.

The Rite of Election is a memorable occasion for catechumens and candidates. St. Paul's Cathedral is magnificent, and the throngs of people throughout the diocese seeking full communion into the Catholic Church represent a powerful witness to God's work as are also all the sponsors, who have chosen to walk with the candidates on their spiritual journey through RCIA.

The Rite of Election is preceded by the Rite of Sending at our own parish. As awe-inspiring as the Rite of Election is, the Rite of Sending is a more intimate expression of support from our own St. Luke's Parish as we prepare our candidates to go before the Bishop. At the Rite of Sending, our candidates are recognized by the St. Luke's faithful and inscribe their names in the book of our parish. In so doing, they are inscribing their lives in the heart of our St. Luke's faith community. Their presence at the Rite of Sending sends a powerful message to all of us at St. Luke's to not take our own faith for granted.

Please keep Mike, Christy, and Scott in your prayers as they enter the Purification and Enlightenment phase and home stretch in their pursuit of the Sacraments of Initiation.



### MUSTARD SEED SOUP KITCHEN

St. Luke's Parish will be sponsoring the meal at the Mustard Seed on Friday, March 2nd. A sign-up sheet and recipes for donating food and serving are in the back of the church. Food drop-off is at 11 Old Nourse Rd., Westborough on Friday, March 2nd, by 4:30. If you have any questions, please call Sue Black at 508-212-2748. Many thanks!

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
9:30AM-5:30PM  
Closed on Friday

### READERS ARE NEEDED!

### SOUP & STATIONS

We are looking for adults and teens to be Readers at the Soup and Stations Service, which will be held in the Church on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need fourteen Readers and two Crucifers, plus one person to carry the Cross. Afterwards, all are invited to partake of a simple meal of Clam Chowder, Macaroni and Cheese and Salad in the Parish center. This is a wonderful way to be part of the Journey of the Passion of Christ! All Readings will be provided before the Service. Please call Ellen Linn at (508)366-5502. Many thanks!

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## SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

To register for this Lenten Program please e-mail or call: [sharon47wilkins@gmail.com](mailto:sharon47wilkins@gmail.com)  
Phone: 508-366-1998 (please leave name, e-mail and telephone#)

## EXPLORE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SEEKING FORGIVENESS

For more information please call 508-366-8509, ext. 4 or email Julie at [Jbasq@verizon.net](mailto:Jbasq@verizon.net).

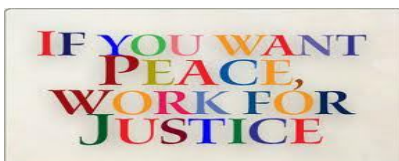
## MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17 and ticket prices increase on Thursday, March 1st. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration Visit our website - [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) - for information and ticket purchases. Ticket prices until Feb 28th are \$45.00, they go to \$60.00 after March 1st, Students are \$30.00. For information please contact Herman Millet at 508-735-8465 or Jay Woodman at 508-330-7071.

## Catholic Free Press Subscription Renewal

Regular subscriptions are \$30 per year for 52 issues and 52 weeks of online eEdition access. (email address required) If you would like to order or renew your subscription please use the envelope that is included with your monthly St. Luke's envelopes and put it in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please call Maria at 508-366-5502. We are updating our list of subscribers and need this information by the end of February. Thank you.

**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH  
IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK,  
WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS.  
JESUS WILL BE AS HAPPY TO SEE US  
AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.**



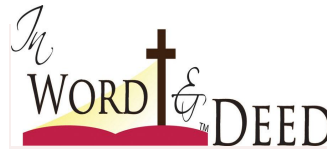
## LENTEN SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY THE PASSION AND THE CROSS

by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 if you are interested.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP STUDY GROUP

For information please email or call Pete Dunbeck – [pete@dunbeck.net](mailto:pete@dunbeck.net) / 781-856-8962



Fresh starts and new agreements generate excitement and hope. With renewed energy and an optimistic

outlook, people begin new jobs, countries work toward peace, teams rebuild their season, and broken promises are restored. Setting aside past mistakes and starting again can be our best hope for restoration, reconciliation and progress.

God's covenants with His People are fresh starts and new beginnings. Noah, Abraham, and Moses entered into new covenants with God and the people were given a new sense of purpose, of life and of faith. They were renewed by the mercy and love of God and accomplished great things. The terms of the covenant spelled out God's Will and the people's faith was renewed and restored.

Lent is our time of renewal and restoration. We are given a fresh start through penance—both sacramental and personal. This is our opportunity to take a spiritual inventory, to set a new course, and to grow in faith, in grace and in holiness. In Baptism, we begin a journey of faith, to love with His heart, to think with His mind, to act with His Will. To be a follower of Christ is to live a life of conversion and penance, seeking union with God and the community of the Church. Our daily conversion of mind, body and soul takes us closer to Jesus and the sacrifice of the cross. This Lent, make each day count. Do just one thing, one simple act that will make you stop, think and choose the Lord. Renew your own agreement with the Lord.

James Gaffney



“St. Luke’s donates 10% of its weekly collection through Sharing First . We donate to others before attending to our own wants. Sharing First is unique not only because there is one collection each week, but that we help the needy first. Please adjust your donation to include both Sharing First and St. Luke’s. Thank you for your generous support.

**FEBRUARY 11** supports (TODAY) **FR. SYLVESTER’S MISSION IN GHANA** in the amount of **\$1253**

**FEBRUARY 18** supports **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

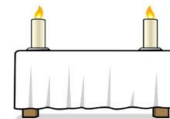
**FEBRUARY 25** supports **ABBY'S HOUSE**

Opened in 1976 as one of the country's first homeless shelters for women. Abby's House has provided more than 13,000 women and children with shelter, housing and advocacy. With 78 units of affordable housing, Abby's House is Worcester's largest provider of affordable and supportive housing specifically designed to meet the needs of marginalized women and children. Each woman is assigned her own Advocate who helps her develop an Individualized Empowerment Plan designed to help her regain her footing on the path to independence and break the cycle of homelessness.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, “Peace to you,” grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

*St. John XXIII*



Looking for adult Altar Servers to assist at funerals during the week. Usually three people share the responsibility, and your involvement can increase as you become more comfortable. Commitment is from 10am until noon on the day of the funeral Mass. While advance notice for funerals is usually a day or two, if you are on our list you can certainly decline or let us know which day of the week is best for you. Training is provided. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Maria Gasser at 508-366-5502.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Our Annual Pasta Supper will be on Sat March 10 at 6 pm. Great meal and raffle baskets! Tickets will be on sale the weekend of March 3**



The Knight of Columbus John Boyle O'Reilly Council is hosting an open house on February 25th noon to 4pm. Please stop by with your family and learn more about the Knights of Columbus and what we can offer to the men of our Parish. Refreshments will be offered and questions an-



**FOREVER YOUNG  
MUSIC – MUSIC – MUSIC**

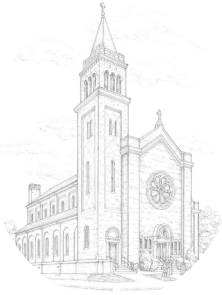
Enjoy a sing-along with Nancy Gage at the piano, when we meet on Monday, Feb. 26, at 9:45 a.m. After continental breakfast and a short business meeting, we'll tickle our tonsils with all the songs we've sung over the years. And please remember to bring the manufacturers' coupons you've saved during the last month. For a weather-related cancellation, call Jean-Marie Newey at 508-845-3686 or Florence Richards at 508-329-1133.

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**



“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” (Mark 1:14) Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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Closed Friday

## **LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM**

**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 6:30 PM**

## **Weekday Masses**

**Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM**

**Saturday 8:00 AM**

## **Holy Days**

**7:00 AM, 12:10PM and 7:30PM**

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## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 24/25**

### **Saturday, 5:00PM Mass**

**Lector:** John Huddy

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kathleen Gorczyca, Amy Schur,  
Dianne Patrick, Sue & Joe Black

**Cantor:** Susan Bailey

**Servers:** Derek, Jane & Henry Pittorino

**Greeters:** Nancy Federici & Ryan Tierney

### **Sunday 7:30 AM**

**Lector:** Lyn Amaroso

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Carolyn Black,  
Dave Fay & Ed Swiderski

**Servers:** Samantha & Erika Stucci & Anna & Joe Bernat

**Greeters:** Priscilla & Joe Federici

### **9:00 AM Mass**

**Lector:** Jean Boucher

**Cantor:** Ellen Linn

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Cathy O'Neil, Brent French,  
Lyn Amoroso, Kathy Richov & Antony Thomas

**Servers:** Annabella, Jackson & Ava Biancheri,  
Abby French & Esther Antony

### **11:00 AM Mass:**

**Lector:** Rick Kotosky

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Thi Barbini, Pat Morin,  
Patricia Karpacz, Sue McCann & Beth Kay

**Cantor:** Susan Bailey

**Servers:** Carson Palladini, Rigaud Durandisse,  
Joseph Marino & Anton Jayavendra

**Greeters:** Linda Bent & Debra Cebulski

### **6:30PM Mass**

**Lector:** Jennifer Brown

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Marianne O'Connor, Anne Egan,  
Kathy Dunbeck, Pat Gagnon & Ramona Michael

**Servers:** Eric Gould, Elizabeth & Lucas Toth  
& Kathleen O'Reilly

**Greeters:** Kathy Kivlehan

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*St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is a Roman Catholic community in the Diocese of Worcester. We strive to learn, teach and joyfully live the fullness of our Faith and serve God and our neighbors in charity and truth. We faithfully celebrate the Sacraments, pray together as a community and give generously of our time, talent and treasure to live and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives.*