March 20, 2016

Saint Luke the Evangelist
A Roman Catholic Community
Serving the People of Westborough Since 1870
Palm Sunday March 20, 2016

Hosanna in the Highest!
Today’s readings can be found in the Gather Hymnal page 1031

**Please pray for...**

Connor Blaney, Rosalie Utley, Phyllis Moroney

**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...
Barbara Mahan, Mary Concaugh, Michael Orlando

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**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION**

TUESDAY  9:30AM TO 6:30 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL AT 3:00PM

PRAYER FOR THE SANCCTITY OF LIFE AT 6:00PM

ADORATION MUSIC AT 6:10PM

BENEDICTION AT 6:30 PM

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**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.
FOREVER YOUNG DAY OF REFLECTION

On Monday, March 21, at 10 a.m., we will again observe a Day of Reflection with Father Charles Dumphy, who will celebrate a special Mass for us at the Parish Center. Fr. Charles will join us afterward for a light lunch of homemade soup and bread, and then share with us some reflections on the Lenten season. All are welcome to join us for a morning of thoughtful contemplation.

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE $10,000.00!
additional cash prizes, fabulous door prizes,
50/50, outstanding raffle items
complimentary hor d'oeurves and dessert, cash bar!

Tickets are $100.00 each-only 200 tickets sold,
they sell quickly!
Tickets will be sold before and after masses on:
April 22/23, April 30, May 1 and May 7/8
*tickets are also available at the Rectory or by calling
Mary Christensen 508-366-1575
*cash/check accepted

This is our only fundraiser
By buying a ticket you are helping to support the Women of St. Luke's with our parish ministries: outreach, prison ministries, giving tree, adopt a family at Christmas, emergency needs, awarding scholarships to St. Luke's graduating High School seniors and social events!

Grab a few friends...split a ticket and join us for a fun evening all while supporting the Women of St. Luke's and our Parish!

ST. LUKE PILGRIMAGE CHURCH OF MERCY

We have been honored by Bishop McManus to be designated a Pilgrimage Church for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. As a way of emphasizing this special designation, we have beautiful banner in the vestibule calling attention to the Holy Door and a new signboard in the front of the church. A very special ‘thank you’ goes to the Peter Gardner Family (Curry Printing) who generously donated the Mercy Banner and the Mercy signboard.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The next day is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised, “On that day, the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy.” (Diary of St. Faustina, number 699)
Pasta Supper raised $2,618 for St Damien’s Pediatric Hospital in Haiti. Thank you to our youth who cooked and served the meal, the kitchen crew, and all those who came to enjoy the meal.

ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than $3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 30, 2016. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can make contact at the above address or phone number.

St. Luke’s is looking for a responsible, kind and loving babysitter for an hour a week on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am. The expectations would be to play with and oversee a group of lively preschoolers while their mothers are in the next room, receiving spiritual enrichment. The children may move freely between the two rooms but it is good to have someone focused just on the children – and particularly on the door to the outside hallway – to ensure that it remains closed. If you are interested please contact Julie Basque at 508-366-8509 for more details.

ARE YOU NEWLY RETIRED OR ABOUT TO RETIRE? Are you interested in learning how others have approached retirement? Have you reflected on how God might be inviting you to spend some of your free time? Come to the rectory after daily Mass on Thursday April 14th for coffee and light refreshments. Please call Julie Basque at 508-366-8509 ext 4 for more questions or ideas to share.

ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Merciful Like the Father …From the Inside Out

MERCY RETREATS 2016

APRIL 28, 29, 30
PARISH CENTER
СПOTS FILLING QUICKLY—SIGNUP TODAY!

Thursday evening 6-9pm – includes dinner.
Friday evening 6-9pm - includes dinner.
Saturday morning 8-12 noon – includes breakfast
Sign-up at St. Luke’s website or
For more information or to sign up
call Maria 508-366-5502

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program for the Diocese of Worcester. If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. Saturday, April 2 at 9 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel/St. Ann Parish Center, 28 Mulberry Street, Worcester. Contact information: Diaconate office 508-929-4335

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“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.

March 13, 2016 supports CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES in the amount of $1380
March 20, 2016 (today) supports "OUR LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS ORPHANAGE IN HAITI
March 27 supports PERNET

The Little Sisters of the Assumption came to Worcester in 1955 to work with families and their children. The essential Mission of the Sisters is to provide health care and support to the disadvantaged families and to revitalize the spirit of those degraded by poverty. In 1968, the Sisters incorporated under the title Pernet Family Health Service, named after the order’s founder. The agency has become a home health agency working with individuals and families to provide family-centered, health and social services that lead to long term strengthening and enhancement of family and community life. This year they are celebrating 60 years of caring for families. They are a model of the love and mercy that we are called to.

We invite you to learn more about the vital and far reaching work that they do by visiting their website ~ pernetfamilyhealth.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Pot Luck Supper is Saturday, April 2 at 6 pm. Please rsvp to Gloria

REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 8, 9, 10:

Guest speaker Linda Thayer will present her program “Vocation of Love” on Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 -9pm in the church. Both parents and students are expected to come. On Monday, April 4 Linda will present part 2 for parents only, 7:30 -9pm in the church.

“The family, where we keep loving one another despite our limits and sins, thus becomes a school of forgiveness. Forgiveness is itself a process of communication. When contrition is expressed and accepted, it becomes possible to restore and rebuild the communication which broke down. A child who has learned in the family to listen to others, to speak respectfully and to express his or her view without negating that of others, will be a force for dialogue and reconciliation in society.

Pope Francis (1/23/15)

A GRIEF SERIES

Session One: Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Permission to Mourn

Session Two: Thursday, April 21, 2016
Spiritual Care: Loss and Meaning with Monsignor Mike Foley

Session Three: Wednesday, May 4, 2016
The Mosaic of Grief: What Can I Expect?

Session Four: Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Anniversaries and Holidays: How can I survive while feeling so triggered?

Session Five: Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Restoring Balance: Self-Compassion & Care while moving forward

All sessions will be held in the parish center at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1 Ruggles Rd., Westborough, MA 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Please pre-register with Julie Basque, pastoral associate, at 508-366-8509, ext 4

Palm Sunday

“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. (Luke 22:34) How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don’t want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.
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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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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.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, after 9:00AM morning Mass
“Be still and know that I am God.”
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3PM.
Prayer for Sanctity of Life 6:00PM
 Benediction at 6:30PM.

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ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
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WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS.
JESUS WILL BE AS HAPPY TO SEE US AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.

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