

# Today's Faith... Building for Tomorrow

## St. Luke's Parish



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### In Memoriam

Reverend William Reginald Jenkinson was born on June 27, 1931 in Providence. His parents were John J. Jenkinson and Lillian Vitullo.

Fr. Jenkinson was baptized at St. Jean Baptist Parish in Warren and received his 1st Communion and Confirmation at the same parish church. He attended St. Jean Baptist School and LaSalle Academy. After graduation from LaSalle in 1949, he attended Our Lady of Providence Seminary College in Warwick for two years, and then completed his studies in Philosophy at the Seminary of Philosophy in Montreal. He was then assigned to his major theological studies at the American College in Louvain, Belgium and he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien with his classmate, bishop Mulvee there on June 30, 1957, on the 100th anniversary of the College by the late Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien.

Fr. Jenkinson's first assignment was to St. Joseph Parish in Newport. In 1961, after furthering his education at Louvain, he received a doctorate in Sacred Theology and then returned to St. Joseph's for two more years. Fr. Jenkinson then spent the next sixteen years teaching in different parts of the United



States. He taught at St. John's Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas for three years. He then went on to teach at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana for six years. His next assignment was to teach at St. Mary's University and Seminary in Baltimore where he also served as the Academic Dean until he was called back to the Diocese of Providence.

From 1979 through 1981 he served as the assistant pastor of St. Louis Parish in Woonsocket, and in 1981, he was appointed Pastor of our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, in Woonsocket where he remained for 10 years.

Fr. Jenkinson came to St. Luke Parish in June 1991 where he oversaw the expansion and renovation of the parish church.

Catholic Education was a priority for Fr. Jenkinson and under his leadership the parish school has grown and has been honored for its academic and spiritual excellence.

Fr. Jenkinson loved Chopin and tennis, gardening and reading. He had a keen mind and he was an accomplished pianist. But more than anything else he was a good and holy priest who found the meaning of life in his role of pastor and shepherd.

*May the Lord Jesus, who Fr. Jenkinson served so well, welcome him now to the great Liturgy of Heaven.*

## "A Mother"

*A Mother cares for everyone  
A Mother makes sure everything gets done  
A Mother makes sure everyone is fed  
A Mother tells you to pay attention to the  
Father  
A Mother thinks about herself last  
A Mother picks you up when you are down  
A Mother just loves you!*

These are some of the sentiments on a card sent by Mrs. Keenan's reading group to Ann Marie Becuue, the parish secretary. The last line read "to the Mother of St. Luke's Parish."

A secretary's job is never easy. Within a parish approximating 1800 families, there is never a dull moment. There are always phone calls with questions to answer or redirect, information to provide and/or mail out and appointments to set up and prepare for. In my interactions with Ann Marie, she has always been professional, kind, caring, nurturing and embracing. Most of the time I am asking a favor, but she makes me feel like it's no big deal, but even more than that, she is happy to do it for me. I know a secretary can often be taken for granted and many times gets the projects that no one wants to do. Many are tedious, but Ann Marie accepts all challenges with a gracious positive attitude. In putting together the Parish Newsletter, she provides the names of the deceased, newly baptized and new parishioners. She also co-ordinates the folding, stuffing, labeling and mailing.

If you have ever seen her in action – and I know you must have as she is everywhere – you will agree that her smile and positive nurturing outlook will make you smile too. Thanks Ann Marie for the way you take care of us parishioners.

## Canned Goods Sunday

As you know, Canned Goods Sunday is held once a month @ St. Luke's. Boxes are located at all of the entrance doors. But, the need for food is not just once a month. Agencies such as Tap-In are in continual need of food to stock their shelves allowing them to help feed the poor, hungry and people with family crisis. Please consider making every Sunday a Canned Goods Sunday. One can from each family or family member attending mass on Saturday or Sunday will make a huge difference in the support we can offer as a community to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please take a non-perishable item to church with you to help feed those less fortunate. God bless you all!

## "Doubly Blessed"

It has been a pleasure and privilege to minister to the families of St. Luke's during the past ten years. Now, my husband, Peter, and I have the double pleasure of being the proud parents of one-year old Caryn Leigh Xiu and Mary Rose Yu.

In March, we traveled 12,000 miles to the southern Chinese province of Jiangxi to unite with our daughters. The twins were left at the Chongren Orphanage gates when they were one day old and were cared for by a staff of dedicated women.

Our joy is immeasurable and the twins are growing leaps and bounds. Their laughter, smiles and hugs have filled the lives of our family, friends and neighbors beyond our imagination. We give praise and thanks to God for this precious gift of new life. As we are reminded in the book of Ecclesiastes, "to everything there is a season."

Diane Comerford  
*Religious Education Coordinator*

## Automatic Deduction

The automatic deduction program at St. Luke's is in place and being utilized by many parishioners. With the recent break-ins and in an effort to plan more effectively, the automatic deduction program has been growing in numbers. Although, still in its infancy, the program offers parishioners the opportunity to enroll in a planned payment deduction format. Forms are available by the main entry doors of the church or by calling the rectory. Please consider this consistent option of giving.

# Music Ministry

Stephen P. Kirby, Director of Music, leads the Music Ministry of St. Luke's Church. He is assisted by David Lauria who is the Director of the Contemporary Choir. Each of these individuals is responsible for coordinating the music at their respective liturgies. Both Directors have had training in liturgy and music. It is their responsibility to select appropriate hymns for the various types of celebrations related to all liturgies that place during the Church Year. The selection of hymns for Mass each Sunday is directly related to various Cycles of the Church Year. Within the various Cycles of the Church Year, hymns are related to the readings of the Sunday Mass as found in the Missalette. There are special seasons within the Cycles of the Church Year, such as Advent, Lent, Christmas and Easter. As you attend Mass, please utilize the Hymnal and participate in congregational singing and consider how the hymns relate to the readings of the day and theme of the Mass as led by the celebrant of each Mass.

Stephen P. Kirby

## St. Luke's Parish Web Site

**It's time for you to take a look at the Parish Web Site!**

You will be impressed by the information available to you at your fingertips. You can find: mass times, telephone numbers, parish publications, information on the sacraments, directions, calendar of events, pictures and ministries in the parish plus much more.

Visit [WWW.STLUKESPARISH.COM](http://WWW.STLUKESPARISH.COM) today!

## Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council Members!

In case you haven't heard the results of the May 22nd Parish Council Elections, here are the winners of the five vacant slots:

**Jerry Fogarty, Bud Kerns, Ann Molak, Paul Grossman (incumbent) and Arlene Harrington (incumbent)**

For a look at the Parish Council Constitution and By-Laws along with meeting minutes, please go the parish website at [www.stlukesparish.com](http://www.stlukesparish.com). Remember that all meetings are open to parishioners and meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church basement with no meetings in July & August. Meeting times and dates also appear in the Parish Bulletin.

**Volunteers Needed!** Do you have a special talent? Maybe you're an Accountant, Bookkeeper, Secretary, Painter, Landscaper, Business Owner, Writer, Promoter, Engineer, Housewife, Programmer or any of a million different professions. Well, please don't let your talents go to waste, we need your help! St. Luke's is always in need of one service or another to help us improve our community. Please consider volunteering your time and/or talents to the parish. See one of the priests or a member of the Parish Council to let your talent and desire to help others be know! The St. Luke's community will all benefit by the gift you provide.

### St. Luke's Parish

Rev. Robert (Bob) Hawkins, Pastor

Rev. Matthew Glover, Assistant Pastor

#### TELEPHONE

Rectory ..... 246-1212

Religious Ed ..... 246-1363

School ..... 246-0990

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Daily – 7:00 a.m.

Saturday – 9 a.m.

Novena – Monday at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Third Sunday of each month. Contact Parish Priest.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact Parish Priest 10-12 months to one year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. or anytime by contacting one of the Parish Priests.

#### WEBSITE:

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