



Saturday January 10, 2015

5:00 PM +Father Tom 3rd Anniversary
r/b St. Luke's Parishioners

Sunday January 11, 2015

7:30 AM +Father Tom
r/b Jane Thomas

10:30 AM +William Chamberlin
r/b The Family

6:00 PM For those struggling to carry
Their crosses

Monday January 12, 2015

8:00 AM For peace in the world

Tuesday January 13, 2015

8:00 AM For Pope Francis

Wednesday January 14, 2015

8:00 AM +Cenon Fernandez
r/b Ann Villa & family

Thursday January 15, 2015

8:00 AM +Scott Traska
r/b The Bocchino Family

Friday January 16, 2015

8:00 AM +William & Grace Beers
r/b Their Grand Daughter

Saturday January 17, 2015

5:00 PM +Marina Perrone
r/b Maria

Sunday January 18, 2015

7:30 AM Jane Thomas
r/b Cliff Daley

10:30 AM +Mary Okolo
r/b Her Children

6:00 PM For all parishioners

The Baptism of the Lord

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.” MARK 1:7

We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way on fulfilling God's plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be “a light for the nations.”

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, “You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.

PARISH SUPPORT

Christmas Collection – December 25	-	\$9,084
Regular Collection - December 8	-	\$5,018
Giving Tree	-	\$2,885
Christmas Flowers	-	\$1,374
Holy Day Collection - January 1	-	\$1,142
Regular Collection - January 4	-	\$6,965
Maintenance Collection – January 4	-	\$1,676

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed – 875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 1-8 pm

Thursday 9-1pm

Also by Appointment

Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

CONFIRMATION – 2015 – Grade 9

All candidates MUST attend at least 1 Youth Ministry meeting January 25, February 22 or March 22. It is the student's responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

January 11 – Sunday – 6 pm Mass – Confirmation Candle Mass for all Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates and their families. Please plan to arrive by 5:45 pm.

Confirmation Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015 1:00 PM

Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, April 23, 2015 – 6:30 PM

Confirmation Reconciliation: Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, 2015 during regular class time.

Grade 2 – Students and Families

First Reconciliation – Saturday, January 10 – 10 AM in the Church

Sunday, February 1 – Candle Mass for all Grade 2 students and families at the 10:30 Mass.

Religious Education Program – 2015

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – January 11 and 25 – 9-10:15 am

No Class January 18

Monday – January 12 and 26 – 6:45-8:00 pm

No Class January 19

Tuesday – January 13 and 27 – 4:15-5:30 pm

No Class January 20

Tuesday – January 13 and 27 – 7:00 – 8:15 pm

No Class January 20

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays for all children age 4 up to Grade 5. Join us on Sunday January 11, 18 and 25th during the 10:30 Mass.

Volunteer Service Work

Contact Tony Littizzio – 860-875-6791 or MRLSLYG @ aol.com

R.C.I.A.: All Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM

Parish Center for adults who wish to be confirmed, or are interested in the Catholic Faith, or wish to become Catholic. Call Deacon Frank 860-875-6543.

Remember in Prayer Those Who Are Sick

Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, especially from our Parish family, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for Laura Behrendt, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Alex Dinh, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Beth Ann Phillips, Jean Rabe, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Don Sierakowski, Jim Smith, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Morris Webber, Richard Wood and Kathy White.

++PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED++

God of loving kindness and mercy we pray for those who have been called from this life, and for the consolation of their loved ones especially:
Myrna Bouchard, Scott Traska,
Rita Connelly and Cecile Clavette

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Last month, the Little Sisters of the Poor appeared before an appeals court, asking the court to protect them from the federal health care mandate, because the mandate threatens their 175 years of service to the poor and dying. Let's pray for a decision that will honor

our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FACEBOOK
"Visit us on Facebook: St. Luke Catholic Church

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of December 25, 2014
"Dear Children! Also today, in my arms I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and I am asking from Him peace for you and peace among you. Pray to and adore my Son for His peace and joy to enter into your hearts. I am praying for you to be all the more open to prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."

YOUTH MINISTRY – Hygiene Kits for the Homeless Men at Cornerstone
The Youth Ministry teenagers will once again collect items for Hygiene Kits for the homeless men via the Cornerstone in Vernon. Please donate the following items: floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes, facecloth, soap, shampoo, dry hair shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, and/or hair ties. Items can be left in the Youth Ministry box at the entrances of the church. Please bring your donated items any time. The collection will end on the weekend of January 10/11, 2015. Thank you.

BOWLING PARTY: For all new and current Altar Servers and all new and

current members of the Children's Choir. WHEN: SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1-3 PM – WHERE: SPARE TIME BOWLING, VERNON, CT. Please RSVP laurietheroux@gmail.com BEFORE Sunday, January 18 and let us know if you will be coming.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples – January 31, February 7, 21, 2015 9:30 – 12:00 Noon. St. Joseph Church Hall, RT 97, Occum. Call The Office of Family Life at 860-889-8346 ext. 283 to register for the 3 session class.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS – 2014

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO GAVE TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING:

M/M ANDREW ANGELONI
M/M ARTHUR AUBE
MS. SUSAN BEERS
M/M JOHN BORINI
M/M RALPH BRANCACCIO
M/M RAYMOND CARON
M/M JOSEPH CIANCI
M/M ROBERT CROWLEY
M/M THOMAS CURTISS
M/M THOMAS DEABILL
MRS. JOHN DOBITSKY
M/M ROBERT E. GAY
MS. YVONNE GERNER
M/M RICHARD HARRINGTON
MRS. ANNE HATTAN
M/M ROBERT JOHNSON
M/M TIMOTHY KLAPPROTH
M/M ROY KOEHLER
M/M TODD KOEHLER
MRS. MARJORIE LAVOIE
M/M ALAN LEWANDOSKY
M/M ANTHONY LITIZZIO
M/M GORDON LOHNES
M/M THOMAS LUCE
M/M RAYMOND LUCIANO
MRS. ROSEMARY MALATESTA
M/M JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY
MR. DENNIS PAULHUS
M/M PAUL M. PERRON
MRS. DORIS POIRIER
M/M JOHN POTKAJ
MRS. JOHN ROBERTS
M/M JOHN RYDER
MS. MARIE SCALONE
M/M MARTIN SPARTZ
M/M NEIL TAYLOR
MR. ROLAND TETREAUULT
M/M JAMES TISHON
MRS. PHILIP TOLISANO
M/M MORRIS WEBBER
MARGARET ZETHNER

Retrouvaille - Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on January 16-18 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES

January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right – their right to life. On Thursday, January 22, 2015, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 9 PM, buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the March For Life on January 22, 2015. Bus fare is \$65 per person. (Reduced rate available for students \$42). Please reply by January 7 to Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362. You can also contact her for further information and/or to reserve a seat or sponsor a seat.