



Saturday February 14, 2015

5:00 PM +Frank Dellolacono
r/b Wife Janice & Children

Sunday February 15, 2015

7:30 AM For all parishioners

10:30 AM +Timothy Allen
r/b The Family

6:00 PM +Adele Willette
r/b Lucinda & Len Belanger

Monday February 16, 2015

8:00 AM For the hungry

Tuesday February 17, 2015

8:00 AM For the sick and those near death

Wednesday February 18, 2015 Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM +In memory of Anna Cosgrove
r/b Her Daughter Ann

7:00 PM That all will have a Lenten Journey
of repentance & conversion of heart

Thursday February 19, 2015

8:00 AM For PEACE

Friday February 20, 2015

8:00 AM +Frank Dellolacono
r/b Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Saturday February 21, 2015

5:00 PM +Mary Grish
r/b John & Nancy Grish

Sunday February 22, 2015

7:30 AM +Cecile Clavette
r/b The Family

10:30 AM For the success of our
Parish Mission

6:00 PM For Bryan Thatcher

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of “I am grateful for the gifts God gave me” instead of “I want more.”

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, “He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection - February 1 - \$6,378

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; if you have not you must attend either February 22nd or March 22nd. It is the student’s responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

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.

Religious Education Program – 2015

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – February 22nd 9-10:15 am
No Class February 15

Monday – February 23rd. 6:45-8:00 pm
No Class February 16

Tuesday – February 24th 4:15-5:30 pm
No Class February 17

Tuesday- February 24th-7 00 –8:15pm
No Class February 17

GRADE 2 – STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday, March 1 – Communion Pin Mass for all Grade 2 Students and Families 10:30 Mass.

Saturday, March 21 – Eucharistic Workshop for all Students and Parents – 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE AT BOTH PRACTICES IS MANDATORY

Saturday May 2 – First Communion Practice for both students and parents 9-10:30 am.

Thursday, May 7 – First Communion Practice for both students and parents – 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 9 – First Communion Mass 11:00 AM

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 February 15 and 22nd 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 Grospitch, 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, Cecile Clavette and Adele Willette

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a God-given right. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution, which dates back to December 15, 1791. The government should not be allowed to force people or groups to violate their most deeply held religious convictions.

We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to “be Catholic,” to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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 January 25, 2014

“Dear Children! Also today I call you: live your vocation in prayer. Now, as never before, Satan wants to suffocate man and his soul by his contagious wind of hatred and unrest. In many hearts there is no joy because there is no God or prayer. Hatred and war are growing from day to day. I am calling you, little children, begin anew, with enthusiasm, the walk of holiness and love; since I have come among you because of this. Together let us be love and forgiveness for all those who know and want to love only with a human love and not with that immeasurable love of God to which God calls you. Little children, may hope in a better tomorrow always be in your heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

**PARISH MISSION COMING!
ST. LUKE’S CHURCH**

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
AND 24, 7:00 PM**

**BRYAN THATCHER, MD – EADM
(Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy)
DIRECTOR**

**WILL SPEAK ON GOD’S DIVINE MERCY
AND THE EUCHARIST AND HOW TO
REVITALIZE YOUR FAMILY AND PARISH!**

PARISH MEETING SCHEDULED!

**NEW CHURCH SIDE ENCLOSURES ARE
BEING CONSIDERED.**

**PLEASE ATTEND A PARISH MEETING ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015 AT 2:00 PM**
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT.
Please refer to the St. Luke Website for further
information.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER!

During Lent we will be having a “Soup and Sandwich Supper” before the Stations of the Cross. The supper will be from 5-7 PM in the church hall. Takeout will be available. The price is \$6.00 per person. The dates are the

Fridays during Lent: February 20, February 27, March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3. Come join us for a nice hot meal!

The Social Committee

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
IRISH NIGHT IS COMING!
Saturday, MARCH 7, 2015
after the 5:00 Mass**

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!
TICKETS are \$16 per person

NO BYOB!!! BEER AND WINE WILL BE
AVAILABLE!

**Don't be left out! No Tickets Will Be Sold
At The Door!**

Entertainment will be Irish Step Dancers and
of course, "IRISH TO THE LAST DROP"

**As part of our tradition, we have a raffle
and would welcome any gifts or baskets for
our raffle table. They can be dropped off at
the rectory. Any questions please contact
Jane Thomas at the rectory 860-875-8552.**

YOUTH GROUP NIGHT – FEBRUARY 22

We will be making home-made (egg free)
PRETZELS as well as learning the connection
of the pretzel to Lent. A variety of activities
are planned for the evening. Join us at the
6:00 PM Mass – Youth Group Night begins in
the Church Hall following the 6:00 PM Mass.

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: What you give up for Lent changes lives

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, St. Luke's with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl. For 42 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those

persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls will be distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. **The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Abstinence: The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

**LENTEN MISSION – ST. BERNARD
CHURCH, ROCKVILLE – MONDAY-
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2-4, 2015,
7:00 PM – WITH STEVE ANGRISANO.
More details in next week's bulletin.**