



**SATURDAY VIGIL, February 20, 2016**

**4:00 PM**

+Patricia Callahan  
r/b Her Sister Carol Feindel

**Sunday, February 21, 2016**

**7:30 AM**

+George Blenner  
r/b The Castonguay Family

**10:30 AM**

For all our Altar Servers

**6:00 PM**

For our Deacons

**MONDAY, February 22, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Rosa Ficocelli  
r/b Her Daughter Connie

**TUESDAY, February 23, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Nancy Kennedy & John H. Dobitsky  
r/b The Family

**WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Joyce Austin  
r/b Connie

**THURSDAY, February 25, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

Healing Mass for Father Bill Olesik

**FRIDAY, February 26, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

Alice Ogden – 105th Birthday  
r/b Tom & Dottie Curtiss

**SATURDAY, February 27, 2016**

**4:00 PM**

(Living) Sister Mary Frances Cervone  
102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
r/b Friends of St. Luke's

**SUNDAY, February 28, 2016**

**7:30 AM**

For the sick and those near death

**10:30 AM**

For those dedicated to Faith Formation

**6:00 PM**

For Grandparents and Parents

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Ash Wednesday	\$1,059
February 14 Regular	\$6,329

**ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**Youth Group Hygiene Kit  
Collection for Cornerstone is  
this weekend and next weekend  
after all the Masses – boxes and  
tables are at both entrances to  
the church for your donations.**



“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

### **READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

#### **First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God told Abraham that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

#### **Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said,

“This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.” The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Office Hours: Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday and Tuesday 2-8:30 pm, Thursday 10-3 or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead. We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to a Faith filled year with our students. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each week.

Classes: Sunday February 21 and 28, March 6, 13 & 20th – 9:15-10:15 Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Monday, February 22 & 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28 – 6:45 – 8 pm Grades 6-9 –

Tuesday, February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 4:30-5:45 Grades 3-4-5; Grades 6-9 7-8:15 pm

**Grade 2** Family Pin Mass– Sunday March 6 – 10:30 Mass

**Grade 2** - First Communion – Saturday, May 7 – **11:00 AM ONLY**

#### **Grade 9 Confirmation:**

Interview – Contact the Faith Formation office to schedule.

Any student who did not attend the January Youth Group meeting **MUST** attend the February 28 Youth Group meeting.

Reconciliation – During last class on March 28/29.

Rehearsal: Thursday March 31 – 6:30 pm for Candidate and Sponsor (or parent stand-in.)

**Confirmation Mass: Sunday, April 3 – 1 PM – Candidates & Sponsor arrive at 12:30.**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word –**

All children age 4 through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend the Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held Sunday February 21 & 28th.

***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 Father Bill Olesik, Laura Behrendt, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Grospitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Rocco Montano, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, James Walton, Morris Webber, Jean Wood, 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: Alda DeBortoli, Robert Gibbs, Wanda Parent, Ann L. Riley, Elizabeth Setzer and Barbara Sullivan.

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Message of January 25, 2016**

“Dear Children! Also today I am calling all of you to prayer. You cannot live without prayer, because prayer is a chain which brings you closer to God. Therefore, little children, in humility of heart return to God and to His commandments so that with all of your heart you are able to say: as it is in heaven so may it be on earth. You, little children, are free to be in freedom decide for God or against Him. See where Satan wants to pull you into sin and slavery. Therefore, little children, return to my heart so that I can lead you to my Son Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the life. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

**Defending our Religious Liberty**

**The Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we’ve got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out. If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.**

**SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT!  
FEBRUARY 19 – 4:30 – 6:30  
\$6.00 PER PERSON  
TAKEOUT AVAILABLE - \$5.00  
QUART  
THIS FRIDAY'S MENU: TACO  
SOUP/TOMATO ROTINI AND A  
VEGGIE WRAP**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!. \$16.00  
PER PERSON  
NO BYOB! BEER AND WINE WILL BE  
AVAILABLE!  
Don't be left out!  
No Tickets will be sold at the door!  
Entertainment:  
IRISH STEP DANCERS  
"IRISH TO THE LAST DROP"**

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU – A  
RECONCILIATION PROGRAM FOR  
THE PARISHIONERS IN THE  
VERNON DEANERY.**

**RECONCILIATION WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL  
7:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4 AT  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH LOCATED AT  
33 WEST STREET, ROCKVILLE.  
VERNON DEANERY PRIESTS WILL  
BE HEARING CONFESSIONS**

**HEALING LITURGY  
ST. BERNARD CHURCH –  
ROCKVILLE  
FEBRUARY 28 AT 3 PM.**

During this Holy Year of Mercy we draw together in a special way to share in the incredible gift of God's unfailing mercy. The Healing Liturgy this year will be held at St. Bernard Church on February 28 at 3 pm. All are invited to join together in prayer for those who suffer from any type of illness. Anointing of the sick will be available for those who choose to receive this sacrament.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
IRISH NIGHT IS COMING!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016**

**DISCOVERING CHRIST!**

St. Luke's will be running a 7 week outreach titled "Discovering Christ." The outreach will be held for seven weeks on Wednesdays starting April 6 at 6:30. It includes a free dinner and a teaching by DVD. Details and sign-up sheets are in the front and back entrances to the church. RSVP is necessary because of the dinner. Any questions you can call Deacon Frank at home 860-875-6543; cell 860-462-8032 or at [fhann2012@gmail.com](mailto:fhann2012@gmail.com).

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT IS  
LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS!**

The commitment is only a few hours a month; a monthly meeting and a few hours coordinating the contractors and tradespeople who perform the projects needed to maintain the Church, Parish Center, Rectory and Convent. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jim Donohue – 860-875-2224 – or Father George – 860-875-8552. Our next meeting is on March 9 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please consider becoming a member.