



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
r/b St. Luke's Parishioners

Monday February 23, 2015

8:00 AM +Nancy Kennedy and John H.
Dobitsky
r/b The Family

Tuesday February 24, 2015

8:00 AM +Jerry Welch
r/b The Family

Wednesday February 25, 2015

8:00 AM For the unemployed

Thursday February 26, 2015

8:00 AM For all those suffering from
physical abuse

Friday February 27, 2015

8:00 AM For all those who have abandoned
their Catholic Faith

Saturday February 28, 2015

5:00 PM +Lois Hemmeler – 2nd Anniversary
r/b Her Family

1st Sunday of Lent

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...”
MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

PARISH SUPPORT
Regular Collection - February 15 - \$3,622

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

Make up Class for the Monday Confirmation Class - TBD

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:
PLEASE note new time of Monday Evening Classes:

Sunday – February 22nd and March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th 9-10:15 am

Monday Classes February 23rd and March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th **6:45-8:15 PM – NEW TIME**

Tuesday – February 24th and March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st 4:15-5:30 pm

Tuesday- February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 -7:00 –8:15pm

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 22nd and March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th 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, Cecile Clavette and Adele Willette

Defending Our Religious Liberty

As we move forward on our Lenten journey with prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the coming of Christ, let us pray for our religious freedom that it will remain our most cherished and inalienable right.

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.”

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER!

Every Friday from 5-7 in the Church Hall. Donation is \$6.00 per person. Please come and join us!

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**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
IRISH NIGHT IS ALMOST HERE!!!**

**Saturday, MARCH 7, 2015
after the 5:00 Mass**

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE UNTIL
MARCH 1ST**

TICKETS are \$16 per person

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

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

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.

**Reflections on Divine Mercy and
the Eucharist – Our Church
Mission**

**Monday and Tuesday evenings,
February 23 and 24 at 7:00 PM**

Learn More about God's Divine Mercy
and the Eucharist and How to Revitalize
your Family and Parish!

Monday Night – "My Personal Witness
of Experiencing God's Mercy and Living
that Mercy through Forgiveness, Trust
and Mercy"

Tuesday Night – "The Eucharist and
Why I Believe in the Real Presence and
the gift of Human Life"

Divine Mercy and Eucharistic books
and music will be available.

Bryan Thatcher, MD

Dr. Thatcher founded Eucharistic Apostles of
Divine Mercy in 1996; their mission is to
spread the mercy of God, primarily through
prayer cenacles, promote the Real Presence
of Jesus in the Eucharist, and encourage
recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the
sick and dying and pro-life causes. The
ministry received three special Apostolic
blessings from Blessed Pope John Paul II, and
EADM is now active in over 35 countries. Dr.
Thatcher has written several books on Divine
Mercy, and has co-hosted two series on Divine
Mercy that airs on EWTN. The ministry
promotes the notion that the Divine Mercy
message is more than a devotion or message;
rather, it is a "Way of Life."