



SATURDAY VIGIL, February 27, 2016

4:00 PM

(Living) Sister Mary Frances Cervone
102nd 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 Parents and Grandparents

MONDAY, February 29, 2016

8:00 AM

Healing Mass for Fr. Bill Olesik

TUESDAY, March 1, 2016

8:00 AM

+Joyce Austin
r/b Connie

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2016

8:00 AM

+Margaret Foley
r/b John & Jane Labbe

THURSDAY, March 3, 2016

8:00 AM

For Father George

FRIDAY, March 4, 2016

8:00 AM

+Rita Girardini
Birthday Remembrance
r/b The Family

SATURDAY, March 5, 2016

4:00 PM

+Maria Mae Theroux
r/b The Family

SUNDAY, March 6, 2016

7:30 AM

+Joseph DeSantis
r/b The Castonguay Family

10:30 AM

For all Irish Night Volunteers

6:00 PM

+Joseph Richard
r/b Suzanne Rosseau

<p>PARISH SUPPORT February 21 \$5,912</p>
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ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM

<p>Youth Group Hygiene Kit Collection for Cornerstone is this weekend after all the Masses – boxes and tables are at both entrances to the church for your donations.</p>
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“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” LUKE 13:7

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, “I am who am.”

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual’s misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else’s. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God’s patience toward us.

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.

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 28, March 6, 13 & 20th – 9:15-10:15 Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Monday, February 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 – Saturday, March 19 – Eucharistic Workshop 9-10:30 – for both students and their families.

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 5th 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 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.

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

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. 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.

++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.

SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT!

March 4 – 4:30 – 6:30

\$6.00 PER PERSON

**TAKEOUT AVAILABLE - \$5.00
QUART**

**THIS FRIDAY'S MENU: VEGETABLE
LENTIL SOUP/VEGETABLE RICE
EGG SALAD SANDWICH**

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.

**RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE FOR
EVERYONE!
PRIESTS OF VERNON DEANERY WILL
HEAR CONFESSIONS**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH – MARCH 4
33 West Street, Rockville**

FROM 8 AM UNTIL 7 PM

February is a month all about hearts...loving, mending, sharing, caring for them and, of course, eating candy ones! This year's 'ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL' is also about hearts with its theme "MERCY-The Beating Heart of the Gospel." Over the next few weeks you will be receiving information, watching a video, and hearing more about the ACA. Please listen with an open mind and be ready to share your gifts with an open heart when asked to help support those less fortunate in the Diocese of Norwich.

HEALING LITURGY

**ST. BERNARD CHURCH ROCKVILLE
FEBRUARY 28 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

IRISH NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 12

**NEXT WEEKEND IS THE LAST TIME TO
BUY TICKETS**

**\$16.00 PER PERSON – NO BYOB! BEER
AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE! NO
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!
ENTERTAINMENT: IRISH STEP DANCERS
AND "IRISH TO THE LAST DROP"**

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.

**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.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING

St. Luke's is forming a Young Adult Group. If you are between 20-40 years of age, you are invited to join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. This meeting will be on the format of the monthly meeting and to answer any questions you may have. Please bring a friend or family member who would be interested as well.

**ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN
MAY 12-15, 2016**

**IMMACULATA RETREAT HOUSE,
WILLIMANTIC, CT.**

**HOST PARISHES: ST. MARGARET MAY
AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Catholic women present an ACTS weekend retreat under guidance of clergy. The goals of the retreat are to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, to renew yourself spiritually, and to build community through lasting friendships.

The retreat begins Thursday evening May 12 with a check in at 5:15 PM at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor. The retreat will end on Sunday, May 15 with a Mass at St. Margaret Mary at 11:30 AM. A reception in the St. Margaret May Church Hall will follow. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE LOCATED AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO ST. LUKE'S.**

**WE NEED LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS! THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY
AND ARE INVITING ALL PARISHIONERS TO
JOIN. WE WILL PROVIDE TRAINING FOR
EVERYONE. CONTACT LENORA RICE At 860-
871-8548 (LECTORS) OR JANE FOR
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 860-875-3772.**