

**Saturday February 28, 2015**

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

Sunday March 1, 2015

7:30 AM For all Parishioners

10:30 AM For our First Eucharist
Students

6:00 PM +P. Pixie N. Schutle
r/b The Stinson Family

Monday March 2, 2015

8:00 AM For all priests

Tuesday March 3, 2015

8:00 AM For Pope Francis

Wednesday March 4, 2015

8:00 AM For all those who need
God's Mercy

Thursday March 5, 2015

8:00 AM +Rita Girardini
Birthday Remembrance
r/b The Family

Friday March 6, 2015

8:00 AM For Peace in the world

Saturday March 7, 2015

5:00 PM For all those confined to a nursing
home, in a hospital or at home

Sunday March 8, 2015

7:30 AM +Joseph DeSantis
r/b The Castonguay Family

10:30 AM For the Church

6:00 PM For all Lawmakers

2nd Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!” he answered.” GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, “Here I am, Lord,” when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,10-13, 15-18**

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed ‘This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.’ Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection - February 22 - \$7,119
Ash Wednesday - \$1,144

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

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

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

Tuesday- 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 March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th during the 10:30 Mass.

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.

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.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message of February 25, 2014

“Dear Children! In this time of grace I call all of you: pray more and speak less. In prayer seek the will of God and live it according to the commandments to which God calls you. I am with you and am praying with you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Don Sierakowski, Jim Smith, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Morris Webber, Richard Wood and Kathy White.

LAST WEEKEND TO BUY IRISH NIGHT TICKETS!!!

This weekend is the last time to buy Irish Night Tickets. Numbers have to be called into the caterer this Monday, March 2. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$16 per person. A Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be served.

++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

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

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is more than freedom of worship. It goes beyond protecting our ability to attend Mass or a religious service. It guarantees citizens of all faiths, or none whatsoever, the right to contribute to our common life. We Catholics and other religious people come to the table with what we are and what we have. We put our beliefs, values and structures at the service of the common good, because our faith demands that we do so.

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.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President

MUSIC MINISTRY

The St. Luke's Music Ministry invites parish members of all ages to participate in music for Easter. The following special rehearsal schedule is offered so that all members of families may participate:

Children's Choir (Grades 3+): Immediately following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass beginning March 1.

Youth Group: Immediately following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass beginning March 1.

Adults: Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

For more information please contact Music Director John Nisbet at 860-272-6210.

FACEBOOK

"Visit us on Facebook: St. Luke Catholic

Volunteer Service Work

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

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Saturday, March 7 at 8:30 am – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich. Celebrant is Rev. Ray Introvigne – At Mass we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Open House for prospective families to attend St. James School, Manchester. March 10 in the evening. Call the school at 860-643-5088, ext. 6 for more information.

The Diocese of Norwich, Office of Prison Ministry is sponsoring its first Restorative Justice Forum. This Forum will feature a screening of the documentary "Unlikely Friends" with panel discussion led by award-winning director, Leslie Neale. This event will be held at Christ the King Parish Hall, 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT, on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10:00 am to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline

is April 20. Contact 860-848-2237 ext. 211 or prison@norwichdiocese.net for more information.

ST. BERNARD CHURCH **PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

WITH STEVE ANGRISANO

Lenten Mission for all Ages – all are welcome!

Monday- Wednesday, March 2-4, 2015,
7:00 PM

Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Those who are young (and young at heart) embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve has a keen intuition regarding the needs of any audience and engages them with his unique blend of humor, song, story and interaction. This makes him both a natural and popular choice for diverse parish, diocesan, national and world-wide events.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends: March 13-15 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext. 118. Retreat in CT April 24-26 – call 203-631-9030.

St. Bernard Church, Vernon – Healing Liturgy – March 15 – 3 pm. Join them as they ask God's healing grace for all in need of spiritual and physical strength during illness.