



SATURDAY VIGIL, March 5, 2016

4:00 PM

+Maria Mae Theroux
r/b The Theroux 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

MONDAY, March 7, 2016

8:00 AM

Healing Mass for Tom Hutton
r/b Nancy Barrett & Family

TUESDAY, March 8, 2016

8:00 AM

Reverend Richard Ricard
r/b St. Luke's Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2016

8:00 AM

Healing Mass for Julie Chartier
r/b Her Family

THURSDAY, March 10, 2016

8:00 AM

+Alda DeBortoli
r/b William & Ann DeBortoli

FRIDAY, March 11, 2016

8:00 AM

For all those chosen to lead our church

SATURDAY, March 12, 2016

4:00 PM

+M/M Robert Theroux
r/b The Family

SUNDAY, March 13, 2016

7:00 AM

+John T. Papa –
13th Anniversary
r/b The Aube Family

10:30 AM

For the children of the world

6:00 PM

For the success of the Women's ACTS
Retreat May 12-15

PARISH SUPPORT February 28 \$4,971

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“No Longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to Him.

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 March 6, 13 & 20th – 9:15-10:15 Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No Class March 27.

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

Tuesday, March 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:

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 March 6, 13, and 20th..

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 Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond

Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, 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: Roland Bouchard, Alda DeBortoli, Robert Gibbs, Wanda Parent, Ann L. Riley, Elizabeth Setzer and Barbara Sullivan.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message of February 25, 2016

“Dear Children! In this time of grace, I am calling all of you to conversion. Little children, you love little and pray even less. You are lost and do not know what your goal is. Take the cross, look at Jesus and follow Him. He gives Himself to you to the death on the cross, because He loves you. Little children, I am calling you: return to prayer with the heart so as to find hope and the meaning of your existence, in prayer. I am with you and praying for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending our Religious Liberty

After promising that the Little Sisters’ religious beliefs would be protected, the government created a new regulation requiring the Little Sisters to change their healthcare plan to offer services that violate Catholic teaching. But 1 in 3 Americans do not have a plan that is

subject to the mandate HHS is fighting so hard to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to follow. Exxon, Chevron, and Pepsi—as well as other large corporations—are exempt from the mandate because they never changed their plans and are grandfathered. And the government is not even requiring our own US military to provide these services through their family insurance. The government is arguing that since it has offered to reimburse the costs of the services it wants the Little Sisters to provide, they should have no moral objection to offering them. The Little Sisters are saying this is not about money, but conscience, and whether they should be forced to change their healthcare plan to offer services they have a moral object to when those services could be provided more effectively through the government’s healthcare exchange. 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.

THERE WILL BE NO SOUP/SANDWICH NIGHT ON NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 11 DUE TO THE IRISH NIGHT SET UP.

IRISH NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 12

THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST TIME TO BUY TICKETS DINNERS MUST BE CALLED IN ON MONDAY MARCH 6.

\$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.

**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 Mary Church Hall will follow. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE LOCATED AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO ST. LUKE'S.**

THANK YOU!

**FATHER GEORGE WOULD LIKE TO
THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
PRAYERS AND GET WELL WISHES.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

YOUTH GROUP THANK YOU!

St. Luke's Youth Group would like to give a big shout out to all the

parishioners who were so generous during this year's hygiene kit collection for Cornerstone. Over 100 kits were created from the donations. **THANK YOU!**

Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 7, at 7 pm.

St. Matthew Church – Tolland

Lent is a season of transformation and during this Year of Mercy we are especially invited to receive the Sacrament of Mercy, Reconciliation. God invites us to return to Him with our whole heart and be renewed by the gift of His mercy.

Several priests will be available at the Reconciliation Service on March 7, and no matter how long it's been, they guide us through.

Come, Be Brave and Be Blessed.

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

"MERCY – The Beating Heart of the Gospel"

As Catholics, we are called by God to perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. By listening and following the words of the Gospel, we can continue to do Christ's work on earth by supporting the missions of our Diocesan ministries in conjunction with our everyday acts of Mercy. Like the father in the Gospel who celebrated the return of his younger son, by telling his older son "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:31-32), we need to help members of our Diocesan communities find their way. Whether their struggle is financial, spiritual, or emotional, your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, "MERCY – The Beating Heart of the Gospel will help to breathe new life into their journey...helping them to continue to overcome their hardships. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal.