



### 3rd Sunday of Lent

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” EXODUS 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot – pride, power, ego, comfort or health.

### READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

#### First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, “God’s folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men.”

#### Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to “destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up.” The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

#### Saturday March 7, 2015

5:00 PM For all who are confined at home,  
In a nursing home or hospital

#### 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

#### Monday March 9, 2015

8:00 AM +Jean Rabe  
r/b Carol Feindel

#### Tuesday March 10, 2015

8:00 AM +Bette Paulhus – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
r/b Dennis & Elizabeth

#### Wednesday March 11, 2015

8:00 AM For those oppressed by any kind  
of need

#### Thursday March 12, 2015

8:00 AM For all Elderly Parents

#### Friday March 13, 2015

8:00 AM For all couples who will be  
Married in 2015

#### Saturday March 14, 2015

5:00 PM In thanksgiving to all volunteers who  
helped and entertained on Irish Night

#### Sunday March 15, 2015

7:30 AM For all Parishioners

10:30 AM +Cruciano Savona  
r/b His Family

6:00 PM +Frank Dellolacono  
r/b His Wife Janice

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Regular Collection - March 1 -	\$8,845
Maintenance Collection -	\$2,151

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 8, 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup> 9-10:15 am**

**Monday Classes - March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 6:45-8:15 PM – NEW TIME**

**Tuesday – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 4:15-5:30 pm**

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

**GRADE 2 – STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

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 8, 15, 22 and 29th during the 10:30 Mass.

**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, 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**

The Catholic Church invests in the common good, for instance, by establishing and running 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 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.

**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."

**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 Church**

### **Volunteer Service Work**

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

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](mailto:prison@norwichdiocese.net) for more information.

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.

Anointing of the sick will be offered to those who wish to receive this sacrament.

### **Immaculata Retreat House Events**

**SENIOR RENEWAL DAY:** Father Roger Couture, OMI invites all seniors to join him for this year’s series on the Parables. The next session “Parable of the Tenants” is on Wednesday, March 18, from 9:00 to 1:00 PM. Fee is \$10.00 per person and it includes lunch. Call 860-423-8484 to register.

**MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT:** “Sacred Movement: Sacred Moment” is the theme of this wonderful weekend experience to which we invite married couples from March 13-15, 2015. The weekend is facilitated by three married couples and Father Ron Meyer, OMI. Retreat fee is \$340.00 per couple. Grace is unlimited, but space is limited, so register early at 860-423-8484.

**WAY OF THE CROSS** with the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote and leaders of other Christian Communities. **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015, 6:00 pm** Chelsea Parade. Remembering the suffering of Christ, the procession will move from Chelsea Parade down Broadway and Union Street to Central Baptist Church. We walk and sing in commemoration of Christ’s journey.

Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center – 600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT – Women’s Weekend Retreat – March 20-22, 2015. Director Peggy Patenaude, “Taking Time Out.” \$50 non refundable deposit. [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net).

St. Edmund’s Retreat – Enders Island, Mystic – Day of Recollection “Feast of St. Joseph” – Thursday, March 19 10 AM – 3:30 PM – Two conferences, hot served meal and Mass. \$50 p/p Call 860-536-0565 for reservations.