



Saturday	March 14, 2015
5:00 PM	In thanksgiving to all volunteers and those who entertained for 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 Wife Janice
Monday	March 16, 2015
8:00 AM	+Vivian Van Comfort r/b Bud Matchett
Tuesday	March 17, 2015
8:00 AM	For the hungry
Wednesday	March 18, 2015
8:00 AM	+Gini King Anniversary Remembrance r/b Her Husband
Thursday	March 19, 2015
8:00 AM	For all those unemployed
Friday	March 20, 2015
8:00 AM	+Louise Cloutier r/b The Family
Saturday	March 21, 2015
5:00 PM	+Luciano Campisi r/b Sr. Guytina & Brothers
Sunday	March 22, 2015
7:30 AM	For all Priests and Religious
10:30 AM	+Frank Gerard Macri r/b His Mother
6:00 PM	For all our Religious Ed Teachers and Aides

4th Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God’s temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren’t killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God’s mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection - March 8 - \$6,130

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 15, 22, and 29th 9-10:15 am

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

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

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

FACEBOOK: 'Visit us on Facebook: St. Luke Catholic Church

The Diocese of Norwich has presented a plaque to St. Luke Parish for our "Thoughtful Support and Generous Contributions to the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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 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.

++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

Under the Affordable Care Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requires most health plans to cover "preventive services for women," including drugs and procedures that many citizens find objectionable for moral and religious reasons. These objectionable items include sterilization, FDS-approved birth control (such as the IUD, Depo-Provera, "morning -after" pills, and the

abortion-inducing drug Ella), and "education and counseling" to promote these to all "women of reproductive capacity," including minor girls.

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 for 20 minutes.

Youth Group: Immediately following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass for 20 minutes beginning March 1.

Adults: Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

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



Youth Group Night
Sunday, March 22
Following 6 PM Mass



ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

The Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale is coming up on March 28/29. **ALL KINDS OF BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED.** You can drop off your baked goods on Saturday March 28 from 2-5 or Sunday March 29 prior to Mass.

BAZAAR CRAFTING

Bazaar Crafters invite you to join us on March 28 any time between 10 am-1 pm. We will be making card table playhouses and jam gift bags. The crafters are looking for parishioners who sew and could donate a few hours to help with some projects - supplies are available.

If anyone wishes to craft items for the Bazaar at home, we have a variety of supplies available. Contact Elaine Waudby at 860-872-4057.

**2015 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Strength through the Holy Spirit”**

There is an increased need in our Diocese to help those who struggle financially emotionally and/or spiritually. With your participation in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, we can continue to make inroads in eliminating the struggles of our neighbors. The “Strength through the Holy Spirit” campaign calls upon each and every individual and family to help support our Diocesan ministries continue to enrich the lives of the people in our communities. Over the next two weekends, you will be asked to make a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please call upon the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and ask the Lord to make you a good steward, opening your heart to help make a difference in the lives of your neighbors. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

SOUP/SANDWICH NIGHT MENU

Please join us for soup and sandwich every Friday evening from 5-7 pm during Lent.

- March 20: Vegetable Chowder
Italian Tomato and Rice
Tuna Salad on Rye
Bagel w/ Smoked
Salmon Spread
- March 27: Barley Vegetable Soup
Tomato Rotini Soup
Veggie Wrap
Egg Salad on Rye
- April 3: Vegetable Rice Soup
Tomato Basil
Grilled Cheese
Bagel with veggie spread

THANK YOU!!!!

I want to personally THANK everyone who volunteered to help in any way at Irish Night. Without all your fabulous assistance, Irish Night would not have been the success that it was!

I also want to thank the Irish Step Dancers and “Irish To The Last Drop” who entertained us with their top of the line performances. THANK YOU!

I hope all who went to Irish Night had a fabulous time and I hope to see you again next year!

Jane Thomas, Chairman