



**Saturday      March 28, 2015**

5:00 PM    +Jeanette Scibek –  
Anniversary Mass  
r/b The Family

**Sunday            March 29, 2015**

7:30 AM      For all Vernon Deanery priests  
10:30 AM     For the Unemployed  
6:00 PM      For the sick and those near  
                  death

**Monday            March 30, 2015**

8:00 AM      For those who are newly Baptized

**Tuesday           March 31, 2015**

8:00 AM      For all those receiving the Holy  
                  Oils today at the Chrism Mass

**Wednesday      April 1, 2015**

8:00 AM      For all RCIA Candidates

**Thursday         April 2, 2015 – HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00 PM      **NO MORNING MASS**  
Easter Blessings for Sr. Guytina  
and Sr. Angie  
r/b St. Luke's Friends

**Friday             April 3, 2015 – GOOD FRIDAY**

**NO MORNING MASS**  
  
3:00 PM      **Good Friday Liturgy and  
                  Stations of the Cross**  
  
7:00 PM      **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday         April 4, 2015 – EASTER VIGIL**

8:00 PM      **NO 5:00 PM MASS**  
+Henry Thomas  
Birthday Remembrance  
r/b Jane, Children & Grandchildren

**Sunday            April 5, 2015 – EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 AM      +Helen DeCarli  
                  r/b The Family  
10:30 AM     +Frank Dellolacono  
                  r/b Wife Janice & Children  
                  **NO 6 PM MASS**

**Palm Sunday**

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” MARK 15:12-13

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7**

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

**Gospel: Mark 14:1-15, 47**

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Regular Collection - March 22 - \$5,341

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Religious Ed – 875-4951 or  
[stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**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 29, April 19, 26, May 3 – 9-10:15 am (No class April 5 and 12)

**Monday** - March 30, April 6, 20, 27 – 6:45 – 8:15 - (No Class April 13)

**Tuesday** – March 31, April 7, 21, 28 4:15 5:30 pm (No class April 14)

**Tuesday-** March 31, April 7, 21, 28 7:00 – 8:15 pm (No class April 14)

**GRADE 2 – STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

**Sunday, May 3** – May Crowning for all Grade 2 students & families at the 10:30 Mass.

**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 29, April 19 & 26<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 Mass.

**FACEBOOK: ‘Visit us on Facebook: St. Luke Catholic Church**

**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



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

Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, “Strength through the Holy Spirit.” Your gift is received with great thanks and appreciation. If you have not made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to make a difference. Every gift is valued! It’s not too late to offer your support...support that is utilized within our Diocesan communities through the vital work performed by our over 25 ministries and programs. Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal sustain a wide array of social service programs in providing comfort, support and aid to those suffering hardships. It provides direct services to those in need through the provision of food, oil, heat, shelter, prescriptions and much needed counseling. These works are made possible because of YOUR generosity! Please pray that our “Strength through the Holy Spirit,” campaign is successful in reducing the needs of many in our parishes. Please visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to make your pledge.

**CHRISM MASS**

As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes in the

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The Catholic Church has always been a provider and advocate for accessible, affordable and life-affirming health care. Had the federal government made accommodations to protect religious freedom for all Americans, dozens of lawsuits filed around the country challenging it could have been avoided.

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.”

**SOUP/SANDWICH NIGHT MENU**

Please join us for soup and sandwich on Good Friday, April 3 from 5-7 PM in the church hall.

- April 3: Vegetable Rice Soup
- Tomato Basil
- Grilled Cheese
- Bagel with veggie spread

sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people. Why not plan to take your family to the Cathedral that day? It is a very special experience!

### **FATHER TOM SCHOLARSHIP!!!!**

**We will again be offering five (5) \$1,000 Scholarships to be awarded in June, in memory of Fr. Tom. Applications must be completed and received by Midnight, May 4. Keep checking the Bulletin for further details.**

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY:**

**Mass of the Last Supper – 7:00 PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until  
10 PM**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY:**

**3 PM – Good Friday Service  
7 PM - Stations of the Cross**

#### **EASTER VIGIL:**

**Easter Vigil Mass – 8 PM**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:**

**7:30 AM AND 10:30 AM NO 6 PM MASS**

### **THE CHAPLET OF MERCY AS A NOVENA**

In addition to the Novena to The Divine Mercy, which our Lord gave to Saint Maria Faustina for her own personal use, He revealed to her a powerful prayer that he wanted everyone to say – the Chaplet of Mercy. Saint Faustina prayed the Chaplet almost constantly, especially for the dying, and the Lord urged her to encourage others to say it, too, promising extraordinary graces to those who would recite this special prayer.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be **recited as a novena, especially on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (This would be Good Friday)**. And He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls.

We can pray this Novena of Chaplets for our own personal intentions, or we can offer it together with the Novena to The Divine Mercy for the daily intentions dictated by Our Lord to Saint Faustina.

### **FAUSTINA**

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of St. Luke Productions, will be presented at Cathedral of St. Patrick on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM. The event is sponsored by the Diocese of Norwich Office of Faith Events.

Experience firsthand the life and message of St. Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for youth 17 and under, or \$25 for families of 3 or more. Pay for tickets at the door. For tickets and additional information, contact Pamela Plasse, Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237 ext. 311 or [pplasse@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:pplasse@norwichdiocese.net) or visit [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org).