



<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>April 4, 2015</u></b>
8:00 PM	+Henry Thomas Birthday Remembrance r/b Jane, Children & Grandchildren
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 5, 2015 - EASTER</u></b>
7:30 AM	+Helen DeCarli r/b The Family
10:30 AM	+Frank Dellolacono r/b Wife Janice & Children
	<b><u>NO 6 PM MASS</u></b>
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>April 6, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	+Adelaide Moore r/b Her Sister Daphne
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>April 7, 2015</u></b>
8:00	+Yvette Audet r/b Her Sister-In-Law Daphne
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>April 8, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For all those who have lost their lives in plane crashes
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>April 9, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For all parishioners
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>April 10, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For all who need God's mercy
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>April 11, 2015</u></b>
5:00 PM	+Anthony Martocchio r/b Anna & Rosemary Martocchio
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 12, 2015 –Divine Mercy</u></b>
7:30 AM	+Eugene Gilbert – 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary r/b Marilyn & Paul
10:30 AM	+Joseph & Theresa D'Addario r/b John & Lenora Rice
6:00 PM	+Ann Crombie r/b Jim & Pat Fallon

## **Easter Sunday**

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for God’s response on how we should use our gifts to fulfill His plan.

## **READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

### **First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Peter discusses Jesus’ life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus’ tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture’s message of Jesus’ resurrection.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Regular Collection - March 29 - \$6,738

**HAPPY EASTER!**

Father George and the staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter!

**BAKE SALE**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Bake Sale. A profit of \$704 was made. Thank you especially to the Social Committee who worked hard on this event.

**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 Candidates & Sponsors arrive by 12:30 in the Church Hall.**

**Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, April 23, 2015 - 6:30 PM for both Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors (or a parent stand-in)**

**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** - April 19, 26, May 3 - 9-10:15 am (No class April 5 and 12)  
**Monday** - April 6, 20, 27 - 6:45 - 8:15 - (No Class April 13)  
**Tuesday** - April 7, 21, 28 4:15 5:30 pm (No class April 14)  
**Tuesday**- 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 April 19 & 26 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, Adele Willette and Raymond Caron.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The present administration has shown flexibility in implementing a number of provisions of the Affordable Care Act, issuing numerous delays and exemptions for many employers and individuals. The Catholic Church is asking that the same consideration be extended to the faithful who are awaiting judicial relief so that they can live by their religious beliefs without facing government penalties for doing so.

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 March 25, 2015**

"Dear Children! Also today the Most High permits me to be with you and to lead you on the way of conversion. Many hearts have shut themselves to grace and have become deaf to my call. You, little children, pray and fight against temptation and all the evil plans which the devil offers you through modernism. Be strong in prayer and with the cross in your hands pray that evil may not use you and may not conquer in you. I am with you and pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**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.**

**WE ARE ALL IN NEED OF HEALING AND MERCY IN OUR LIFE WHETHER IT BE MIND, BODY OR SPIRIT.**

**PLEASE JOIN US ON**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 12, 2015  
AT 2:30 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**FOR A SHORT VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE MEANING OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE SPECIAL INDULGENCES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO VENERATES THE IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY.**

**THE RECITATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH MUSIC WILL FOLLOW.**

**Diocesan Catholic Women’s Conference**

Be My Witness! The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic women’s Conference of the Diocese of Norwich for Women of all ages! Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8:30-3:30 – St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT. Don’t miss the rich message of “Authentic Femininity.” Featuring Genevieve Kineke.

For more information & registration forms visit [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) under ministries/Office of Faith Events and click on any event photo. Registration fee is \$30 pp and includes lunch.

Holy Spirit Retreat for High School Girls – Saturday April 25, 2015 – 9:00 – 6:30

The Holy Spirit Retreat is held at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. There is no cost

for the retreat. Learn more about the Holy Spirit, visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray and share with the Sisters, meet other teens like yourself and much more. Call Sr. Jacinta at 860-822-8241 for a registration form or email [motherhouse@sistersofcharity.com](mailto:motherhouse@sistersofcharity.com). RSVP by April 20, 2015.

**MATTIE’S TOGS THRIFT SHOP**

We are happy to inform our regular customers and our first time visitors to Mattie’s Togs our \$5 a bag sale. We are bursting at the seams with our stock of both Summer and Winter clothing – sizes Preemie to 16 Youth. Summer is around the corner and for this extended time only...SHOP TILL U DROP!!!! Open Saturdays, 9-1 and we are located on the Dunn Hill side of St. Matthew Church in Tolland. Call Billie at 860-871-0260 for any questions.

**Mass of Healing – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich – April 13 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass is on the first floor. All are welcome**

**ATTENTION ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WHO BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK IN HOSPITALS OR NURSING HOMES AND TO THE HOMEBOUND.**

The Diocesan Office of Worship will conduct a workshop for all Ministers who bring communion to the sick. Registration deadline is April 12. Place: St. Mary Czestochowa in Middletown. Cost is \$20. For more information call 860-848-2237 ext 203 or go to [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) for a registration form.

**Senior Renewal Day: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic – Wednesday, April 15 from 9:00 – 1:00. Fee is \$10.00 per person and it**

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includes lunch. Call 860-423-8484 to register.