



<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 11, 2015</u>
8:00 PM	+Anthony Martocchio r/b Anna & Rosemary Martocchio
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 12, 2015 - Divine Mercy</u>
7:30 AM	+Eugene Gilbert – 8 th 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
<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 13, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Helen Pelletier- Memorial Mass r/b John & Jane Labbe
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 14, 2015</u>
8:00	For all those seeking God’s Mercy
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 15, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the newly Baptized, Confirmed and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 16, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For those who struggle with Disabilities
<u>Friday</u>	<u>April 17, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the Hungry
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 18, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+Raymond Caron r/b Ray & Karen Luciano
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 19, 2015</u>
7:30	For all Parishioners
10:30 AM	For the children
6:00 PM	+George Crombie r/b Jim & Pat Fallon

Divine Mercy Sunday

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.” ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities – these are all gifts from God. We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection - Easter -	\$9,569
Maintenance Collection	\$2,348
Soup & Sandwich	\$ 500
Rice Bowl	\$ 991.94

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

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 20, 27 – 6:45 – 8:00 - (No Class April 13)

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

Tuesday- April 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. Applications are on our web site stlukeellington.com.

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

**PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY 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.

YOUTH GROUP

CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK AND PRAY!

Youth Group –April 26 – Following 6 PM Mass

As members of our Youth Group participate in Relay for Life, we'll be celebrating and remembering our family and friends who are affected by terminal illnesses.

Bring a photo or special item of a loved one to this month's Youth Group. All 8-12 graders are invited to attend Youth Group Nights.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not a Jewish issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has dangerous implications on all religions. If we permit the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

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. Let her know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Strength Through The Spirit
Diocese of Norwich 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

Through the "Strength of the Holy Spirit," we know that you will help us through. We gain strength through our faith. Strength to help us overcome struggles we may face in life.

During this Easter season, let us draw strength from Christ's resurrection. As we overcome obstacles, let us reflect on the new beginning that Christ granted to us by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** helps the ministries and programs in the Diocese to reach out to many people, offering renewed strength to begin anew...to face life challenges and overcome hardships.

If you haven't made your pledge to the **2015 ACA "Strength through the Holy Spirit"** campaign, please consider doing so by calling 860-886-1928 or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to donate.

The 20th **Annual Secretaries Mass** in thanksgiving for secretaries of all faiths, Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 12:00 pm, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. Following the mass a complementary luncheon will be served. Celebrant is Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Homilist: Rev. Brian Romanowski. For reservations or more information call 860-887-9294, ext.234 or the Rectory at 860-875-8552.

The 25th Annual **White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths**, Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Sunday, April 19, 2015, 9:00 am. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, Homilist: Deacon Gerald Shaw, Speaker: Seth Flagg LCDR (MC) USN. For information call 860-887-9294. Ext. 232.