



Saturday	April 18, 2015
5:00 PM	+Raymond Caron r/b Ray & Karen Luciano
Sunday	April 19, 2015
7:30 AM	For all Parishioners
10:30 AM	+Jennifer Vellone 1 st Anniversary r/b M/M Edward Bolles
6:00 PM	+George Crombie r/b Jim & Pat Fallon
Monday	April 20, 2015
8:00 AM	+William Muller r/b His sister-in-law Daphne Gagnon
Tuesday	April 21, 2015
8:00	For all those chosen to lead our church
Wednesday	April 22, 2015
8:00 AM	+Vita Maldonado r/b Rick & Rose Meyer
Thursday	April 23, 2015
8:00 AM	For all elderly parents
Friday	April 24, 2015
8:00 AM	In honor of St. Jude for answered prayers
Saturday	April 25, 2015
5:00 PM	+Kristine Kozuch Alexander 12 th Anniversary and Michael Antony 19 th Anniversary r/b Mother and Father
Sunday	April 26, 2015
7:30	+Alissa Lawlor r/b Don & Donna Dryburgh
10:30 AM	For civil leaders
6:00 PM	+Lorraine & Kenneth Gayton, Gene Pitney & Emma Detolla r/b The Gayton Family

Third Sunday of Easter

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ But they were startled and frightened.” LUKE 24: 36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and provide some “peace” in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don’t particularly care for doesn’t let us off the hook.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophet’s words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection	-	\$5,612
Retired Priests		\$1,636.50

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 – 2014 – 2015

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – April 19, 26, May 3 – 9-10:15 am

Monday - April 20, 27 – 6:45 – 8:00

Tuesday – April 21, 28 4:15 5:30 pm

Tuesday- April 21, 28 7:00 – 8:15 pm

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

Religious Education 2015 – 2016

New in Fall 2015 will be a Kindergarten Religious Education Program on Sunday mornings.

We want to thank all of our Teacher Volunteers for their time and commitment to the youth of our parish.

If you or anyone you know would like to teach, team teach or be a teacher's aide, please contact Nancy or Kim in the Faith Formation Office (860) 875-4951. Please prayerfully consider this worthy ministry.

Summer Vacation Bible School

We are looking for ADULT volunteers to help us plan and volunteer at this summer's Vacation Bible School - (August 10-14). If you can help out, please contact Nancy at (860)

875-4951. Have you considered working with a friend or splitting the week with a friend so you each volunteer only half the time? We need more adults to help us make this year's VBS a week-long program. Please prayerfully consider helping us out. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 & May 3, 10, 17, 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

In the church's opposition to the mandate of the Health & Human Services Department, the issue is our forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching. 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!!!!

The St. Luke Parish of Ellington will be giving five (5) \$1,000 scholarships, one per family per year, to qualifying candidates who will be attending a college or a Catholic high school in the

upcoming academic year. Visit the St. Luke Website www.stlukeellington.com or click on <http://www.churchofstlukeect.com/father-thomas-plathottam-scholarship-application>. Deadline is Midnight Monday, May 4, 2015!

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**

Heavenly Father, we know that you will always provide the strength and the wisdom to help us overcome any hardship. We know that Christ is always with us. We know he would never abandon us. He is our Savior, today, tomorrow, and always.

Easter is a time to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for each of us. He gave his own life so that we would be saved. We in turn are called to make sacrifices for others....help our neighbors.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us the opportunity to share our gifts with many in our Diocese, helping to pave the way for them to find a path that provides strength and hope. A path that can be viewed similar to the road Jesus walked with his cross. A road that gave to all, strength, hope and a new beginning...paved by Christ's love for us.

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.

"Life in the Spirit Seminar" St. Joseph Church, Rockville, Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Call Connie Swatik to register – 860-684-3996.

St. Edward School Fundraiser – Want to meet Scot Haney and Brad Davis? Come to St. Edward's on Sunday, April 26 from 1 – 3 pm. A light lunch and entertainment will be provided. Tickets are \$20 p/p or \$30 per couple. Call 860-966-4280 for ticket information.

ACTS Retreat for Women – May 7-10 sponsored by St. Francis & St. Margaret Mary Church, South Windsor. Retreat Location Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic. Call Pat LaPointe at 860-645-8969 for more information.