



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>May 2, 2015</u></b>
5:00 PM	+Alfio Bonanno r/b His Wife & Family
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>May 3, 2015</u></b>
7:30 AM	For all Parishioners
10:30 AM	+Rosemary Conlan r/b John & Lenora Rice
6:00 PM	+Angela Faillace r/b The Gionet Family
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>May 4, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For our First Eucharist Students
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>May 5, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	In Honor of St. Jude for answered prayers
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>May 6, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For Father George
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>May 7, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	+Reverend Francis A. Liszewski
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>May 8, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For Pope Benedict
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>May 9, 2015</u></b>
5:00 PM	For victims of violence
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>May 10, 2015 – MOTHER’S DAY</u></b>
7:30	+Virginia Desantis r/b The Castonguay Family
10:30 AM	+Anna Cosgrove r/b Her Daughter Ann
6:00 PM	For all Mothers

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” 1 JOHN 3:18

Do you “walk the talk?” Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish’s ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading Acts 9:26-31**

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

**Second Reading: I John 3:18-24**

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Regular Collection - \$5,749  
Rice Bowl - \$1,036.62

**Thank you to all who gave to the Priests’ Retirement. A total of \$1,636.50 was contributed.**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Religious Education 2015 – 2016**

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

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

**Office Hours:**

Monday/Tuesday 1-8 pm  
Thursday 9-1pm  
Also by Appointment **Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.**

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

**Religious Education Program – 2014 – 2015**

We are in need of a Grade 2 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information, please contact Nancy at 860-875-4951.

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – May 3 9-10:15 am

**LAST CLASS**

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.

Wishing all of our Children and their families a blessed summer and we look forward to seeing you all in the Fall.

<p><b><u>GRADE 2 – STUDENTS &amp; FAMILIES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday, May 3 –</u></b> May Crowning for all Grade 2 students &amp; families at the 10:30 Mass.</p> <p><b><u>ATTENDANCE AT BOTH PRACTICES IS MANDATORY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Saturday May 2 –</u></b> First Communion Practice for both students and parents 9-10:30 am.</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, May 7 –</u></b> First Communion Practice for both students and parents – 6:15 – 7:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, May 9 –</u></b> First Communion Mass 11:00 AM</p>
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<p><b><u>Summer Vacation Bible School</u></b></p> <p>Register your child for Vacation Bible School TODAY! VBS is August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 noon each day. Registration forms can be found on the website or in the Faith Formation Office. Registration ENDS on Thursday, May 21.</p> <p>We are looking for ADULT volunteers to help us plan and volunteer at this summer’s Vacation Bible School. 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? Please prayerfully consider helping us out. We look forward to hearing from you.</p>
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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 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 Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Beth Ann Phillips, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, 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 federal health care mandate violates religious liberty because it forces conscientious objectors to actively go against their moral principles. It also deprives those objectors of the right (a right that others continue to exercise) to do what they see as morally required.

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 April 25, 2015**

"Dear Children! I am with you also today to lead you to salvation. Your soul is restless because your spirit is weak and tired from all worldly things. You, little children, pray to the Holy Spirit that He may transform you and fill you with His strength of faith and hope, so that you may be firm in this battle against evil. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son Jesus. 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](http://www.stlukeellington.com) or click on <http://www.churchofstlukect.com/father-thomas-plathottam-scholarship-application>. Deadline is Midnight Monday, May 4, 2015!

back to us on Monday for our approval and a call is then made immediately to the company to go ahead and print the bulletin. Thank you for everyone's cooperation.

The ANNOUNCEMENTS are prepared on Wednesday and given to Father for his approval. **All information for the announcements must be emailed to us by Monday.**

**ST. LUKE 14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

**Rolling Meadows Country Club,  
Ellington  
Friday, June 5, 2015**

**Registration 10:30 AM  
Shotgun: 12:30 PM**

**\$120.00 per person INCLUDES:  
Green Fees, Golf Cart, Lunch,  
Dinner, T-shirt, Prizes and LOTS OF  
FUN!!!**

**For more information or to become a  
Sponsor contact Kitty Walker at 860-  
872-0229 or Pat Iamonaco 860-875-  
2849**

**PERENNIAL PLANT SALE**

**MAY 16 AND 17**

Gardeners who are dividing perennials – Consider donating your extra plants to the plant sale. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants for the church property. We are in need of plant containers. Donations may be left next to the lawn/garden garage at the back of the parking lot.

**Men's ACTS Retreat  
May 28-31, 2015**

**Sponsored by St. Bernard's Church For The  
Benefit of the Vernon Deanery**

**LOCATION: IMMACULATA RETREAT HOUSE,  
WILLIMANTIC**

Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. This unique Three-Day retreat is the perfect way to renew your faith, revive the parish and bring you closer to our Lord. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends on Sunday at the 10:00 Mass at St. Bernard's Church. A reception will follow in the Church hall. Total cost is \$210. Registration forms are at both entrances to the church. Want to know more? Call Mark Gadzik at 860-707-4989, Hal Dufault, Jr. at 860-519-9094 or Jim Martucci at 860-268-9764.

**BULLETIN/ANNOUNCEMENT  
DEADLINES!**

All information for the Bulletin must be **emailed to [StLuke\\_Ellington@comcast.net](mailto:StLuke_Ellington@comcast.net) a week before the weekend you want it in.** The bulletin is started on Friday and is completed and ready to send to the Bulletin Company by Monday morning at 9:00 am. The bulletin is then faxed