



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want that there may be equality.” 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

Not only are we responsible for our own lives, but we are responsible for the lives of those around us. Not only is it important that we grow, nurture and share our gifts, but we should teach our children this same lesson and encourage others to do the same.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

This reading relates how death of the spirit entered the world by the envy of the devil, but those not in his possession will not experience it.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 8:7, 9,13-15

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to contribute to the poor of the Jerusalem church in accordance with their means. He explains that if people help each other, they will one day be helped when they are needy.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Do not be afraid, only have faith.” Jesus’ power over sickness and death requires absolute trust and absence of fear.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – June 21-
\$4,913.00

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| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>June 27, 2015</u> |
| 5:00 PM | +Helen Parker r/b Bob & Jeanne Parker |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>June 28, 2015</u> |
| 7:30 AM | For Sr. Guytina and Sr. Angie r/b Their St. Luke Friends |
| 10:30 AM | For a safe summer vacation for all children |
| 6:00 PM | For elderly parents |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>June 29, 2015</u> |
| 8:00 AM | For our parishioners to come forward to teach in our Religious Education program |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>June 30, 2015</u> |
| 8:00 AM | For all who need God’s mercy |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>July 1, 2015</u> |
| 8:00 AM | Healing Mass for Rita Kane r/b Jane Thomas |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>July 2, 2015</u> |
| 8:00 AM | For peace for those suffering personal problems |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>July 3, 2015</u> |
| 8:00 AM | For those dedicated to Faith Formation |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>July 4, 2015</u> |
| 5:00 PM | +Frank Dellolacono r/b His Wife & Family |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>July 5, 2015</u> |
| 7:30 AM | For Father George that he will have a safe & restful vacation |
| 10:30 AM | For all parishioners |
| 6:00 PM | For Father Francis |

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed – 875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday **10-5 pm** or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2015 – 2016

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

Teachers Needed in Fall 2015-2016:

Grade 2 – Sunday 9-10:15 am (see below)
Grade 7 – Monday 6:45 – 8 pm
Grade 8 – Tuesday 7 – 8:15 pm
Grade 9 – Tuesday 7 – 8:15 pm (see below)

GRADE 2: First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Teacher:

We are currently in need of a Grade 2 Teacher on Sunday morning. Our hope would be that this person loves working with young children, is a faith-filled person and can be available for our special Masses that are held several times a year as well as rehearsals for Eucharist and the reception of Reconciliation and 2 workshops. If interested, please call the office at 860-875-4951 to set up an interview with Mrs. Rudek so she can answer any questions, explain in more detail the duties involved. Training over the summer can be provided to update the individual in matters of the sacramental preparations.

Confirmation Teachers –

Grade 8: Year 1 Confirmation Preparation Teacher and

Grade 9: Year 2 Confirmation Teacher

We are looking for someone who works well with teens and has a love of the Catholic Faith and willing to share, teach and walk their faith with this age group. This person must be available for Tuesday nights, 7:00 – 8:15 pm, participate in Confirmation activities, retreat, reconciliation as well as rehearsal and confirmation ceremony. Candidate should be able to work collaboratively with the DRE as well as the Monday night Confirmation teacher. For more information or to set up an appointment, please call the Faith Formation Office at 860-875-4951.

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.

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| <u>R.C.I.A.: All Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM</u> |
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| 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. |
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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, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Alex Dinh, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Beth Ann Phillips, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Morris Webber, Jean Wood & 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, Raymond Caron, Cecile Clavette, Rita Connelly, Peter Denisky, John Desrocher, Scott Traska, Robert Wambolt and Adele Willette.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The United States Conference for Catholic Bishops has announced the observance of the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness from June 21 to July 4, 2015. It is a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power – St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the

Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel. Visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling 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 May 25, 2015

"Dear Children! Also today I am with you and with joy I call all of you: pray and believe in the power of prayer. Open your hearts, little children, so that God may fill you with His love and you will be a joy to others. Your witness will be powerful and everything you do will be interwoven with God's tenderness. I am with you and I pray for you and your conversion until you put God in the first place. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Has Your Family Been Touched By Adoption?

If so, please join Catholic Charities Adoption Program on August 2, 2015 from noon until 4:00 pm for a pool party and picnic celebrating adoptive families. The day will include swimming, games, food and an opportunity to meet other adoptive families. Please RSVP

Susan Sedensky, Director of Adoption Programs at 860-889-8346 ext. 282 if you plan to attend.

WORLD COMBINED COLLECTION

JUNE 27/28

The Combined Collection for World Charities is this weekend. The causes supported by this collection are:

The Catholic Relief Services Collection – the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States helps to fund programs that give hope to victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development – works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants that improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low income neighborhoods.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe – raises funds to address the spiritual reconstruction of this traumatized region – training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic Charities, and renewing programs of catechesis and communication.

Holy Land Collection – the Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Pope Paul VI is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

Spiritual Renewal Services

Secretary Needed: Position for secretary competent in computer skills open at Spiritual Renewal Services, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – 19 hours per week – Please call Judith Hughes 860-887-0702 for information.

Healing Masses: Monday, July 13 and 27th at 2:00 pm, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – Masses held on the first floor – handicap accessible. Fr. Ray, Celebrant and Judith Hughes Healing Prayer.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, etc : Sponsored by Spiritual Renewal Services, October 6-16, 2015 – 3,199 per person. Call 860-887-0702 for more information.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

“We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!”
Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. To register for the July 10-12, 2015 weekend in Manchester or for information please call 860-376-0440 or www.wwme.org.