



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when he calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our talent to do the work he asks of us? Remember, God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel is moved to respond to the call of God and to accentuate his teaching with a direct reference to the Word of God.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul had questioned the value of his suffering, and God replied, “My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness.” Paul then realized that although he was weak against persecution, he was strong in faith.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus could do little for those in his own part of the country, for their lack of faith in him was so great. Therefore, he spent much of his time teaching in neighboring villages instead.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – June 28-
\$4,895

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 4, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+Frank Dellolacono r/b His Wife and Family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 5, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	For Fr. George that he has a safe and restful vacation
10:30 AM	For all parishioners
6:00 PM	For Father Francis
<u>Monday</u>	<u>July 6, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Frances Rodman r/b Dan & Kitty Walker
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 7, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the children of the world
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>July 8, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the hungry
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 9, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For peace in the world
<u>Friday</u>	<u>July 10, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For all priests
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 11, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+For Father Tom
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 12, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	Healing Mass for Rita Kane r/b Jane Thomas
10:30 AM	+William Chamberlin r/b The Family
6:00 PM	For all visitors to St. Luke’s

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.

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, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Alex Dinh, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Grospitch, 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, Joseph Schoen, Scott Traska, Robert Wambolt and Adele Willette.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

During “Fortnight for Freedom,” it is important that we consider the reasons why the federal healthcare mandate violates religious freedom and contact our elected officials. The mandate: 1) forces religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; 2) forces religious employers and schools to subsidize and facilitate coverage that violates their beliefs; and 3) forces conscientiously objecting employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.

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 June 25, 2015

“Dear Children! Also today the Most High gives me the grace to be able to love you and to call you to conversion. Little children, may God be your tomorrow and not war and lack of peace; not sorrow but joy and peace must begin to reign in the heart of every person – but without God you will never find peace. Therefore, little children, return to God and to prayer so that your heart may sing with joy. I am with you and I love you with immeasurable love. 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

Last weekend the Combined Collection for World Charities which consists of the following collections: Catholic Relief Services, The Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and assistance for The Holy Land was taken up. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank You.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – 2015

The St. Luke Golf Committee would like to report the net income from this year's tournament of \$8,597.42 in support of the Parish and to, once again, thank everyone who made it a success. Please reserve Friday, June 3, 2016 for next year's tournament. Thank you.

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.

Diocese of Norwich Pilgrimage To The Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary

October 5-15, 2015

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote will lead an eleven day pilgrimage to many holy sites in the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. In the Czech Republic the pilgrimage will visit the statue of the Infant of Jesus of Prague, as well as enjoy a boat ride on Europe's largest subterranean lake. In Austria, we will visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, the State Opera House and, while in Hungary, the largest indoor market in Europe.

Price includes motor coach to/from JFK airport, departure lunch, all tips, **daily Mass**, breakfast and dinner daily, departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 20, 2015. Cost of Tour: \$3,350 per person double occupancy; \$300 deposit required; \$562 single supplement (**limited number**); Travel Insurance available through George's International Tours. For more information please call Rebecca McDougal at the Chancery, 860-887-9294.