



<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>July 11, 2015</u></b>
5:00 PM	+Father Tom r/b His Parishioners
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>July 12, 2015</u></b>
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
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>July 13, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	+Stuart Magdefrau r/b Wayne Reynolds
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>July 14, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Jude
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>July 15, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For Pope Francis
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>July 16, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	+Henry Thomas r/b Wife and Children
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>July 17, 2015</u></b>
8:00 AM	For those who struggle with disabilities
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>July 18, 2015</u></b>
5:00 PM	+George & Mary Kupec r/b The Family
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>July 19, 2015</u></b>
7:30 AM	+Father Tom Plathottam r/b Gemma
10:30 AM	+Clair Hora r/b Lela Armata
6:00 PM	For all who need God's mercy

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” MARK 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

### **READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

#### **First Reading: Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10**

Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

#### **Gospel: Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**July 5 – Regular Collection \$4,937**  
**Maintenance Collection \$1,910**

**FAITH FORMATION**

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

Letters will be mailed to all families this week. Class registration will be online this year. All fees can be paid through Paypal. If you do not have online access, you may pick up registration forms in the Faith Formation Office or at the Rectory during office hours (M-F 9-1). Registration opens on Wednesday August 5. New this Fall – Kindergarten Religious Education Program on Sunday mornings. Registration for all grades is on a first come basis and Kindergarten will be capped at 20 students. We are still in need of teachers. Please prayerfully consider this ministry to serve our youth.

**Teachers Needed in Fall 2015-2016:**

Grade 1 – Sunday 9-10:15 am  
 Grade 7 – Monday 6:45 – 8 pm  
 Grade 8 – Tuesday 7 – 8:15 pm  
 Grade 9 – Tuesday 7 – 8:15 pm (see below)

**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.**



**The Youth Group will be hosting a FREE CAR WASH following the 10:30 Mass on July 26.**

TIPS are welcome and will go towards the cost of a bus to this year's YOUTH EXPLOSION. All 8-12 graders are invited to partake in the car washing followed with pizza and water games.

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 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.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Pope Francis has stated that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. Genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution.

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

**++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, Daniel Picard, Joseph Schoen, Scott Traska, Robert Wambolt and Adele Willette.

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.”

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

### **Country Store Request**

When you are making jams, jellies, pickles and other homemade canned items, please consider donating a jar or 2 to the Bazaar Country Store. Our homemade goodies are quickly sold. Thank you.

### **Canning Jars**

The Parishioners who contribute homemade canned items to the Bazaar appreciate the return of canning jars for re-use. The jars may be returned to the blue plastic tub at the rear entrance to the church. Thank you.

### **Bazaar Crafting**

You are invited to join us on our monthly crafting dates which are on the monthly calendar. No skill required – just an opportunity to share in a group activity.

### **Calling All Crafters**

Please consider donating an item that you made to the St. Luke Craft Room. Variety is important. If you have any questions, call Elaine Waudby at 860-872-4057. Thank you.

### **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.

### **ENDERS ISLAND** **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

JULY 15, 2015 10am – 3:00 pm

Day of Recollection with Mother Olga  
“Remain in My Love” John 15:9

endersisland.com (for more information)  
860-536-0565

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

**Secretary Needed:** Position open at Spiritual Renewal Services, 6 Bath Street, Norwich – 19 hours per week. Please call Judith Hughes at 860-887-0702 for information.