



**SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+GEORGE AND MARY KUPEC**  
**R/B THE FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**+THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WHITE**  
**AND WAUDBY FAMILIES**  
**R/B ELAINE AND DON WAUDBY**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

**6:00PM**  
**FOR ALL MISSING CHILDREN**

**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR THE VERNON DEANERY PRIESTS AND**  
**DEACONS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH DISABILITIES**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL THOSE STUDYING FOR THE**  
**PRIESTHOOD**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+MARION CAIRNS – BIRTHDAY**  
**REMEMBRANCE**  
**R/B HER DTR. JANE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**HEALING MASS FOR FR. DAN RENAUD**  
**R/B JANE THOMAS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+CHARLES REYNOLDS**  
**R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT**

**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017 7:30AM**  
**+FAITH LEGGE**  
**R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**  
**+ALFIO BONANO**  
**R/B HIS WIFE AND FAMILY**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR ALL WHO NEED GOD'S MERCY**

### **PARISH SUPPORT**

JULY 2 – REGULAR	\$4,562.50
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 420.00
MAINTENANCE JULY 2	\$1,742.00
ON LINE GIVING MAINT.	\$ 165.00
COMBINED COLLECT.	\$ \$3,376.00
JULY 9 – REGULAR	\$6,033.50
ON LINE GIVING JULY 9	\$ 420.00

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times**

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

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

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground – “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**  
**AND THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE**  
**MONTH 5:45 – 6:45 PM. ALL ARE**  
**WELCOME!**



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 Deborah Alaimo, Eleanor Badecker, Carmel Bolles, Wendy Ciparelli, Maureen Cosgrove, Leo Dungan, Basil Gallant, Judy Lebel, John Leskey, George Medeiros, Sr., Margaret Pionzio, Lawrence P. Spellacy, Jr., Donald Szydowski, John and Mildred Taglieri, and Madeline Wraight.

### **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, Jody Behrendt, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Mary Kellner, Tracy Kearcher, Roy Koehler, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Viollette, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

### **Our Lady's Latest Message**

Dear Children! Today, I desire to thank you for your perseverance and call you to open yourselves to profound prayer. Prayer, little children, is the heart of faith and is hope in eternal life. Therefore, pray with the heart until your heart sings with thanksgiving to God the Creator who gave you life. I am with you, little children, and carry to you my motherly blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

### **DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

In June, the bishops from the United States voted to establish a permanent Committee for Religious Liberty. Currently, the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. Let us pray that the committee can encourage lawmakers to protect this First Amendment right as they revamp the HHS mandate.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com). The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-4 and Friday 9-12 noon or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

### **Religious Education 2016-2017**

Thank you to our students, parents and teachers for a great year! All students received a packet to work on over the summer. Parents please review packet with your child and always remember to pray with them each day, the best way for them to practice their prayers is to pray them daily.

### **Kindergarten, First Grade and New families**

If you have a student entering Kindergarten, First grade, or are new to the parish with school age children in the Fall, please contact the Faith Formation Office at [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com) or 860-875-4951. Give us your name, address, phone number, children's names and grade in the Fall. Online registration for the 2017-2018 year will begin on August 1, 2017.

### **2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE**

This Fall we will be having class on Wednesday night (no classes will be offered on Monday night.) In September our class schedule will be:

**Sunday – 9-10:15 AM –Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.**

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**Tuesday – 4:15 – 5:30 PM – Grades 3-4-5**

**Tuesday – 7-8:15 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9**

**Wednesday – 6:45 – 8 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9**

Look for registration letter and calendar in the mail mid-July. Class registration will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

#### Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Looking for adult volunteers to help with our Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. With the current schedule, you may find yourself volunteering once every 6-8 weeks. We provide material so that you are able to present the gospel as well as a short homily. Training for this will be scheduled soon. If you have any questions regarding this to make your decision or would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Rudek at the Faith Formation Office at 860-875-4951.

#### Confirmation 2017 Group Photo Pick Up

All group photos from Confirmation can be picked up before or after Mass in the Sacristy.

#### Communion 2017 Group Photo Pick Up -All

group photos from First Communion can be picked up before or after Mass in the Sacristy.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – Friday by noon – eight days prior to the weekend.

### New Parish Wide Email

Dear Parishioners, We have a new email address for Parish Wide Communications. We would love to add you to our contact list so we can inform you of upcoming events at St. Luke Church. Email is the way to communicate these days and we are catching up! Please email us at [stlukeellington@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeellington@gmail.com) and put your name in the subject line so we can add you to the contacts. If we already have your email address and you wish not to receive these emails, you may email us to opt out. Spread the word and share our new email with other parishioners!

### **Altar Server Pool Party!**

For all past and present Altar Servers and their families.

When: Sunday, July 23 – Noon to 3 PM

Where: The Theroux Residence 88 Nevers Road, South Windsor

Please bring a pot-luck dish or dessert to share. Please contact

[Laurietheroux@gmail.com](mailto:Laurietheroux@gmail.com) for more details.

### **Blessing of the Gazebo – Ellington Senior Center**

St. Luke's has given a donation to the Ellington Senior Center. Please join us on Monday, July 24 at 4 PM for the Blessing of the Gazebo.

### **THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends,

With grateful hearts, we thank you for your kindness and your generous donation of 99 bags of groceries for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. We will now have enough food on our shelves for the summer months. We have 27 families at this time, with at least ten more families to sign up since school is out and children won't be getting a free breakfast and a free lunch. Your contribution will help us continue our fight against hunger in Ellington and Stafford.

Love, Bill and Cathy Greene  
Crystal Lake Food Pantry

### **ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN**

St. Margaret Mary/St. Francis of Assisi Men's ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by Catholic men who have attended prior ACTS retreats under the guidance of a Catholic guide. The retreat them is "Love overflowing from the Master's table."

The goals are to hear what it is like to be a Catholic man in today's society, renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. The Retreat begins on Thursday, August 17 with a 5:45 pm check in at St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall.

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Participants will then be transported to Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT for the remainder of the retreat, returning on Sunday, August 20, with a noon Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church, followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

To obtain additional information go to [actsct.org](http://actsct.org). On the "Events" page are links to an informative brochure and retreat registration form. Contacts are: Jozef Chilicki 860-794-0255; Jim Martucci 860-871-9493 or Rick Parr 860-742-9818.

Bereavement Support Group – A Catholic-based Bereavement Support group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is Thursday, July 20 from 7-8:30 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1600 Main Street, Coventry, CT. For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

Attention All Golfers: Catholic Charities 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Hattam, CT. Entry fee of \$175 includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner buffet and awards. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; Lunch At 11:30 AM, Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM and Dinner/Buffer/Awards at 6:00 PM. Sponsorships are available! Funds raised at the tournament help support those most in need throughout Eastern Connecticut. For more information, contact Christine Jackel, Development Coordinator via phone at 860-886-1928 ext 12 or email: [cjackel@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:cjackel@norwichdiocese.net).

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Rev. Villamthanam,

On behalf of all Assumptionists I would like to thank you for hosting one of our missionaries at your parish as a part of the Mission Cooperative Program. Please convey our gratitude to your parishioners for their generosity and hospitality.

I have received a check for \$2,107.00 representing the results of our Mission appeal

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in your parish. I am always impressed by the generosity of our Catholic parishioners when it comes to helping those in need. Please be assured that we will keep you and the members of your Parish Community in our prayers, knowing how much you have helped us in our missionary efforts.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Peter Precourt, A.A.

Mission Office – Augustinians of the Assumption.

To The Parishioners of St. Luke Church, Ellington:

With joy we announce that your parish has successfully exceeded your goal for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. What a wonderful accomplishment and a true demonstration of this year's theme: Our Faith Calls US To ACTION! You heard the call, you took action, and now our twenty-five ministries can carry on their works of assistance, revitalization, and education. Thank you for your contributions. Combined with the gifts of other parishes, we will make a difference in the lives of thousands. Be proud of the way you have helped! The Diocese of Norwich Office of Development.

**TEA CUP RAFFLE**  
**BAZAAR –**

**Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be November 3 and 4, 2017.**

**I am looking for Very Special, NEW, and Meaningful items for our TEA CUP RAFFLE. These items are to be appropriate for men, women and children.**

**Please drop them off at the Rectory Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 9-1.**

**Thank you.**

**Jane Thomas, Chairperson  
Tea Cup Raffle**