



<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 18, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+George & Mary Kupec r/b The Family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 19, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	+Father Tom r/b Gemma
10:30 AM	+Clair Hora r/b Lela Armata
6:00 PM	For all who need God's mercy
<u>Monday</u>	<u>July 20, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Albert Gould, Jr. Birthday Remembrance r/b Daphne
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 21, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Cecile Clavette r/b Home Instead Senior Care
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>July 22, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For Father George
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 23, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Marion Cairns Birthday Remembrance r/b Her Daughter & Sons
<u>Friday</u>	<u>July 24, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Alfred Cairns Birthday Remembrance His Daughter & Sons
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 25, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+Alfio Bonanno First Anniversary r/b Wife and Family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 26, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	+Ralph Halbach r/b Paul & Marilyn
10:30 AM	Retirement Blessings for Fr. Jim Carini
6:00 PM	For all missing children

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." Mark 6:31

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence every day and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In this passage, God denounces false leaders who have scattered his people. He promises that they will be reunited and led by one who is just and wise.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Paul explains that through Jesus Christ, there is no longer hostility between Gentile and Jew. Instead, through the Spirit of Christ, both groups become one body and are equal in the eyes of God.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

The apostles returned after their first mission and told Jesus what they had done and taught. He told them to rest, but the people kept coming to them. So they went to find a private place, but the people learned where they were going and arrived first. Jesus felt sorry for them and decided to teach them instead of resting.

PARISH SUPPORT

July 12 – Regular Collection \$6,946

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

Letters were mailed to all families on July 14th with a calendar for the year. Class registration will be online this year (visit our website: www.stlukeellington.com). 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. New families please contact the office at 860-875-4951.

Teachers Needed in Fall 2015-2016:

Grade 9 – Tuesday 7 – 8:15 pm (see below)

Confirmation Teacher –

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers Needed

We are in need of adult volunteers for the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. Children's Liturgy runs from mid-September to mid-May each year for children ages 4 through grade 5. Adults work in teams of two to plan and present lessons. On average you would be assigned a Mass every 4-6 weeks. Please contact Nancy in the Faith Formation Office for more information.



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.

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

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The right of religious liberty, the first freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs. Since abortion became legal nationwide in 1973, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate our conscience. Why isn't the same option being applied to the federal health care reform law?

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.”

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.

Healing Mass: Monday, July 27th 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.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Cathedral of St. Patrick Norwich – Saturday, August 1 8:30 am.