



PARISH SUPPORT
JULY 17 – Regular - \$5,011

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016 – 5:00 PM
+ALFIO BONANNO
R/B HIS WIFE AND FAMILY

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016
7:30 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B HIS MOM AND DAD
10:30 AM
(LIVING) HEALING MASS
LARRY & CAROL GAGNE & FAMILY
R/B CLIFF DALEY
6:00 PM
FOR AN END TO ALL VIOLENCE

MONDAY, – JULY 25, 2016 8:00 AM
+ALFRED CAIRNS BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B HIS DAUGHTER JANE

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 – 8:00 AM
+RALPH HALBACH
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PRIESTS

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016 – 8:00 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B HIS MOM & DAD & FAMILY

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016 8:00 AM
+WALTER & ALICE WOLLMAN
R/B THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016 5:00 PM
+ALFIO BONANNO
R/B HIS WIFE AND FAMILY

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016 7:30 AM
+LAURA DULUDE
R/B RYAN & NATASHA WATSON
10:30 AM
+M. DOT RODERICK
R/B THE MCGRATH FAMILY
6:00 PM
(LIVING) STANLEY & DONNA JONES
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham pleads with the Lord, who planned to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the evil and sin in those cities. Abraham asks him if he would spare the city if fifty, forty, thirty,

twenty or even only ten innocent people were found there. God says that he would spare the cities even for the sake of only ten.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Paul explains to the Colossians that through Baptism, they are raised to life with Christ because they believed in the power of the God who raised him from the dead. Even though they once lived in sin, their sins have been pardoned through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' disciples asked him how they should pray. He gave them some phrases similar to those now used in the Lord's prayer. Jesus also reminds the disciples how even men with sins are able to give good things to their children, and explains how much more the heavenly Father wants to give to us.

FAITH FORMATION

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2015-2016

We look forward to seeing all our families in the Fall. **Registration for 2016-2017 year will begin on Monday, August 1.** Registration letters and the 2016-2017 calendar were mailed. Please contact the Faith Formation office if you did not receive a letter and calendar in the mail. Classes begin September 11-12-13. We encourage you to teach your children to pray daily and bring them to weekly Mass.

New Families and Families with young children:

Parents if you have children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 in the Fall of 2016 or are new to the parish and have school age children please call 860-875-4951 or email stlukere@gmail.com the Faith Formation office. Our Religious Education Program runs from kindergarten through Grade 9. Give us your name, child's name, grade in the Fall and mailing address. We will add you to our mailing list for Religious Education Registration.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:30 Mass September – May for children age 4 through the 5th Grade. Adult volunteers work in pairs to run the program during the Sunday Mass. No experience needed – training available and a great team of volunteers available for support and questions. To learn more please call Nancy in the Faith Formation Office at 860-875-4951.

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 Father Bill Olesik, Laura Behrendt, Barbara and Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Morris Webber, Jean Wood.

++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: Rita Benevides, Roland Bouchard, Lewis Caron, Alda DeBortoli, Gervais Descheneaux, Christopher Gentile, Robert Gibbs, Rachel Gilbert, Joel Madore, Wanda Parent, Ann L. Riley, Elizabeth Rocha, Elizabeth Setzer, Barbara Sullivan, James Walton, Richard Wood, and Edward B. Wysocki, Jr.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message of June 25, 2016

“Dear Children! Give thanks to God with me for the gift of my being with you. Pray little children, and live God’s commandments that it may be good for you on earth. Today, on this day of grace, I desire to give you my motherly blessing of peace and of my love. I intercede for you with my son and call you to persevere in prayer so that, with you, I can realize my plans. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American’s right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans. If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

COUNTRY KITCHEN – BAZAAR INFORMATION

The Country Kitchen is a popular booth located in the St. Luke Crafters room at the Annual Christmas Bazaar. We feature a variety of homemade canned items that have been made and donated by parishioners. If you are planning to make jams, jelly, salsa, pickles, etc. this summer, please consider making a few extra jars to donate.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering the alternative to abortion – LIFE! Our

guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnancy woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served the greater Hartford area since 1972. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us. We offer free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. If you would like to help, please call (860) 290-8800. Training is provided. Our office is located in East Hartford. Thank you.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER
39 N. MOODUS ROAD, MOODUS, CT 06469

LUKE 24 WOMEN'S RETREAT
JULY 29-31, 2016

The Luke 24 Retreat is a weekend away from the noise and clutter of life. Step away from the distractions that stand in the way of your personal relationship with Christ. Past participants who were positively impacted by this retreat will lead you through testimonial talks, activities and fellowship. We'll help you learn to "recognize" Jesus in your life. COST \$195.

Call 860-873-1906 or www.Luke24Ministries.org

CORNERSTONE Needs Volunteers!

The Cornerstone Foundation is currently looking for volunteers to help continue its mission of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless. Current needs include:

Volunteer coordinator

Drivers to pick up food at local stores

Help sort food for the new Food Cupboard

Prepare salads and cut vegetables

Office help Please contact Glenn Andrews for more information – 860-872-1413

glennandrews@comcast.net

ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT!

AUGUST 25-28, 2016

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to 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 Thursday evening, with a 5:30 pm check-in at St. Matthew's parish. Participants will then be transported to Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, with a morning Mass and reception at St. Matthew's Parish. Transportation to and from Immaculata will be provided. Go to www.actsct.org for more information about ACTS retreats. On the "Events" page are links to an informative brochure and retreat registration form. For more information contact: Rosemary Hills, Director 860-841-6945, Tina Pelletier, Co-Director 860-503-9744, Phyllis Voira, Co-Director 203-671-8934.