



<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 25, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+Alfio Bonanno 1 st Anniversary r/b His wife and family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 26, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	+Rita Halbach r/b Marilyn and Paul
10:30 AM	Retirement Blessings for Father Jim Carini
6:00 PM	For all missing children
<u>Monday</u>	<u>July 27, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the sick and all those near death
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 28, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For all civil leaders
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>July 29, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the church
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 30, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For Deacon Harry and Deacon Frank
<u>Friday</u>	<u>July 31, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Walter & Alice Wollman r/b Their Granddaughter
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>August 1, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	Sheila & Richard Waterhouse 63 rd Wedding Anniversary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>August 2, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	For all Parishioners
10:30 AM	+Katie Kupec Birthday Remembrance r/b The Brennan Family
6:00 PM	+George Smith r/b The Smith & Gayton Families

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: II Kings 4:42-44

A man brought twenty loaves of bread to Elisha the prophet, who told his servant to distribute it to the people. The servant asked how he could offer twenty loaves to one hundred people. Elisha replied that God had said, “They shall eat and there shall be some left over.” After all the people had eaten, there was bread left over as God had said.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul implores the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their calling by preserving unity among all of Christ’s followers. He reminds them that there is one body, one Spirit, and one God who works through all people.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread were collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make him king so he fled alone.

PARISH SUPPORT

July 19 – Regular Collection \$5,262

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.

Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday 9:00 – 10:15 am
Grades Kindergarten through Grade 5

Monday - 6:45-8:00 pm
Grades 6-9

Tuesday 4:30 – 5:45 pm
Grades 3-4-5

Tuesday 7:00 – 8:15 pm
Grades 6-9

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 – THIS SUNDAY.

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

ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN

St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis Assisi, South Windsor is sponsoring a Men's Acts Retreat from Thursday, August 27 and concludes on Sunday, August 30. The retreat is under the guidance of clergy. ACTS is short for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. You'll hear from men on Adoration - how they encounter and respond to God's call in their day to day life. Community - how men carry out God's commandment to love and care for one another. Theology - how they seek understanding by studying God in Scripture and our Catholic Faith. Service - the ways men serve God and His people. Come and hear what it

is like to be a Catholic Man in today's society from other Catholic Men. The Retreat is held at Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT. Cost for room and meals is \$220. Limited amount of financial assistance is available. For additional information visit ActsCt.org, click on [Events](#) tab or contact Bill Grondin 860-983-4748; Joe Chilicki 860-794-0255 or Al Kotfila 860-202-6235. Brochures are available at both entrances to the church.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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 and your elected representatives. 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 – August 12 (6-9 pm) and August 15 (10-1). No skill required – just an opportunity to share in a group activity. Meet in the church hall.

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.

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