



Saturday	August 1, 2015
5:00 PM	Sheila & Richard Waterhouse 63 rd Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	August 2, 2015
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
Monday	August 3, 2015
8:00 AM	+Phil Tolisano r/b The Family
Tuesday	August 4, 2015
8:00 AM	For Fr. Rick – Blessings on his new assignment as Pastor of St. Bernard's and St. Matthew's.
Wednesday	August 5, 2015
8:00 AM	For Father George
Thursday	August 6, 2015
8:00 AM	For those who are confined to a nursing home
Friday	August 7, 2015
8:00 AM	For the church
Saturday	August 8, 2015
5:00 PM	+Patrick O'Donnell 5 th Anniversary r/b Elizabeth O'Donnell
Sunday	August 9, 2015
7:30 AM	For Pope Francis
10:30 AM	+John H. Dobitsky and Nancy Kennedy r/b The Family
6:00 PM	For all who need God's mercy

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.”
EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, God calls us to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that “I, the Lord, am your God.” God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God's image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

PARISH SUPPORT

August 2 Regular Collection 4,342

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

Registration opens on Wednesday

August 5. 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 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.

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

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 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 July 25, 2015

"Dear Children! With joy I am with you also today and I call all of you, little children, pray, pray, pray so as to comprehend the love which I have for you. My love is stronger than evil, little children, therefore draw closer to God so as to feel my joy in God. Without God, little children, you do not have a future, you do not have hope or salvation; therefore leave evil and choose good. I am with you and, with you, I intercede before God for all of your needs. 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.

Position Available: The Diocese of Norwich is looking for an Administrative Assistant with strong computer and managerial skills. Must be very proficient in MS Word, Excel, Access, Word Perfect, and written and oral communication skills. Must be responsible, organized, and professional with ability to multi-task, maintain strict confidentiality, and complete tasks in a timely manner. 21 hours per week starting. Send cover letter and resume by August 15 to: Search Committee, Diocese of Norwich Tribunal, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

Retrouvaille weekend – For couples to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on September 18-20 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Healing Mass – August 10th and August 24 – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – Fr. Ray Celebrant and Judith Hughes Healing Prayer.