



PARISH SUPPORT
JULY 31 – Regular – \$5,103

ADORATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016 – 5:00 PM
+HELEN PARKER
R/B BOB & JEANNE PARKER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016
7:30 AM
+JOHN FITZPATRICK
R/B THE COWAN FAMILY
10:30 AM
FOR OUR YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM
6:00 PM
+GEORGE SMITH
R/B THE SMITH & GAYTON FAMILIES

MONDAY, – AUGUST 8, 2016 8:00 AM
+GEORGE HOWARD – BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE
R/B CHARLES & HONARIA HATHEWAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016 – 8:00 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B HIS MOM AND DAD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016 – 8:00 AM
+GENARO & GUADALUPE MALDONADO
R/B RICK & ROSE MEYER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016 – 8:00 AM
MASS OF THANKSGIVING
R/B SR. THERESE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016 8:00 AM
FATHER GEORGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016 5:00 PM
+MICHAEL SHEA
R/B TOM & LAURIE THEROUX & FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016 7:30 AM
+CLAUDE & ANNETTE CASTONGUAY
R/B THE CASTONGUAY FAMILY
10:30 AM
FOR ALL VERNON DEANERY PRIESTS
6:00 PM
FOR ALL VISITORS TO OUR PARISH



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” LUKE 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9**

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

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 2016-2017

We look forward to seeing all our families in the Fall. Registration for 2016-2017 year has begun. We encourage all families to register on line. Please make sure to fill out an online medical form as well. Please register early. Contact the Faith Formation office if you have any questions. 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: Monica Banta, 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 July 25, 2016

“Dear Children! I am looking at you and I see you lost; and you do not have prayer or joy in your heart. Return to prayer, little children, and put God in the first place and not man. Do not lose the hope which I am carrying to you. May this time, little children, every day, be a greater seeking of God in the silence of your heart; and pray, pray, pray until prayer become joy for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending our Religious Liberty

On May 16th, the Supreme Court in a unanimous ruling sent the contraceptive mandate legal challenges back to the lower courts, vacated earlier judgments against those parties opposing the mandate, and encouraged the two sides to resolve their differences. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are hopeful that a compromise will be able to be reached in these cases. 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THANK YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Saint Luke Parish Community for achieving your goal for 2016!

Because of your good work, our diocesan ministries will be able to care for the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort the sick. Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to this campaign.

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.

Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer – Monday, August 8 and August 22 at 2 pm – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – 860-887-0702

Mattie's Togs have restocked both the Summer and Winter rooms. We always have our \$5 Bag Sale available for shoppers. You will also find a rack of NEW ITEMS still

tagged. Specialty items are also available. We have lots of shoes for \$1. St. Matthew's Church – Dunn Hill side – Tolland – Call Billie at 860-871-0260.

**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.

POSITION AVAILABLE: St. Edward School in Stafford Springs is looking for a Pre-K teacher for three and four year old classes. Early Childhood experience preferred. CT certification or working toward certification required. For more information please contact Mary Anne Pelletier, Principal, at 860-684-2600 or via email at stedwards.school@snet.net.