



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 VISITORS TO ST. LUKE CHURCH

MONDAY, – AUGUST 15, 2016 8:00 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM AND DAD

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016 – 8:00 AM
+FRANK DELLOIACONO
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016
8:00 AM
FOR POPE FRANCIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2016 8:00 AM
MASS OF THANKSGIVING
R/B JANE THOMAS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016 5:00 PM
+CAROLYN MEYER
R/B KATHY WILSON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016 7:30 AM
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR JANE
R/B CLIFF DALEY
10:30 AM
+JOHN H. DOBITSKY & NANCY KENNEDY
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00 PM
JOHN F. ROBERTS
R/B THERESA

PARISH SUPPORT

AUGUST 7 – REGULAR - \$7,487
MAINTENANCE - \$2,122

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” LUKE 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10**

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

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.

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

As you assess the Presidential candidates for the United States, review their positions on safeguarding our first amendment right to religious freedom. 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.

++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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEWS!

St. Luke Young Adult Group will be taking a trip to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on Saturday, August 27, 2016. Departure from St. Luke Parking Lot at 9:00 AM. Trip will include tour, Adoration, Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet.

Please contact Natasha Watson at nezethner@aol.com if you would like to come for the trip or would like further details.

PARISH PICNIC DATE CHANGE!

There were only 16 families (30 people) who signed up for the Parish Picnic planned for August 20. In an effort to encourage more participation and celebrate the start of a Religious Education year, **the Parish Picnic is being moved to Sunday, September 11 after the 10:30 Mass.** Please fill out one of the green forms at the entrance and exits of the church to let us know of your interest in attending the picnic.

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.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE CORNERSTONE FOUNDATION – FEATURING THE CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC OF "JERUSALEM ROAD."

SEPTEMBER 17 AT 6:30 PM – ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, CT. \$10 Advance Tickets, \$15 at the door. Children 12 and under free with an adult. "A Year of Mercy Event Hosted by the Catholic Community of St. Matthew and St. Bernard Church.

**ST. BRIDGET CHURCH, MANCHESTER – A
QUALITY TAG SALE – THURSDAY,
AUGUST 25 – 4 PM – 8 PM –
WINE/CHEESE/SHOPPING \$10.00
ADMISSION – FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 – 4 – 8
PM – \$1.00 ADMISSION – SATURDAY,
AUGUST 27 – 9 AM – 6 PM FREE
ADMISSION.**