

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...” EPHESIANS 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6**

A rich woman invites many guests to her home to eat and drink. She appeals to those who lack understanding to forsake foolishness and “advance in the way of understanding.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul advises the Ephesians to abandon foolish ways and evil deeds. All Christians should concentrate on doing God’s will before all other things. He reminds them to always give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that “those who feed on this bread shall live forever.”

PARISH SUPPORT

August 9 Regular Collection 5,500

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>August 15, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+Manuel Rocha Birthday Remembrance r/b Wife and Family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>August 16, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	+Annette & Claude Castonguay r/b The Castonguay Family
10:30 AM	+Vincent A. Cammarata r/b Maryjo Cosgrove
6:00 PM	+Frank Dellolacono r/b Wife and Family
<u>Monday</u>	<u>August 17, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For all husbands & wives
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>August 18, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	+Thomas C. Rall r/b Mary Regan
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>August 19, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the newly Baptized
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>August 20, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the Vernon Deanery Priests
<u>Friday</u>	<u>August 21, 2015</u>
8:00 AM	For the Church
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>August 22, 2015</u>
5:00 PM	+Peter Denisky r/b The DeCarli Family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>August 16, 2015</u>
7:30 AM	+James Chenette r/b Diane Craycroft For Father George
10:30 AM	
6:00 PM	+John F. Roberts r/b His Wife

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

Grade 9 – Tuesday 7 – 8:15 pm (see below)

Teachers Needed in Fall 2015-2016:

Grade 4 – Tuesday 4:30 – 5:45 pm

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.

<p>FACEBOOK: 'Visit us on Facebook: St. Luke Catholic Church</p>
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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, Ted Okolo, 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.

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.



YOUTH GROUP PICNIC

Sunday, August 30 following the 10:30 Mass – Brookside Park Pavilion until 3:00 pm. All 8-12 graders are invited to attend. **GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FUN!!!!**

ST. BRIDGET CHURCH – 80 MAIN STREET – MANCHESTER, CT – “UNIQUE BOUTIQUE – A QUALITY TAG SALE – **Thursday, August 20 – 4 PM – 8 PM – Wine/Cheese/Shopping. \$10.00 Admission** – Friday – August 21 - 4 pm to 8 pm \$1.00 Admission – Saturday – August 22 – 9 am to 6 pm. Free Admission.

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich – Saturday, September 5, 8:30 a.m.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL

With a new school year just around the corner, St. Edward School in Stafford Springs invites you to explore an education unlike any other! Our Whole Child Academy builds on the great Catholic tradition of educating children in mind and spirit and highlights a uniquely family-centered dynamic with a focus on understanding learning styles, building physical and emotional wellness, recognizing the therapeutic values of art and music – all in an atmosphere rooted in faith and dedicated to academic excellence. All class sizes are under 15 children allowing for each teacher to develop a strong understanding of each child as an individual. Our pre-K through Grade 8 program offers flexible early childhood scheduling and before/after school care. For more information visit their website at saintedwardschool.com or call 860-684-2600 to arrange a tour. Scholarship opportunities are available.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS – Our Lady of Lourdes in Gales Ferry from 7-8:30 pm each Wednesday in September (9/2,9/9,9/16,9/23,9/30). A fee of \$10 for study materials. Register by August 25 at the parish office 860-464-7251 or email secretary@ololgf.org.