



SATURDAY VIGIL, August 22

5:00 PM +Peter Denisky, r/b The Family

SUNDAY, August 23

7:30 AM +James Chenette r/b Diane Craycroft

10:30 AM For Father George

6:00 PM +John F. Roberts r/b His Wife

MONDAY, August 24

8:00 AM +Irma Howard r/b Daphne & Family

TUESDAY, August 25

8:00 AM +Francis Poirier r/b The Family

WEDNESDAY, August 26

8:00 AM +William Beers r/b His Daughter

THURSDAY, August 27

8:00 AM +Thomas C. Rall r/b Mary Regan

FRIDAY, August 28

8:00 AM +Eugene Gilbert r/b Paul & Marilyn
Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, August 29

5:00 PM +Mae Tenero r/b The Ott & Tenero
Families

SUNDAY, August 30

7:30 AM For all who have abandoned the
practice of their faith

10:30AM Troy Russell r/b Harry & Jeanne Grospitch
HEALING MASS

6:00 PM For all Missionaries

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests their time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

PARISH SUPPORT

DATE

OFFERTORY

August 15/16

\$6,271



TUESDAY MORNING

8:30 – 9:30 am

After the Morning Mass

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 opened 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 4 – Tuesday 4:30 – 5:45

Grade 9 - Tuesday 7:00 – 8:15
(See Below)

Confirmation Teacher –

Grade 9: Year 2 Confirmation Teacher NEEDED!!!!!!

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.



THANK YOU to the many teen and adult volunteers that helped at this year's Vacation Bible School. It takes many helping hands to pull off this fun week for our children. Thanks to you we had a successful week at "Weird Animal VBS – "Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-kind." We appreciate all the help and support and hope to see you all again next summer.

FACEBOOK: 'Visit us on Facebook: St. Luke Catholic Church

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."

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Father Francis Chukkumgal from the Diocese of Jagdalpur, India will be here the weekend of August 29/30 to speak on the various Mission activities of his Diocese. Please pray for the missions and be as generous as your means allow.

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.

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!!!!**

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church has always been an advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the HHS mandate of the Affordable Care Act harshly penalizes employers who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage to their employees. Forcing employers to pay for coverage that goes against their religious convictions is an affront to their First Amendment right, which guarantees 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.

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.