



SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016 – 5:00 PM
+CHRISTOPHER GENTILE
R/B TOM & LAURIE THEROUX & FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

7:30 AM
EUGENE GILBERT –
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B MARILYN & PAUL

10:30 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00 PM
FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER RELIGIOUS
PERSECUTION

MONDAY, – AUGUST 29, 2016 8:00 AM
+MAE TENERO
R/B THE OTT & TENERO FAMILIES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016 – 8:00 AM
+M/M JAMES MARR
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF ST. LUKE’S WHO
ARE RETURNING TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 8:00 AM
(LIVING MARION OTT
R/B ALYCE MAYER & BILL TENERO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 5:00 PM
+FRANK DELLOIACONO
R/B WIFE JANICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

7:30 AM
FOR POPE FRANCIS

10:30 AM
FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ABANDONED
THE PRACTICE OF THEIR FAITH

6:00 PM
FOR POPE FRANCIS

PARISH SUPPORT

AUGUST 21 – REGULAR - \$4,919

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”
LUKE 14:13-14

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

If you have not yet registered for Religious Education, please register no later than August 31st. We encourage all families to register online. Please make sure to fill out an online medical form as well. 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. We look forward to seeing all our families in September.

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 are needed; please consider joining this Ministry. 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, Roland Bouchard, Lewis Caron, Connie Debate, Alda DeBortoli, Gervais Descheneaux, Christopher Gentile, Robert Gibbs, Joel Madore, Wanda Parent, Elizabeth Rocha, Barbara Sullivan, James Walton, and Edward B. Wysocki, Jr.

contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede 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 listen to us.

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.”

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.

Defending our Religious Liberty

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements

JUST FOR FUN!

St. Luke Social Committee presents “JUST FOR FUN”, Saturday, October 8, 2016.

Back by popular demand, from the creator of MisGivings, comedian Dave Kane leads everyone through a

maze of laugh filled interactive comedy quizzes, contests, prizes and surprises. It will bring you back to your childhood parties and remind you of early TV game shows! Join us for comedy, laughter, prizes and surprises; it's all Just For Fun! Pasta and Meatball dinner at 6:00 followed by the show at 7:30. Beer and wine available. Tickets are \$20 per person – advance purchase only. Tickets will be available after all the Masses starting September 3 and 4. Contact Janet DeForge at 860-871-7910 or jjdeforge@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

St. Luke Parish would like to offer electronic payment for weekly/monthly contributions starting in September. Please see the bulletin for more information. There will be a short presentation to the Parish the weekend of September 10/11.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Due to a recent Break In in the Candle Offertory Box, all doors to the church will be LOCKED after the morning Mass. Only the Rectory Side Entrance to the Church will be open until 1:00. If you need to go into the church in the afternoon, please call the rectory.

St. Edward School in Stafford Springs was awarded “Best Private Elementary School” by the North Central News Readers! It's not too late to be part of their amazing educational family! Their children are their most precious gift and, they long to provide them with the best of everything. Please call the school office at 860-684-2600 for more information.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Saturday, September 3 at 8:30AM – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich.

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser – Friday, September 9 – East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich, 5:30-7:30 pm. Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Butter, Soda & Water - \$20.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children 12 and under.

Twenty-First Annual Diocesan Mass for those dedicated to Education - Sunday, September 11, Cathedral of St. Patrick, 8:45 AM. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Msgr. James P. Carini will be the homilist.

Position Available: A part-time (25 hours per week) position is available for an Administrative Assistant at the Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich. Major responsibilities include assisting the Director of the Office of Faith events with clerical work and preparing for diocesan events. Email faithevents@norwichdiocese.net for the complete job description and qualifications. Application with resume is due by September 6, 2016.