



**SATURDAY VIGIL, September 5**

5:00 PM +Joseph Cosgrove r/b The Family  
Sixth Anniversary

**SUNDAY, September 6**

7:30 AM +Margaret Bouchard r/b Her Husband

10:30 AM +William Chamberlin r/b His Wife

6:00 PM For all Parishioners

**MONDAY, September 7**

8:00 AM +M/M James Marr r/b The Family

**TUESDAY, September 8**

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

**WEDNESDAY, September 9**

8:00 AM Healing Mass for Andre Bessette  
r/b Anita Overgaard

**THURSDAY, September 10**

8:00 AM For the sick and those near death

**FRIDAY, September 11**

8:00 AM In Honor of St. Jude

**SATURDAY, September 12**

5:00 PM +John Wraight Sr - 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
r/b Madeline, Gloria & John Jr.

**SUNDAY, September 13**

7:30 AM For all St. Luke's Volunteers

10:30AM + Florence Bagnall r/b Her Daughters  
and Grandson

6:00 PM For the success of this year's Bazaar

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”  
JAMES 2:5**

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

**Second Reading: James 2:1-5**

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>
August 29/30 Mission Collection	\$5,568 \$2,179



**TUESDAY MORNING**  
8:30 – 9:30 am  
After the Morning Mass

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**Religious Ed – 875-4951 or**  
**[stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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 is open, please register soon if you have not. Classes start Sunday, September 13, Monday September 14 and Tuesday September 15. Teachers will give you a call the week before classes start. Visit our website [www.stlukeellington.com](http://www.stlukeellington.com) to register or you may pick up registration forms in the Faith Formation Office or at the Rectory during office hours (9-1). Registration for all grades is on a first come basis and Kindergarten will be capped at 20 students. New families please contact the Rectory 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

### **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.

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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, Adele Willette and Chester Zych.

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Message of August 25, 2015**

“Dear Children! Also today I am calling you to be prayer. May prayer be for you the wings for an encounter with God. The world is in a moment of trial, because it forgot and abandoned God. Therefore you, little children, be those who seek and love God above all. I am with you and I am leading you to my son, but you must say your ‘yes’ in the freedom of children of God. I intercede for you and I love you, little children, with an endless love. 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.

**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.

**Looking For Fiberfill**

If you have left over fiberfill, St. Luke Bazaar Crafters could use it to help fill door stops being made for the Bazaar. The fiberfill can be placed in the blue plastic tub in the rear of the church. Thank you.



We are excited to announce a new booth for the upcoming Bazaar, **The Tool Box!** We already have a parishioner who has volunteered to help sort and organize donated tools. We are in need of several additional volunteers to help make this booth a success. Would you consider donating several hours to assist with sorting and organizing donated tools the week or two before the Bazaar? Would you consider working at this booth for two or three hours during the Bazaar? Ideally we would love someone who is familiar with tools. Contact St. Luke Rectory and leave your name and contact information and someone from the Bazaar Committee will get in touch with you. Thank you for considering donating you time and talents!



**WEDDING BANNS**

**SECOND**

**Marc Joseph Gargiulo**

**And**

**Julie Ann Raymond**

**FIRST**

**Frederick James Bailey**

**And**

**Maria Gueds Alves**

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

If religious liberty is not properly understood, all people will suffer and be deprived of the essential contribution to the common good, be it in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that they rely on every day. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages you to stay informed and do what you can to protect 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.

**ATTENTION CAREGIVERS!**

The Visiting Nurses of Vernon, CT, at 90 Keynote Drive, Vernon, is offering a Caregiver Support Group for all those who are Caregivers to spouses, parents or children. They meet twice a month on the first and third Thursday at 10 AM. The next meeting will be September 17. ALL ARE INVITED!

**Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser – Friday, September 11, East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich, 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.** This fundraiser helps defray expenses associated with the **Annual Blue Mass** honoring law enforcement personnel on **Sunday, September 20 10:15 am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich.** For more information or tickets call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext.232 or Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Bus transportation to the Papal Mass in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 27. <http://rallybus.net/bridgeport-papal-pilgrimage>.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – St. James Church, Manchester starting Tuesday, September 22 at 7 PM and going for eight weeks. For more information call Jim 860-643-1365 or Ray 860-888-2269. .