



**SATURDAY VIGIL, September 19**

5:00 PM +The Irving Campbell Family  
r/b Madeline Wraight

**SUNDAY, September 20**

7:30 AM For Father George

10:30 AM For all children

6:00 PM For Pope Francis

**MONDAY, September 21**

8:00 AM For all who need God's mercy

**TUESDAY, September 22**

8:00 AM +Julie Raczkowski r/b Marilyn & Paul  
Third Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, September 23**

8:00 AM For the Vernon Deanery Priests

**THURSDAY, September 24**

8:00 AM For all who are enslaved by  
Substance abuse

**FRIDAY, September 25**

8:00 AM For the success of Immaculata  
Retreat House "Dreams"

**SATURDAY, September 26**

5:00 PM +Rose and Herman Trahan r/b Janet

**SUNDAY, September 27**

7:30 AM For all expectant mothers

10:30AM +Leonard Palmeri and  
Mitchell Overgaard  
r/b Anita Overgaard

6:00 PM For our Youth Group Members

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer"= sacred and "facere"= to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading: WISDOM 2:12, 17-20**

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

**Second Reading: JAMES 3:16-4:3**

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

**Gospel: MARK 9:30-37**

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**DATE**

**OFFERTORY**

**September 12/13**

**\$5,637**

## FAITH FORMATION

**Religious Ed – 875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com)**

### Office Hours:

The office is open Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday 2-8:30 pm, Tuesday 2-8:30 pm and Thursday 10-3 pm or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

### Religious Education 2015 – 2016

**Welcome Back! We are looking forward to a Faith filled year with our students. Classes are back in session and off to a great start.** We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each week. If you still need to register go to our website [www.stlukeellington.com](http://www.stlukeellington.com) or stop into the Faith Formation Office during office hours.

### Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday, September 20, 27, Oct. 4 from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Monday, September 21, 28, Oct. 5 from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9.

Tuesday, September 22, 29, Oct. 6 from 4:30 -5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5.

Tuesday, September 22, 29, Oct. 7 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9.

### Grade 9 Confirmation – Important Dates

Sunday – **September 27** and Oct. 25 – Youth Group Meeting following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

Sunday – **October 4** – Candle Mass for Candidates and Families at the 6 pm Mass.

### 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.**

### Volunteers Needed in the Faith Formation Program!

We are looking for prayer testers, substitute teachers and teacher aides. Please contact Nancy or Kim in the Faith Formation Office to volunteer, 860-875-4951 or email us at [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).

**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, 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.

**The Tool Box**

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**

**THIRD**  
**Frederick James Bailey**  
 and  
**Maria Gueds Alves**

**ST. LUKE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at St. Luke's on Saturday, October 3 at 1 pm in front of his statue with a special blessing of your family pet(s). Sign up-sheets are available at both entrances this weekend and through the weekends of September 26 and 27. Sign- up sheets should include your name, your pet's name and the type of animal you will be bringing. We ask only that your pet(s) be on a lease, crated, or otherwise under control! If you have any questions, please call either Marilyn Gilbert at 860-871-2923 or Dottie Curtiss at 860-875-8574.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY FALL SCHEDULE**

All 8-12 graders are invited to attend the following events:

**CAR WASH, Sunday, September 20 – Help us wash cars from 8:30-10:30 am, parking lot behind the rectory.**

**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT, Sunday, September 27 – Join us at the 6 PM Mass then to the church hall for snacks and fun until 8:30 pm.**

**YOUTH EXPLOSION, Sunday, October 4, leave church at 11 am – return at 7 pm. See flyer given to students in CCD classes.**

**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT, Sunday, October 25 – 6:00 Mass, then 7-8:30 pm in church hall.**

**ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR , November 6 and 7 – Youth Group hosts a "Design a Cookie" for kids area.**

**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT, Sunday, November 22 – 6 PM Mass, then 7-8:30 pm in church hall.**

**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT, Christmas Celebration, December 20 6 PM Mass then 7-8:30 pm in the church hall.**

### **CHOIR SEASON RESUMES!**

**St. Luke Adult Choir has resumed singing at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 in the Parish Center and warm-up before the Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 in the Choir Loft. New members are welcome!**

**St. Luke Children's Choir resumes rehearsals on Sundays following the 10:30 Mass. We will begin practice on Sunday, September 20, and continue to sing at the Sunday, 10:30 Mass on a regular schedule. Children Grades 3 and up are welcome to join.**

**Children or adults who play instruments such as strings, woodwinds, or brass are welcome to join! Please contact John Nisbet for any further information at 860-272-6210, or johnhnisbet@gmail.com**

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

In the church's opposition to the Health and Human Services mandate of the Affordable Health Care Act, the issue is our forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service program. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching. 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.

**CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN – SEPTEMBER 26/27 - PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. LUKE CHURCH**

### **DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS!**

**Healing Mass – September 28 – 2:00 PM - Spiritual Renewal Services, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360.**

**Diocesan Pro Life Mass – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 8:30 AM. – St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich.**

**Saint Matthew's Church Mattie's Togs have restocked both the Summer and Winter Rooms with sizes from Premie to 16 Youth. Hours are 9-1 on Saturdays.**