



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“So the last will be first and the first last”
Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day’s wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – September 14 - \$5,499

Saturday	September 20, 2014
5:00 PM	+Irving Campbell Family r/b Madeline, Gloria & John Jr. Wraight
Sunday	September 21, 2014
7:30 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b The Waudby & Peck Families
10:30 AM	+Wilbur Legge r/b His Wife
6:00 PM	<i>In Honor of St. Jude</i> <i>r/b A Friend</i>
Monday	September 22, 2014
8:00 AM	+Julie Raczkowski – 2 nd Anniversary r/b Marilyn & Paul Gilbert
Tuesday	September 23, 2014
8:00 AM	+ Mary Okolo r/b Daphne Gagnon
Wednesday	September 24, 2014
8:00 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b Doris Poirier
Thursday	September 25, 2014
8:00 AM	+Francis Poirier r/b The Family
Friday	September 26, 2014
8:00 AM	+Jim Chenette r/b Marilyn & Paul Gilbert
Saturday	September 27, 2014
5:00 PM	+Rose & Herman Trahan r/b The Family
Sunday	September 28, 2014
7:30 AM	For all Parishioners
10:30 AM	+Mark Grodzki r/b Elizabeth O'Donnell
6:00	For all Religious Ed Students

Religious Ed – 875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 1-8 pm

Wednesday/Thursday 9-1pm

Also by Appointment

Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Confirmation 2014- B – (Grade 10)- Mandatory Dates

Please note change in date for Confirmation Candle Mass, the Mass is **Sunday, October 5 at 6 pm**. This is for all Confirmation Candidates and their families. Please mark the date on your calendar now.

All candidates **MUST** attend at least **one Youth Group Meeting** September 28, October 26 or November 23. It is the student's responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

November 17-18 – Gown Measurement prior to the start of class.

Monday, December 1–From 5-9 pm.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, December 6 – Confirmation Reconciliation 9:30 AM

Sunday, December 7 – Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidate and Sponsor – 3-4:30 pm.

Saturday, December 13 – Confirmation Mass at 1 p.m. Candidates and Sponsors arrive to Church Hall by 12:30 pm.

Confirmation 2015 – (Grade 9)

Confirmation candidates - If you have not picked up your final Confirmation Packet #3, please contact the office immediately. Any questions call the office at 860-875-4951.

All Candidates **MUST** attend at least 1 youth group meeting September 28, October 26 or November 23. It is the student's responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

Monday – December 1 from 5-9 pm Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation packet #3 due.

Registration for 2014-2015 Religious Education Program

Classes began last week. If you need to register, please contact Kim at the Faith Formation Office 860-875-4951.

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – September 21st & 28th
9:00 – 10:15 AM

Monday – September 22nd & 29th
6:45 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday - September 23rd, & 30th -
4:15 – 5:30 PM -

Tuesday- September 23rd & 30th -
7:00 - 8:15 PM

Grade 2 – Students and Families

September 28 – Grade 2 Parent Meeting at 9:15 in the Church Hall.

November 2 – Grade 2 Family Mass after class – 10:30 AM Mass for students and families.

November 9 – Parent & Student Class 9-10:15 am in the Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays for all children age 4 up to Grade 5. Please join us on Sunday, September 21 for the first Children's Liturgy of the year. Join us on Sunday September 28, October 5, 12, 19 and 26th.

YOUTH MINISTRY!

Attention 8-12 Graders!

The Fall season of Youth Ministry begins next weekend!

Join us, Sunday, September 28 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Gathering will be in the Church Hall. Come and see how we share our lives with Jesus.

Volunteer Service Work

**Contact Anthony Littizzio – 860-875-6791
MRLSLYG@aol.com.**

R.C.I.A.: All Saturdays 8-9:30 AM Parish Center for adults who wish to be confirmed, or are interested in the Catholic Faith, or wish to become Catholic. Call Deacon Frank 860-875-6543.

World Message Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of August 25, 2014

“Dear Children,
Pray for my intentions, because Satan wants to destroy my plan which I have here and to steal your peace. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray that God can act through each of you. May your hearts be open to God’s will.

I love you and bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending Our Religious Liberty

If religious liberty is not properly understood, all people suffer and are deprived of the essential contribution to the common good, be it in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that individuals access. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) encourages you to stay informed and to insist upon what belongs to you by right as Catholics and Americans. If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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, 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, Beth Ann Phillips, Jean Rabe, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Don

Sierakowski, Wendy Tarbox, Morris Webber, and Kathy White.



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:

Lydia Augliera, Alfio Bonanno, Donna Bouchez, Rhoda Burr, James Chenette, Carolyn Coyne, George Croft, John Curley, Jr., Helen DeCarli, Angelina DeFeo, Frank DelloIacono, Irene Dowd, Valerie Dumais, Margery Dungan, Carl Ekroth, Bertha Rosa Ficocelli, Joanne Gagnon, Robert Gagnon, Judith Gan, Frank C. Graziani, Sharon Johnson, John Mahon, Sr., Mary Miffitt, Mary Okolo, Jeannine Salone, Jeanette Scibek, Raymond Smachetti, Jr., Anna Taylor, Pearl Tetreault, Paul Vachon, Rachel Wheeler-Rossow and Rachel Zahner.

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
What Was The Inquisition?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7 PM
PARISH CENTER

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

St. Luke Social Committee will hold a **Pasta and Meatball Dinner and Comedy Show** on Saturday, September 27 at 6:00 PM in the church hall. Radio personality Dave Kane brings to life the persona of Fr. Patrick Aloysius Misgivings in this hilarious one man show! Tickets are \$15.00 – **this is the last weekend to buy tickets!** If you have any questions, please call Janet at 860-871-7910.

Carmelite Day of Recollection – Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 to 2 pm. “Crossing The Wilderness: A Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux.” Presentation by Father Rob Traudt, OCarm from Brandsma Priory, Middletown, NY. Location: St. Joseph’s Residence, 1354 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082. The fee is \$20.00. To

register, please contact Laurie Theroux at laurietheroux@gmail.com or 860-796-0941 no later than September 25.

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 4 at 1 P.M.** in front of his statue with a special blessing of your family pet(s). **Sign-up sheets** will be available at **both entrances** on the weekend of **September 6 and 7 through the weekend of September 27 and 28.** Sign-up sheets will 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 leash, 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.**

BAZAAR NEWS!

BASKET TABLE: We are again going to have a Basket Table at the Bazaar. We are asking for your help to donate a basket filled with items of your choice – keeping in mind having a particular theme for each basket. We are particularly looking for items for a men's basket and items for children. These two categories were especially asked for last year. Baskets can be dropped off at the rectory between the hours of 9-1 Monday through Friday starting now. This has been very popular in previous years so we hope you as parishioners will help make it a success. If you would like to just donate items for a basket (new only), you can bring them to the rectory. Any questions, please call Jeanne Grospitch at 860-875-0801.

Bazaar Country Store: If you make jamaes, jellies, pickles, vinegars etc.

during the fall, please consider making a couple of items for the Country Store.

Diocesan News!

Virtual Pilgrimage of Lourdes, France

**St. Bernard Parish
25 St. Bernard Place
Vernon/Rockville, CT**

North American Lourdes volunteers will present a prayerful VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France, at St. Bernard Parish on **Tuesday, October 7 at 7 PM.** During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the liquid grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. There is no cost to attend; however, a freewill offering will be collected to support the mission to Lourdes.

Pro-Life Mass – Saturday, October 4, 8:30 am. St. Patrick's Cathedral – To end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Rosary follows the Mass.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH – TOLLAND will pray the Rosary every Wednesday after the 9:00 am Mass and Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Chapel during the Month of October.

St. Edward's School's Quarter Auction – Friday, September 26 – St. Edward Hall, 25 Church Street, Stafford Springs. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bidding starts at 7:00 pm. For more information call Cheryl at 860-716-3114.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples – "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" – October 3, 10, 17 6:30-9:00 pm. St. Joseph Church Hall, Rt. 97, Occum. To register call 860-889-8346 ext.283.