



SATURDAY VIGIL, October 10

5:00 PM For Pope Francis

SUNDAY, October 11

7:30 AM +Henry Thomas 10th Anniversary
r/b Jane and Children

10:30 AM +Angelo & Rose Tarascio
r/b Their Daughter

6:00 PM For those in nursing homes

MONDAY, October 12

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

TUESDAY, October 13

8:00 AM +Helen DeCarli – r/b The Family
Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, October 14

8:00 AM For victims of violence

THURSDAY, October 15

8:00 AM +Theresa D’Addario
r/b John & Lenora Rice

FRIDAY, October 16

8:00 AM +William Harlow r/b Pat Tardif

SATURDAY, October 17

5:00 PM +Walter S. Krupinski, Jr.
r/b Phyllis Caron-Valeriano &
Alice Taylor

SUNDAY, October 18

7:30 AM +Stephen Czyz
r/b The Waudby Family

10:30AM For those dedicated to Faith
Formation

6:00 PM For the unemployed

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” MARK 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God’s perception of people is called “sharper than any two-edged sword.” God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

PARISH SUPPORT	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>
October 4	\$4,523
Maintenance Collection	\$2,024

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed (860)875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

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

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 or stop into the Faith Formation Office during office hours.

Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday, October 18th & 25th from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No class October 11!

Monday, October 19th, 26th from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9. No class October 12!

Tuesday, October 20th & 27th from 4:30 - 5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5. No class October 13th!

Tuesday, October 20th, 27th from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9.. No class October 13!

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

Grade 2 – Important Dates:

Sunday, November 1st – Grade 2 Family Mass after class during the 10:30 Mass for all Grade 2 students and their families.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – Volunteers Needed

All children age 4 through the 5th Grade are invited to attend the Children’s Liturgy of the

Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held Sunday October 18 and 25th.

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.

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, Camilla Byam,, William Cairns, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Alex Dinh, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, 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 September 25, 2015**

“Dear Children! Also today I am praying to the Holy Spirit to fill your hearts with a strong faith. Prayer and faith will fill your heart with love and joy and you will be a sign for those who are far from God. Little children, encourage each other to prayer with the heart, so that prayer may fulfill your life; and each day, you, little children, will be, above all, witnesses of serving God in adoration and of your neighbor in need. I am with you and intercede for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

BASKET TABLE: We need donations for the Basket Table – whatever you would like to give - **New Only**. We will be happy to wrap them and add ribbons! Please suggest an amount you would like to put on the Basket. You can also make up your own Baskets keeping in mind having a particular theme. Some suggestions are things for a Children’s Basket – toys, games, puzzles, coloring books, crayons etc.; Toiletries for men or women; Kitchen items; Baby items. All baskets and/or items can be dropped off at the Rectory Monday-Friday 9-1. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Grospitch at 860-875-0801.

ATTIC TREASURES!

The Bazaar is fast approaching! Items for the Attic Treasures Booth can now be dropped off at the rear entrance to the Church. **Please mark Attic Treasures** on them. Please make sure everything is **CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION!**

Country Store Request

When you are making jams, jellies, pickles and other homemade canned items, please consider donating a jar or two 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 your time and talents!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that, since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the HHS mandate of the Affordable Care Act harshly penalizes those employers who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees. 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.

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 rehearses on Sundays following the 10:30 Mass. Practice has begun and the children will 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

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS!

October 17 – Firefighters/EMS Mass – 5:00 PM – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich – Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and procession to the Cathedral 3:00 pm. For more information call Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, ext. 265.

October 18 – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, 2:00 – The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass for all couples married 25 and 50 years or a significant anniversary to renew their wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Cote. Register through St. Luke's Rectory.

October 22 – St. Martha's School – Enfield – 6:30 Internet Safety Seminar to learn more about how to keep children safe while using the internet and social media.

Position Available – Executive Director Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich – Candidate must have strong management experience and excellent professional and interpersonal skills to provide leadership. Deadline October 16. Resume and cover letter including salary requirements and 3 references should be sent to Vicar General, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

October 21 – Day of Recollection – St. Edmund's Retreat, Mystic – 10 AM – 3:30 - \$50 p/p – 860-536-0565 to pre-register.

NOVENA TO ST. LUKE

START SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
END SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 WITH
RECITATION OF THE ROSARY IN THE
CHURCH AT 4:35.

NOVENA

God, our Father, we praise, honor and give you thanks.

May the ministries we share help to build up your kingdom.

Help our parish family continue to use the gifts we have been given for the greater love of you and for the service of your people.

Lord Jesus, guide our priests, deacons, religious and all who serve you.

Increase our faith, hope and love, and give us all an unfailing sense of humor.

Holy Spirit, we give you permission to have your will and your way in our lives and in our parish.

Sanctify all we think, say and do, for your glory.

Let us be a light to the nations for you.

Send us your Spirit of loving kindness, wisdom and unity.

Father, you chose Luke the Evangelist to reveal, by preaching and writing, the mystery of your love for the poor.

Unite in heart and spirit all who glory in your name, and let all nations come to see your salvation.

Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
Forever and ever.

St. Luke, all the angels and saints, pray for us.
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.