



Saturday	October 25, 2014
5:00 PM	+Mary Okolo r/b Harry & Jeanne Grospitch
Sunday	October 26, 2014
7:30 AM	+Edward Baran – 23 rd Anniversary r/b Penny Harrington
10:30 AM	+Virginia Buffa – 5 th Anniversary r/b Dtr. Terri Cocuzzo
6:00 PM	+Adam Kurpat r/b Amelia Kurpat
Monday	October 27, 2014
8:00 AM	+Monica Brennan r/b Peg & Jim O'Neill
Tuesday	October 28, 2014
8:00 AM	For all the elderly
Wednesday	October 29, 2014
8:00 AM	For those struggling to carry their crosses
Thursday	October 30, 2014
8:00 AM	+Jim Chenette r/b Doris Poirier
Friday	October 31, 2014
8:00 AM	+Hazel Halbach Birthday Remembrance r/b Marilyn & Paul Gilbert
Saturday	November 1, 2014
5:00 PM	+Sharon Johnson r/b The Social Committee
Sunday	November 2, 2014
7:30 AM	+The Deceased Members of the Ott & Tenero Families r/b Alyce Mayer & Bill Tenero
10:30 AM	+Margaret Allen r/b The Family
6:00	+For all our deceased relatives and friends who have died this past year

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever sacrifices to any god, save to the Lord only, shall be utterly destroyed.”
EXODUS 22:20

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? If so, you may want to pay attention to the scripture reading because you are not going to like the outcome. The good news ---it’s not too late to put God first in your life.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, “Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?” With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one’s entire being; the second is to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

PARISH SUPPORT Regular Collection – October 5 - \$6,247
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FAITH FORMATION

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

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 1-8 pm

Thursday 9-1pm

Also by Appointment

Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

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

All candidates **MUST** attend at least **one Youth Group Meeting** 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)

All Candidates **MUST** attend at least 1 youth group meeting 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

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23
- 9:00 – 10:15 No Class November 30

Monday – October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24
6:45 - 8:00

Tuesday - October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25
4:15 – 5:30 PM

Tuesday- October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25
7:00 - 8:15 PM

Grade 2 – Students and Families

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. Join us on Sunday October 26, November 2, 16, 23, 30..

Service Work Update

Thank you to **Steve O'Keefe** along with students **Evan and Dylan Gargiulo** and **Gage Brennan** (Team 1) that recently served at the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen.

On November 5 we have **Diana Brown, Kyle Brown, Nicholas Massaro, Debbie Tebbetts** and **Matthew Tebbetts** who will be serving. (Team 2)

We also have a new Team being arranged (Team 3) for **Wednesday November 12**. We have **Phyllis Sasseville** and are looking for students to fill out that team.

All parishioners are welcome to join a team or sub in order to experience the joy of giving your time and efforts for those in need.

Mr. Littizzio coordinates and oversees each "St. Luke" dinner night if you have questions concerning times or tasks. Saturday lunch may also be available so please consider joining him or a team (once every month or two) by calling 860-875-6791 or MRLSLYG@aol.com.

Altar Serving Training

There will be an Altar Serving Training Session on Sunday, November 2, 11:30 AM. for any child who is interested in becoming an Altar Server (who has made their First Eucharist) or also one who is currently an Altar Server and would like a refresher course is invited to attend.

Workshop for New Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, 317 CHESTERFIELD ROAD, EAST LYME, CT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 9:30-12:30

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 10 AT worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 x 203. Fee \$10.00

R.C.I.A.: All Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM (PLEASE NOTE DAY/TIME CHANGE) 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.

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, 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:

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, Margaret Ryan, Jeannine Salone, Jeanette Scibek, Raymond Smachetti, Jr., Anna Taylor, Pearl Tetreault, Paul Vachon, Rachel Wheeler-Rossow and Rachel Zahner.

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

What Were The Crusades: When, What, Where, Why? Everyone is welcome!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 PM
PARISH CENTER**

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. In its decision, the Supreme Court clearly reaffirms that freedom of religion is a basic fundamental right under our Constitution.

Organizations such as church-sponsored universities, hospitals and social services, are facing a fine of \$100 per day (\$36,500) per employee if they provide health coverage that does not include contraceptives, including abortion-causing drugs, and sterilization. Exorbitant fines like these will surely force a lot of organizations that serve tens of thousands of people to close.

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.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of September 25, 2014

“Dear Children! Also today I call you to also be like the stars, which by their light give light and beauty to others so they may rejoice. Little children, also you be the radiance, beauty, joy and peace ---and especially prayer – for all those who are far from my love and the love of my Son Jesus. Little children, witness your faith and prayer in joy, in the joy of faith that is in your hearts; and pray for peace, which is a precious gift from God. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

WEDDING BANNS!

SECOND
ROBERT ERVOLINO &
BIANCA ROCHA

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!
Attention 8-12 Graders!
Are you ‘fit’ for Sunday Mass?
Join us for a
MASS FITNESS WORKOUT
Sunday, October 26 in the
Church Hall, following the 6 PM Mass

ALTAR STEPS!

We are in the planning stages of having the top two (of three) altar steps removed. The main reason for doing this is the **SAFETY** of our priest, deacons and altar servers. Our priest and deacons are not getting any younger and less steps to climb several time throughout the Mass will be much **SAFER** for them. We also have younger and older altar servers who carry things (including crystal) to the altar and back several times throughout the Mass, who would have a much **SAFER** time negotiating one

step versus three. The new altar height will be the same as Father George, the Deacons or Lector standing at the ambo. All of the area churches now have one or two steps up from the congregational level to their altar level.

This project will be fully funded from existing Parish reserve funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. George or Bob Ohrt.

MEN’S CLUB INITIAL GET TOGETHER
BYO BREAKFAST

Busy schedule? Family responsibilities? Desire to share ideas and experiences ... and discuss the situations in a **relaxed and informal setting on a part time basis?**....please come have a hand in discussing and developing a St. Luke’s men’s fraternal organization which will promote camaraderie and goodwill while fully considering everyone’s busy schedules and responsibilities as Husbands, Dads, Grandfathers, Brothers, Sons, Caretakers and Christians.

BYO BREAKFAST in our church hall
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 7:30 am – 8:30 AM.....shaving not required!

East Catholic Open House –
 Thursday, November 6 at 6:45 pm.
 The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, November 15 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call the Admissions Office at 860-649-5336.

BAZAAR NEWS!**MAIN RAFFLE!**

This year we are excited to announce that **First prize in the Main Raffle is \$500.00 of Amazon gift cards.** Raffle tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners who have purchased them in previous years. If you are interested in purchasing for the first time this year, or you need some additional tickets, contact or stop by the Rectory – 860-875-8552.

MAIN RAFFLE PRIZES

- 1ST Prize: \$500 gift card to Amazon
 2nd Prize: \$250 gift card to Macy's
 3rd Prize: \$200 gift card to Target
 4th Prize: \$175 gift card redeemable
 At J.T. Farms in Ellington
 5th Prize: \$100 gift card to Broad
 Brook Gardens
 6th Prize: \$75 gift card redeemable
 at Dunkin Donuts
 7th Prize: \$40 gift card to Rave
 Cinema and \$25 gift card to Sofia's
 Restaurant.
 8th Prize: \$25 gift card to 99
 Restaurant and \$25 gift card to Chuck
 Wagon

BASKET TABLE: We are currently looking for parishioners who have empty baskets to donate, or would like to select a basket to fill and donate to this popular booth. Two boxes of baskets are located under the table at the rear entrance to the church. If you have a particular price in mind that you would like your basket to be sold for, please attach a note indicating a price. Filled baskets can be dropped off at the Rectory or after any of the Masses to Fr. George in the Sacristy. Any questions, please call Jeanne Gropitch at 860-875-0801.

CHILDREN'S ONLY BOOTH:

New and gently used items **are needed** for our "Children's Only Booth" so our "little ones" may be able to purchase gifts for their family or friends at a minimal cost to them. Free gift wrapping will be included. All appropriate gift items may be left at the rear entrance of the church. **PLEASE MARK "CHILDREN'S BOOTH."** For questions, please call Dottie Curtiss at 860-875-8574.

Bazaar Country Store: If you make jams, jellies, pickles, vinegars etc. during the fall, please consider making a couple of items for the Country Store.

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!**

BAKED GOODS NEEDED!

Once again, we are having the ever popular Baked Goods Table at this year's Bazaar. Please bake your favorite dessert or bread for this table. Pies, breads, cakes, cookies, fudge are all big sellers! We had a tremendous response last year. **Please help by dropping off your baked goods on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AFTER 9:00 am OR SATURDAY MORNING.** Thank you in advance for your help!