

**SATURDAY VIGIL, November 14, 2015**

4:00 PM +Gini King – r/b Her Husband
5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, November 15, 2015

7:30 AM +The Waudby and White Families
r/b Don & Elaine Waudby

10:30 AM Thanksgiving Mass for all
Bazaar Volunteers

6:00 PM For Pope Francis

MONDAY, November 16

8:00 AM +Deceased Members of the
Ohrt Family

TUESDAY, November 17

8:00 AM +Deceased Members of
Rosemary Malatesta's Family

WEDNESDAY, November 18

8:00 AM +Deceased Members of Ellen &
Gordon Lesure's Family

THURSDAY, November 19

8:00 AM +Deceased Family & Friends of
M/M John Potkaj

FRIDAY, November 20

8:00 AM +Deceased Members 1 of
Carol &
Greg DiCioccio

SATURDAY, November 21

4:00 PM +Robert Callahan
r/b Daughter Carol Feindel

SUNDAY, November 22

7:30 AM +Robert & Carmen Ohrt
r/b Bob & Robin Ohrt

10:30AM For all Parishioners

6:00 PM For all visitors to St. Luke's

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“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” MARK 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond?

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judged. He warns that some shall “be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” But he promises that some will live forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:a11-14, 18

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus' one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear seven pending cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate to cover contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients. These cases include dozens of religious schools, universities, and charities, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, who run nursing homes across the country for the poor and elderly. Let us pray that the Court will rule in favor of our First Amendment rights. 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed – 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

We are looking forward to a Faith filled year with our students. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each week.

Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday, November 15, 22 from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. (No class on November 29)

Monday, November 16, 23 and 30th from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9.

Tuesday, November 17, 24th and December 1 from 4:30 -5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5.

Tuesday, November 17, 24th and December 1 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9.

Grade 2 – Important Dates:

Saturday, December 12, 9 AM – First Reconciliation for Grade 2 students and their families.

Grade 9 Confirmation – Important Dates

All Confirmation paperwork was due no later than November 6th. Please

contact Mrs. Rudek immediately if your paperwork was not turned in.

Confirmation Interview – contact the Faith formation Office to schedule your interview.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, January 30 – 10 am – 1pm

CONFIRMATION DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1:00 PM

Children’s Liturgy of the Word –
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 November 15, and 22nd.

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, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan

Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Morris Webber, Jean Wood & Richard Wood and Kathy White.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message of October 25, 2015

“Dear Children! Also today, my prayer is for all of you, especially for all those who have become hard of heart to my call. You are living in the days of grace and are not conscious of the gifts which God is giving to you through my presence. Little children, decide also today for holiness and take the example of the saints of this time and you will see that holiness is a reality for all of you. Rejoice in the love, little children, that in the eyes of God you are unrepeatable and irreplaceable because you are God’s joy in this world. Witness peace, prayer and love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE!!!

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS - 4:00 PM INSTEAD OF 5:00.

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

CHURCH EXTERIOR STAIR ENCLOSURES PROJECT

Construction has begun on the Exterior Stair Enclosures Project. The side entrances to the church will be out of service for the duration of construction. This will not impact Church Services.

MITTEN TREE COMING!

We will again be having our Mitten Tree. The trees are set up now for the weekends of November 14/15; November 21/22 and November 28/29. Let us remember the people who are cold keeping them warm with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

SOCCER COLLECTION DRIVE!

Longtime parishioner, Stephen Schirra, would like to get the St. Luke's community involved in a global outreach initiative by encouraging everyone to donate new or gently used soccer balls to be hand-delivered to underprivileged children all over the world. So far, his mission has taken him to an orphanage for children from high-risk families in Lurin, Lima, Peru and a refugee home working with Latin American kids aged 14-18 with extensive gang and drug cartel backgrounds in the San Antonio area. He is scheduled to reach out to school children from a very poor part of

Jamaica next. Containers will be at the entrances to the church.

AREA HAPPENINGS!

All Saint Church, Somersville – Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale – **Sunday, November 15 11 AM – 1 PM.** Coffee and Donuts Sunday 11 AM – 1 PM.

St. Matthew Church, Tolland – Frosty Village Bazaar – **Friday, November 20 6-9 PM** and **Saturday, November 21 9 AM to 2:30 PM** – Great selection of hand-crafted items; homemade pies, baked goods and candies; knit and crochet apparel; hand-made clothing for 18" girls dolls; Attic Treasures; Raffles and much more. Home-made Soup and Sandwiches, dessert served throughout.

St. Edward School Auction – Saturday, **November 21** in the St. Edward Church Hall, 25 Church Street, Stafford Springs, CT. Admission is free, but a paddle must be purchased to bid. The auction will begin at 6 PM with a free preview at 5 pm. The kitchen will be open with many delicious homemade foods available.

Holy Year of Mercy: On Sunday, December 13, Bishop Cote will open the Holy Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of St. Patrick 10:30 a.m with a special celebration of the Eucharist. During this celebration representatives from every parish of the diocese will be commissioned as Disciples of Mercy. We will also have the traditional ritual of opening the Holy Door of Mercy. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Cathedral Auditorium. All are invited to participate.