

**Saturday      November 15, 2014**

**5:00 PM**      +Cruciano Savona  
 Birthday Remembrance  
 r/b Sister Lucy

**Sunday      November 16, 2014**

**7:30 AM**      +Kristina Kupec  
 r/b The Flynn Family

**10:30 AM**      +Edwina Smolinski  
 r/b Ted Okolo & Family

**6:00 PM**      In Honor of St. Jude  
 r/b A Friend

**Monday      November 17, 2014**

**8:00 AM**      For all who need God's Mercy

**Tuesday      November 18, 2014**

**8:00 AM**      For the Hungry

**Wednesday      November 19, 2014**

**8:00 AM**      +M/M Joseph LaBella  
 r/b Sister Guytina

**Thursday      November 20, 2014**

**8:00 AM**      For Father George

**Friday      November 21, 2014**

**8:00 AM**      +Wilbur Legge  
 r/b His Wife

**Saturday      November 22, 2014**

**5:00 PM**      +Robert C. Ohrt 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 r/b Bob & Robin Ohrt

**Sunday      November 23, 2014**

**7:30 AM**      For all Parishioners

**10:30 AM**      +Joan Duell  
 r/b Ray Bennett & Cindy Okolo

**6:00**      +Adam Kurpat  
 r/b Armand & Florence Linder

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much...” MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?****First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

**Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b> <b>Regular Collection – November 9 - \$6,672</b>
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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 if you did not attend the September or October Youth Ministry meeting you **MUST** attend the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. 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 if you did not attend the September or October Youth Ministry meeting you **MUST** attend the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. 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.

**CONFIRMATION – 2015 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Confirmation Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015  
1:00 PM**

**Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, April 23, 2015 – 6:30 PM**

**Confirmation Reconciliation: Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, 2015 during regular class time.**

**Religious Education Program – 2014 - 2015**

The class schedule is as follows:

**Sunday** – November 16, 23 - 9:00 – 10:15 No Class November 30

**Monday** – November 17, 24 6:45 - 8:00

**Tuesday** - November 18, 25 4:15 – 5:30

**Tuesday-** November 18, 25 7:00 - 8:15

**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 November 16, 23, 30 during Mass.

**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, Jim Smith, 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:

Scott Traska

**DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH  
FIRST TUESDAY**

**TUESDAY, December 2, 7 PM  
PARISH CENTER**

**St. Joseph: Protector of the Holy Family  
What Do We Know About St. Joseph?  
Come and see!**

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING CORRECTION**

**THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE MEETING ON  
THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**

**THE NOVEMBER MEETING IS NOVEMBER  
23 NOT NOVEMBER 30 AS PREVIOUSLY  
STATED**

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The Catholic Church needs to continue the fight for religious freedom so that she can promote a culture that is favorable to life from conception to natural death.

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.

**FACEBOOK**

**"Visit us on Facebook:  
St. Luke Catholic Church**

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

**Message of October 25, 2014**

"Dear Children! Pray in this time of grace and seek the intercession of all the saints who are already in the light. From day to day may they be an example and encouragement to you on the way of your conversion. Little children, be aware that your life is short and passing. Therefore, yearn for eternity and keep preparing your hearts in prayer. I am with you and intercede before my son for each of you, especially for those who have consecrated themselves to me and to my Son. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC  
MEDIA DISPLAY**

At the rear entrance to the church we have a new display from the Lighthouse Catholic Media entitled "Deepen Your Faith." The display includes CD'S, Booklets and Books. The prices are marked on each item. CD'S are \$3.00; Booklets are \$2.00 and Books are \$4.00. This is your opportunity to choose some authentic Catholic Media, take it home and listen or read it at your leisure. At the bottom of the display is a sign with an arrow that says "Please Donate Here." We ask you to put the money in this locked slot. We will be adding and/or changing the items from time to time particularly as the items are sold out.

**MITTEN TREE IS COMING!**

Trees are waiting! November 29/30 and December 6/7. Front and Rear entrances to the church. Last year many people were cold! Let's help them be warm with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

**MEN'S GATHERING**

The first gathering was held on November 1. The emphasis was on men getting to know each other through casual conversation on relevant family topics. Each gathering will offer fresh topics chosen and developed by the gathering itself. It was noted that there is really a very minimal amount of time parish men have to socialize together outside of Mass in order to share ideas and concerns regarding everyday life events. It is hoped these gatherings will provide a pleasant opportunity to share each other's opinions, life experiences, and stories. The group decided that one hour earlier on a Saturday morning (before spouses and/or families wake up) may be a convenient time for a majority of men. The group may adjust times for future gatherings if desired. A few men suggested going to the Chuck Wagon after the gathering so it was suggested that this option be made available.

**PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THIS PLEASANT, INFORMAL GATHERING EITHER ALONE OR WITH FRIENDS FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN ENJOYABLE AND ENTERTAINING HOUR OF FRIENDSHIP. BREAKFAST AFTERWARDS IS OPTIONAL.**

**DIOCESAN NEWS****St. Matthew Church, Tolland**

Frosty Village Bazaar – Friday, November 21 6-9 pm and Saturday, November 22 9-2:30.

Get in the holiday mood with our great selection of hand-crafted items; homemade pies, baked goods, and candies; knit and crochet apparel; hand-made clothing for popular 18" girl dolls; Attic Treasures; raffles and much more. For the kids, a Kid's Booth and Photos with Santa! Home-made Soup and Sandwiches, dessert served throughout.

**Immaculata Retreat House** –

Christmas on the Hill: Beginning December 7, 2014 through January 4, 2015. Fr. Ron's Annual Christmas Light and Crystal Extravaganza will be available for visits in the Retreat House lobby and dining room. Open House Hours: Each Sunday from noon-5 PM. Special arrangements can be made for viewing during the week, but we ask that you call them beforehand. 860-423-8484.

**Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** – St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich – Saturday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**Parents divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues** –

participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Catholic Charities offers ongoing Parenting Education classes in Norwich, Rockville, Middletown and Willimantic. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call 860-889-8346 ext. 260 for registration and monthly class dates and locations.