



Saturday November 29, 2014

5:00 PM +Ellen-Mae Kupec
r/b The Family

Sunday November 30, 2014

7:30 AM +Sally Smith 20th Anniversary
r/b Marilyn & Paul Gilbert

10:30 AM +Anthony Buffa
r/b Terri Cocuzzo - Daughter

6:00 PM +George Croft
r/b His Family

Monday December 1, 2014

8:00 AM Father George

Tuesday December 2, 2014

8:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

Wednesday December 3, 2014

8:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

Thursday December 4, 2014

8:00 AM For the Homeless

Friday December 5, 2014

8:00 AM In Honor of St. Jude
r/b A Friend

Saturday December 6, 2014

5:00 PM For all Parishioners

Sunday December 7, 2014

7:30 AM +John A. DeCarli
r/b His Daughter

10:30 AM For all Confirmation Candidates

6:00 PM +Irene Smith
r/b The Family

1st Sunday of Advent

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time – our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us know how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, and listen to what God is saying to you.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God’s grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

PARISH SUPPORT

The collection amount for November 22/23 will be in next week’s bulletin.

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

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)

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 – December 7 & 14 - 9:00 – 10:15 No Class November 30

Monday – December 1, 8 15 6:45 - 8:00

Tuesday - December 2, 9, 16 4:15 – 5:30

Tuesday- December 2, 9 & 16 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 30 & December 7 and 14 during Mass.

Volunteer Service Work

Contact Tony Littizzio – 860-875-6791 or MRLSLYG @ aol.com

R.C.I.A.: All Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM 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!**

Defending Our Religious Liberty

We must continue to stand in defense of life, marriage, and our first, and most cherished liberty, freedom of religion.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continues to urge the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House in the strongest possible terms to remove the various infringements on religious freedom imposed by the health care mandate.

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."

MITTEN TREE IS COMING!

Trees are waiting! November 22/29, November 29/30 and December 6/7. They will be at the 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES/Confessions

Confessions: December 24 – 3:00

Christmas Eve:

4:00 PM - Children's Mass
Children's Choir/ Youth Grp

6:00 PM – Regular Mass
Cantor and Organist

Christmas – December 25:

Midnight Mass – 12:00 AM – with Adult Choir & Organist

7:30 AM – Cantor and Organist
10:30 AM –Cantor and Organist

NO 6 PM MASS

**33rd Annual Convocation
For The Priests in the Diocese of
Norwich**

The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 1-3, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. **NO PARISH, SCHOOL OR INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THESE DAYS. THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON**

First Sunday of Advent

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

Natural Family Planning for Married and Engaged Couples – For information call the Collisions at 860-399-8265 or go to www.ccli.org.

Encourage Support Group is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. John Church, Montville, please call the Family Life Office at 860-889-8346 ext.283

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass and the Knights of Columbus with a special “Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose” Act of Consecration. The Silver Rose Ceremonies are taking place throughout North America with four of the Silver Roses concluding their journey on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Day of Recollection – Monday, December 8, 2014 “Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary” – 10 AM – 3 PM – St. Edmund’s Retreat House, Enders Island, Mystic, CT – Includes two conferences, an

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opportunity for Reconciliation, Mass, and a hot served lunch. Please call 860-536-0565 to register. \$50 per person.

Advent Prayer Meeting – Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm – St. Mary Church Hall, 45 Freestone Avenue, Portland, CT. – Live worship music, praise, prayer, inspired teaching and hospitality. Contact Rita Patten for more information at 860-267-0286.

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 13 – St. Bernard’s Church, Rockville, CT – Two sittings 8 am or 10 am. Adults \$6.00 per person; Children \$5.00 (2 and up). No Reservations needed. All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Preschool.

Advent Penance Service – December 14, 2014, St. Bernard’s Church, Rockville – 3:00 PM.

Grieving Retreat – A 2- day Retreat with Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC –St. Edmund’s Enters Island at Mystic - December 19-21. Call 860-536-0565 for reservations or email www.endersisland.com.

“COME TO ME ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVILY BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”

Welcome to a weekend of prayer, support, information and sharing in a safe and holy setting. Together we will seek the insights and graces God wants for each one of us as we mourn the losses in our lives.

Double Room Occupancy: \$200 p/p
Single Room Occupancy: \$250 p/p
Commuter Rate: \$150 p/p
Deposit: \$100 per person