

**SATURDAY VIGIL, December 5, 2015**

4:00 PM +Deceased Family/Friends
Of Mrs. John Dobitsky

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

7:30 AM +John DeCarli r/b The Family

10:30 AM For Pope Francis

6:00 PM +Irene Smith r/b The Smith
and Gayton Families

MONDAY, December 7, 2015 - VIGIL

8:00 AM +Roberta Vetica
r/b Peg & Jim O'Neill

7:00 PM For all Parishioners

TUESDAY, December 8, 2015 – HOLY DAY

8:00 AM +William & Lucille Beers
r/b Their Daughter

7:00 PM For Sr. Guytina & Sr. Angie

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
M/M Tom Theroux

THURSDAY, December 10, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
M/M Robert Johnson

FRIDAY, December 11, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Members of the
Maldonado Family
r/b Rick & Rose Meyer

SATURDAY, December 12, 2015

4:00 PM +William & Lucille Beers
r/b Their Daughter

SUNDAY, December 13, 2015

7:30 AM For those oppressed by any
kind of need

10:30AM +Carol Newton r/b Barry Newton

6:00 PM +Chester & Dorothy Zych
r/b The Cargill Family

PARISH SUPPORT

November 15	\$4,773
November 22	\$4,818.25
November 29	\$4,562



“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning December 8, Pope Francis is asking us to practice both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs; while the spiritual works of mercy are actions that help our neighbors with their spiritual needs. As we keep this in mind, let us continue to pray for religious freedom. That it be preserved so we never have to choose between helping our neighbors and following our moral beliefs. 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 – (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

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, December 6 and 13th from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No classes December 20 & 27.

Monday, December 7 & 14th from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9. No classes December 21 and 28th.

Tuesday, December 8, 15 from 4:30 - 5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5. No classes December 22 and 29.

Tuesday, December 8, 15 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9. No classes December 22 and 29.

Grade 2 – Important Dates:

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

Grade 9 Confirmation – Important Dates

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

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

Confirmation Reconciliation – During last class on March 28 and 29th

Confirmation Rehearsal – Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm for Candidate and Sponsor (or parent stand-in)

Confirmation 2016 Mass – Sunday April 3rd at 1 pm – Candidates and Sponsors arrive at 12:30 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 December 6th and 13th.

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, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni,

Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Grospitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Daniel McElroy, Rocco Montano, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Susan Spellacy, 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 November 25, 2015

“Dear Children! Today I am calling all of you: pray for my intentions. Peace is in danger, therefore, little children, pray and be carriers of peace and hope in this restless world where Satan is attacking and tempting in every way. Little children, be firm in prayer and courageous in faith. I am with you and intercede before my son Jesus for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

SOCCER COLLECTION DRIVE!

Collection boxes are located at both entrances to the church for the newly used Soccer Balls to be brought to the children in Jamaica.

THE WEEK AHEAD!

Sunday – December 6:
Religious Ed Classes 9-10:15;
Children’s Liturgy 10:30 Mass; Coffee Hour after 10:30 Mass

Monday, December 7:

Religious Ed Classes 6:45 – 8 PM;
Social Committee 6:30 PM Parish
Center

VIGIL MASS: 7 PM

Tuesday, December 8: HOLYDAY

Masses 8 AM & 7 PM

Religious Ed Classes 4:30-5:45 & 7-
8:15

Wednesday, December 9

Coffee/Donuts 8:30 – 9:00 Parish Ctr.
Small Faith 9:00 – 10:30 AM
Appreciation Dinner 6 PM Church Hall

Thursday, December 10

Property Management 7 PM

Saturday, December 12

First Reconciliation 9:00 AM Church

CHRISTMAS
MASSES/CONFESSIONS

DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve
Confessions: 3:00 – 3:45

Masses:

4:00 PM – Children’s Mass

6:00 PM

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS

MASSES: 7:30 am & 10:30 am

No 6 pm Mass on Christmas

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Nancy Rudek,
Director of Religious Education
who recently made perpetual
profession in the Secular
Franciscan Order.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to
our Annual Mitten Tree. We
collected 192 pairs of
Mittens/Gloves; 114 Hats; 39
Scarfs; 31 Sets of gloves/mittens,
hats & scarfs and 3 head bands.
All will be divided equally between
the Cornerstone and Hockanum
Valley.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING
December 20

Please join us at the 6 PM Mass
on December 20 then into the
church hall for a Christmas
celebration. All 8-12 graders are
invited and encouraged to wear a
Christmas hat, reindeer antlers,
Christmas tree hats etc. Merry
Christmas everyone!

Deacon Frank’s Homily Links:

<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>