



SATURDAY VIGIL, 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

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

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

MONDAY, December 14, 2015

8:00 AM +Delbert Reynolds r/b His Sons
19th Anniversary

TUESDAY, December 15, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family of
Marjorie Lavoie

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
M/M Alan Lewandosky

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
M/M Timothy Klapproth

FRIDAY, December 18, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
Daphne Gagnon

SATURDAY, December 19, 2015

4:00 PM For the people of Paris, France

SUNDAY, December 20, 2015

7:30 AM For Father George

10:30AM For all Grandparents

6:00 PM For the Youth of our Parish

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God’s help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that “I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap.”

PARISH SUPPORT

December 6 Regular	\$6,221.50
Maintenance	\$1,899

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our democracy. The federal health care mandate fundamentally alters the fragile balance between government and religious groups created by the framers of our Constitution. The same First Amendment that protects religious freedom protects freedom of the press. We wouldn't stand for the government telling news programs whom to interview or what articles to write. 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, December 13th from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No classes December 20 & 27.

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

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

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

Grade 2 – Important Dates:

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who celebrated their First Reconciliation this weekend.

Grade 9 Confirmation – Important Dates

Confirmation Interview –December & January - 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 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, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, 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, James Walton, Morris Webber, Jean Wood, 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: Robert Gibbs and Wanda Parent.

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.”

THE WEEK AHEAD!

Sunday – December 13:
Religious Ed Classes 9-10:15;
Children’s Liturgy 10:30 Mass;
Monday, December 14:
Religious Ed Classes 6:45 – 8 PM
Tuesday, December 15:
Religious Ed Classes 4:30-5:45 & 7-8:15
Wednesday, December 16
Coffee/Donuts 8:30 – 9:00 Parish Ctr.
Small Faith 9:00 – 10:30 AM

YOUTH ADULT GROUP FORMING!

St. Luke’s is starting up a “Young Adult” group for ages 20-40. If

interested please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 in the Parish Center.

**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

**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!

**Catholic Elementary School
Campaign a Great Success!**

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, both at parishes with schools and those without, the Catholic Elementary School Collection was able to raise over \$100,000 to help our 12 elementary schools. The fact that parishes with schools were able to receive their money immediately definitely made an impact on the collection and principals at all schools said they already have put some of the funds right to work for the students. By supporting Catholic education and recognizing how important our young people are to each of our futures, as well as to the future of our Diocese and the Church, you have given us all “Faith for the Future.”

Mass of Healing – Spiritual Renewal Center, Norwich – December 14 and 28 at 2 pm. 860-887-0702.

St. Bernard School, 232 Pearl Street, Enfield – Open House on Tuesday, December 15, 6:30-8:00 pm. Kindergarten through Grades 8. 860-745-5275 or www.sbsenfield.org.

Retrouvaille of Connecticut Weekend, January 15-17, 2016 for marriages that have become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring or even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and rediscover why you fell in love. Call confidentially 1-800-470-2230 or email 3001@retrouvaille.org or go to the website www.helpourmarriage.com for information and registration.