

**Saturday December 13, 2014**

5:00 PM +William & Lucille Beers
r/b Their Daughter

Sunday December 14, 2014

7:30 AM +Delbert Reynolds 18th Anniversary
r/b His Sons

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

6:00 PM +Adam Kurpat
r/b William & Maxine Shortman

Monday December 15, 2014

8:00 AM +Scott Traska
r/b The Bocchino Family

Tuesday December 16, 2014

8:00 AM +Joseph F. Girardini
35th Anniversary
r/b The Family

Wednesday December 17, 2014

8:00 AM +Deceased Religious Teachers
Filippini
r/b Sr. Gytina

Thursday December 18, 2014

8:00 AM +Grace Monahan
r/b John & Nancy Grish

Friday December 19, 2014

8:00 AM +Lawrence Costiglio
r/b Richard & Georgette Murphy

Saturday December 20, 2014

5:00 PM Eugene & Elizabeth Phillips
60th Wedding Anniversary
r/b The Phillips Children

Sunday December 21, 2014

7:30 AM +Myrna Bouchard
r/b St. Luke Crafters

10:30 AM For all Parishioners

6:00 PM For Peace in the World

3rd Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11**

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ’s arrival. He tells them to “avoid any semblance of evil” so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – December 8	- \$7,210
Maintenance Collection –	\$2,443

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 – 2015 – Grade 9

All candidates MUST attend at least 1 Youth Ministry meeting January 25, February 22 or March 22. It is the student’s responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

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 14 - 9:00 – 10:15 No Class December 21 and 28.

Monday – December 15 6:45 - 8:00 No Class December 22 and 29.

Tuesday - December 16 4:15 – 5:30 No Class December 23 and 30

Tuesday- December 16 7:00 - 8:15 No class December 23 and 30.

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 December 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 Gropitch, 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, Dan 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:

Myrna Bouchard, Scott Traska and Rita Connelly

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 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 November 25, 2014

“Dear Children! In a special way, today I am calling you to prayer. Pray, little children, so that you may comprehend who you are and where you need to go. Be carriers of the good news and be people of hope. Be love for all those who are without love. Little children, you will be everything and will achieve everything only if you pray and are open to God’s will – to God who desires to lead you towards eternal life. I am with you and intercede for you from day to day before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

MITTEN TREE

Thank you for your generosity to our Mitten Tree. We collected 48 scarfs, 5 scarf sets, 193 pairs of gloves & mittens, 109 hats, 2 ear muffs, and 25 sets of gloves/mittens, hats and scarfs.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE

The St. Luke Crafters have Christmas wreaths for sale at the rear entrance to the Church. All proceeds will support the Fr. Tom Scholarship Fund.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Come Celebrate.... God’s Not Dead!

The movie will be shown at the December 28th Youth Group Night following the 6:00 PM Mass. The evening will end at 9:15 pm. All 8-12 graders are invited and encouraged to bring a comfy chair with them, like a beach chair, pillow chair etc. Local youth groups have been invited to join us.

**Annual Convocation for the
Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
of Norwich**

The Annual Convocation for Permanent Deacons and their wives will be held from January 9-11, 2015 at the Immaculata Retreat Center in Willimantic, CT. It will be a time for all Permanent Deacons and their wives to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. Please pray for our Deacons, as they will be praying for us.

Deepening Our Catholic Faith

**“Private Revelation and Devotions”
First Tuesday, January 6, 2015
7:00 PM Parish Center**