



SATURDAY VIGIL, December 26, 2015

4:00 PM +Manuel Rocha
Mass of Remembrance
r/b Elizabeth & Family

SUNDAY, December 27, 2015

7:30 AM For a healthy 2016 for all parishioners

10:30 AM For all our Parish Family

6:00 PM +Emily Bloniarz Rizner
r/b Irene & Carl Erasing

MONDAY, December 28, 2015

8:00 AM For Pope Francis

TUESDAY, December 29, 2015

8:00 AM For all Religious

WEDNESDAY, December 30, 2015

8:00 AM For elderly parents

THURSDAY, December 31, 2015 - Vigil

8:00 AM For all parents who have lost a child

7:00 PM For all who have abandoned the practice of their faith

FRIDAY, January 1, 2016 – Holy Day Solemnity of Mary

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

7:00 PM For the Church

SATURDAY, January 2, 2016

4:00 PM Healing Mass for Susan Spellacy
r/b The Social Committee

SUNDAY, January 3, 2016

7:30 AM For the hungry

10:30AM For all children

6:00 PM St. Luke's Social Committee

PARISH SUPPORT

The Offertory Collections for December 20, Christmas, December 27, January 1 and January 3 will be in future bulletins.



“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading:

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The passage of the federal health care mandate was supposed to provide affordable health care to all Americans. By many accounts, this is not the case, and in the process our First of Amendment Right, which is supposed to safeguard our religious freedom has been taken away. 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, January 3, 10, 24 from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No classes December 27.

Monday, January 4, 11 & 25 from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9. No classes December 28th.

Tuesday, January 5, 12 & 26 from 4:30 -5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5.No classes December 29.

Tuesday, January 5, 12 & 26 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9. No classes December 29.

Grade 2 – Important Dates

There will be one First Communion Mass – please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m.

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 January 3, 10 & 24.

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 Grospitch, 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.”

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.

Holy Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

“It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation.” Pope Francis

Matthew 25:34b – 41

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the leased brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Care for the Sick
To Visit the Imprisoned
To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To convert Sinners
To Instruct the Ignorant
To Advise the Doubtful
To Comfort the Sorrowful
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Injuries
To Pray for the Living and Dead

“A TIME TO HEAL, TO HELP, TO FORGIVE”