



Saturday	December 27, 2014
5:00 PM	+Nancy Gillespie r/b John & Nancy Grish
Sunday	December 28, 2014
7:30 AM	For the Pienkowski Family r/b Cliff Daley
10:30 AM	+Jim Chenette r/b Amelia Kurpat & Family
6:00 PM	For the good health of all Parishioners in 2015
Monday	December 29, 2014
8:00 AM	+Myrna Bouchard r/b M/M R.H. McDonald
Tuesday	December 30, 2014
8:00 AM	For Pope Francis and all Priests
Wednesday	December 31, 2014 Holy Day Vigil
8:00 AM	For the hungry
7:00 PM	For all Parishioners
Thursday	January 1, 2015 – Holy Day
8:00 AM	For Fr. George r/b His Parishioners
7:00 PM	+Frank Dello Iacono r/b Wife Janice and His Children
Friday	January 2, 2015
8:00 AM	For all Missionaries in dangerous lands
Saturday	January 3, 2015
5:00 PM	+Carl Ekroth r/b John & Nancy Grish
Sunday	January 4, 2014
7:30 AM	For all of St. Luke's Volunteers
10:30 AM	For all Religious Ed Students
6:00 PM	For all visitors to our parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” ---
Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It’s amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone – maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God’s promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God’s miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God’s anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed “the glory of your people of Israel.” The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke to Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus although he was still an infant.

Monday – No Class December 29.
Classes resume January 5 and 12– 6:45 -8:00 PM

Tuesday – No Class December 30
Class resume January 6 and 13 - 4:15-5:30 pm

Tuesday- No class December 30.
Class resumes January 6 and 13th 7:00 – 8:15 pm

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 January 4, 11, 18 and 25 during Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT
The collection for December 20/21 will be next week's bulletin due to the Holiday schedule.

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.

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

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.

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, James O'Keefe, Beth Ann Phillips, Jean Rabe, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Don Sierakowski, Jim Smith, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Morris Webber, Richard Wood and Kathy White.

Grade 2 – Students and Families
First Reconciliation – Saturday, January 10 – 10 AM in the Church
Sunday, February 1 – Candle Mass for all Grade 2 students and families at the 10:30 Mass.

Religious Education Program – 2014 - 2015

The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – No Class December 28.
Classes resume January 4, 2015 9:00-10:15 am

++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

Our Catholic faith always turns first and foremost to the poor and most vulnerable, and this year you have once again shown how truly charitable you are by your generous contributions to the Archbishop's Annual appeal. May God bless you and your family this New Year, and may He continue to guide us as we pursue our efforts to defend our religious freedom.

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."

Deepening Our Catholic Faith

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

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an Altar Server Training on Sunday, January 4 after the 10:30 Mass. All current Altar Servers are requested to attend the training because of new tasks that will be implemented. This training is also open to any boy or girl who is interested in becoming a new Altar Server. The only requirement is that the child has made his or her First Eucharist. Please contact Tom and Laurie Theroux if interested – 860-796-0941 or theroux2@cox.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Hygiene Kits for the Homeless Men at Cornerstone

The Youth Ministry teenagers will once again collect items for Hygiene Kits for the homeless men via the Cornerstone in Vernon. Please donate the following items: floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes, facecloth, soap, shampoo, dry hair shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, and/or hair ties. Items can be left in the Youth Ministry box at the entrances of the church. Please bring your donated items any time. The collection will end on the weekend of January 10/11, 2015. Thank you.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples – January 31, February 7, 21, 2015 9:30 – 12:00 Noon. St. Joseph Church Hall, RT 97, Occum. Call The Office of Family Life at 860-889-8346 ext. 283.