



Saturday August 23, 2014
5:00 PM (Living) John & Mildred Taglieri
 60th Wedding Anniversary

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words “open” and “shut” refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God’s plan for his people. In him, he writes, “all things are.”

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter exclaims, “You are the Messiah!” Christ then declares that Peter is the “Rock” upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power “to bind” and “to loose.”

<p>PARISH SUPPORT</p> <p>Regular Collection – August 17 - \$4,160</p>

Sunday August 24, 2014

7:30 AM +Mary Okolo
 r/b Pat & Jim Fallon

10:30 AM +John H. Dobitsky and
 Daughter Nancy Kennedy
 r/b The Family

6:00 PM +John F. Roberts
 r/b His Wife Theresa

Monday August 25, 2014

8:00 AM +Mary Okolo
 r/b Pat Iamonaco

Tuesday August 26, 2014

8:00 AM (Living) Healing Mass for
 Michael Kolton
 r/b Mary Regan

Wednesday August 27, 2014

8:00 AM +Mary Okolo
 r/b Robert & Angie McLaughlin

Thursday August 28, 2014

8:00 AM +Eugene Gilbert
 Birthday Remembrance
 r/b Marilyn & Paul

Friday August 29, 2014

8:00 AM +Mae Tenero
 r/b Alyce Mayer & William Tenero

Saturday August 30, 2014

5:00 PM +John Joseph Villamthanam
 Fr. George

Sunday August 31, 2014

7:30 AM +Joe Miller
 r/b Pat & Jim Fallon

10:30 AM +Mary Okolo
 r/b The Social Committee

6:00 +Mary Okolo
 r/b Karl & Anne Konieczny

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Religious Ed – 875-4951 or
stlukere@gmail.com**

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 9-4 pm

Wednesday/Thursday 9-1pm

Also by Appointment

Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Confirmation 2014- B – (Grade 10)- Mandatory Dates

Please note change in date for Confirmation Candle Mass, the Mass is **Sunday, October 5 at 6 pm**. This is for all Confirmation Candidates and their families. Please mark the date on your calendar now.

All candidates **MUST** attend at least **one Youth Group Meeting** September 28, October 26 or November 23. It is the student's responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

November 17-18 – Gown Measurement prior to the start of class.

Monday, December 1 – From 5-9 pm.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, December 6 – Confirmation Reconciliation
9:30 AM

Sunday, December 7 – Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidate and Sponsor – 3-4:30 pm.

Saturday, December 13 – Confirmation Mass at 1 p.m. Candidates and Sponsors arrive to Church Hall by 12:30 pm.

Confirmation 2015 – (Grade 9)

Confirmation candidates - If you have not picked up your final Confirmation Packet #3, please contact the office immediately. Any questions call the office at 860-875-4951.

All Candidates MUST attend at least 1 youth group meeting September 28, October 26 or November 23. It is the students responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

Monday – December 1 from 5-9 pm Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation packet #3 due.

Teachers Needed for 2014-2015 School Year

Please prayerfully consider teaching and sharing your Faith with our Youth!

No teaching experience required. Training available. We are in need of the following teachers for the Fall. Contact Nancy Rudek 860-875-4951 for more information.

Monday – 6:45- 8:00 - Grades 6

Tuesday - 4:15-5:30 - Grade 4

Registration for 2014-2015 Religious Education Program

Registration has begun! Registration is ONLINE this year. We hope this helps you in registering your children. Visit our website at www.stlukeellington.com. Click on the **Register button** and fill out all required fields. When registering online you will be prompted to pay online using Paypal (you can pay by check, debit/credit card or Paybal balance). For anyone without online access, you may pick up registration forms at the Faith Formation office or the Rectory to register your children. Register early as classes fill quickly. **Fees increase after August 31st** so please register now! Any questions contact Kim at 860-875-4951.

All classes for all grades will run for an hour and 15 minutes this year. The class schedule is as follows:

Sunday – 9:00 – 10:15 AM – Grades 1 – 5

Monday - 6:45 - 8:00 PM – Grades 5 – 10

Tuesday - 4:15 – 5:30 PM - Grades 3 – 6

Tuesday - 7:00 - 8:15 PM - Grades 6 -10

Registration of Grade 1 students and New Families

If you have a child entering Grade 1 in the Fall or you are a new family to St. Luke with school age children, please contact the Faith Formation Office to start the process of registering your child for Religious Education in the Fall. If you email or leave a message, please tell us your name, your child's name, grade in school in the Fall, where child was baptized (date of baptism if you know it), your address and a phone number to reach you. Contact Nancy or Kim at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. Remember you **MUST be a registered member of St. Luke's Church in order for you to register your child for classes.** Yellow Registration cards are at both entrances to the church.

Teacher Meetings – We will begin Teacher Training meetings soon. If you are interested in helping us out to teach or to be an aide, please call the Faith Formation Office and ask for Nancy.

There are presently classes that do not have a teacher. Please refer to the Bulletin for the specific classes. Parents, remember if we don't have a teacher for your child's grade, regretfully we will not be able to hold that class.

Youth Ministry: 4TH Sunday of the Month
Grades 8-12, after the 6 p.m. Mass, Church Hall.
For information contact Joan Robinson at
joan.ym.slp@gmail.com.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 PM

This workshop is for those who work with children – Teachers, Aides, Children's Choir, Altar Servers, as well as any parent who wants to know how to keep their children safe. We will meet in the parish center and Registration IS NECESSARY. Please call Nancy at the Faith Formation Office – 860-875-4951 to register.

R.C.I.A.: All Saturdays 8-9:30 AM 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.

World Message Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of July 25, 2014

“Dear Children
You are not aware of the graces that you are living at this time in which the Most High is giving you signs for you to open and convert. Return to God and to prayer, and may prayer begin to reign in your hearts, families and communities, so that the Holy Spirit may lead and inspire you to every day be more open to God's will and to His plan for each of you. I am with you and with the saints and angels intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending Our Religious Liberty

If religious liberty is not properly understood, all people suffer and are deprived of the essential contribution to the common good, be it in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services. 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.



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, Beth Ann Phillips, Jean Rabe, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Don Sierakowski, Wendy Tarbox, Morris Webber, and Kathy White.



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:

Lydia Augliera, Alfio Bonanno, Donna Bouchez, Rhoda Burr, Carolyn Coyne, George Croft, John Curley, Jr., Helen DeCarli, Angelina DeFeo, Frank DelloIacono, Irene Dowd, Valerie Dumais, Margery Dungan, Carl Ekroth, Bertha Rosa Ficocelli, Joanne Gagnon, Robert Gagnon, Judith Gan, Frank C. Graziani, Sharon Johnson, John Mahon, Sr., Mary Miffitt, Mary Okolo, Jeannine Salone, Jeanette Scibek, Raymond Smachetti, Jr., Pearl Tetreault, Paul Vachon, Rachel Wheeler-Rossow and Rachel Zahner.

**DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
WHAT EXACTLY ARE INDULGENCES?**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 7 PM
PARISH CENTER**

**SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014**

St. Luke Social Committee will hold a Pasta and Meatball Dinner and Comedy Show on Saturday, September 27 at 6:00 PM in the church hall. Radio personality Dan Kane brings to life the persona of Fr. Patrick Aloysius Misgivings in this hilarious one man show! Tickets are \$15.00 and will go on sale this weekend after all Masses. If you can help sell tickets after any of the Masses, or have any questions, please call Janet at 860-871-7910.

CHOIR NEWS!

ADULT CHOIR – The Adult Choir welcomes new members! The choir will begin practice for the new season on Saturday, September 6 at 3:45 pm. The Choir will sing at Mass for the first time the following Saturday for the 5:00 PM Mass. The Adult Choir sings each week for the Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – The Children's Choir begins practice for the new season on Sunday, September 7, at 11:30 AM, immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. The Choir will sing for the first time the following Sunday, September 14 for the Feast of the Holy Cross at the 10:30 Mass. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

We also WELCOME Instrumentalists, especially woodwind players (flute, trumpet, clarinet, oboe) to add beauty to our worship. If you have been playing for at least one year, please consider the opportunity to share your talent.

Instrumentalists can share their talent at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass, the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, and the once a month Youth Mass (4th Sunday, 6:00 PM).

We also WELCOME singers who are interested in becoming CANTORS for the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass and the once a month Youth Mass.

There are MANY opportunities to share your musical abilities at St. Luke's! Please contact John (Music Director) at 860-272-6210 or talk with him after Mass.

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 5, 2014, East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Bread & Butter, soda & Water - \$20.00 Adults - \$10.00 Children 12 and under.

The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 21, 2014 at 10:15 am for all Law Enforcement personnel and their families. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

Going On Vacation?

Don't forget to attend Mass on Sunday and remember that St. Luke's still needs your support during the upcoming months. Please visit www.masstimes.org for Mass Schedules while you are traveling.

SENIOR RENEWAL DAY – IMMACULATA

Father Roger Couture, OMI invites all seniors to join them for this year's series, entitled "The Parables of Jesus – Guides for Faith Pilgrims." The sessions begin on Wednesday, September 17 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Fee is \$10.00 per person and it includes lunch. The initial session will be "What is the Purpose of the Parables?" Call 860-423-8484 to register.