



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord’s word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord’s name is “like a fire burning in my heart.”

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God’s will.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – August 24 - \$4,429

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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| Saturday | August 30, 2014 |
| 5:00 PM | +John Joseph Villamthanam r/b 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 PM | +Mary Okolo r/b Karl & Anne Konieczny |
| Monday | September 1, 2014 |
| 8:00 AM | (Living) Marion Ott r/b Alyce Mayer & William Tenero |
| Tuesday | September 2, 2014 |
| 8:00 AM | + Michael Kolton r/b Mary Regan |
| Wednesday | September 3, 2014 |
| 8:00 AM | +Frank Dellolacono r/b His Wife & Children |
| Thursday | September 4, 2014 |
| 8:00 AM | +Mary Okolo r/b Senior Starters |
| Friday | September 5, 2014 |
| 8:00 AM | Mass of Thanksgiving for 55 th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Louise r/b Ron & Louise |
| Saturday | September 6, 2014 |
| 5:00 PM | +Joseph Cosgrove r/b The Family |
| Sunday | September 7, 2014 |
| 7:30 AM | +Margaret Bouchard r/b Her Husband |
| 10:30 AM | +Bill Chamberlin r/b Wife Tina |
| 6:00 | +Mary Okolo r/b Joan & Edward Duell, Kim Duell & David Tuttle |

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 - Grade 6

Registration for 2014-2015 Religious Education Program

Registration has begun! Classes Begin September 14-15-16, 2014

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.



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.

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 August 25, 2014

“Dear Children
Pray for my intentions, because Satan wants to destroy my plan which I have here and to steal your peace. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray that God can act through each of you. May your hearts be open to God's will.
I love you and bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Unless reversed or modified, the current federal health care mandate threatens religious liberty, guaranteed to all Americans in the U.S. Constitution under the First amendment. 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.



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 are on sale this weekend after all Masses.

If you can help sell tickets after any of the Masses please fill out the sign-up sheet at both entrances to the church, or if you 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.

WE NEED LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!!!!

WE HAVE LOST QUITE A FEW OF LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS! WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE BEAUTIFUL MINISTRIES.

LECTOR: As a Lector your proclaimed words touch many hearts in varied ways. Christ is really present when the Scriptures are proclaimed. When the congregation listens to the words of Scripture proclaimed at Mass, those words carry the presence of the risen Christ and that presence changes us from the inside out. We meet Christ in the Scriptural word of God.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: As a "Eucharistic Minister" you serve the faith community in a way that is both a great privilege and a form of humble service. You distribute to others the consecrated bread and/or wine which has become the "body and blood, soul and divinity" of the risen Christ. You become one who serves, a servant, someone whose purpose is to nourish those who turn to the risen Lord for the nourishment only he can give.

The functions of the Lector and Eucharistic Ministers are important not only for the function they serve but also because they symbolize the active involvement of the entire assembly.

SOUND INVITING? WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU! FOR LECTORS CONTACT LENORA RICE AT 860-871-8548 – FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS CONTACT CAROL DICIOCCIO AT 860-872-7537.