

**Saturday July 19, 2014**

5:00 PM +Antonio Perrone
r/b His Daughter

Sunday July 20, 2014

7:30 AM +Marion Cairns
r/b Her Dtr. Jane

10:30 AM +Antonio Perrone
r/b Maria

6:00 PM For Sr. Guytina & Sr. Angie
r/b St. Luke's Parishioners

Monday July 21, 2014

8:00 AM For all the lonely & discouraged

Tuesday July 22, 2014

8:00 AM +Wilbur Legge – 1st Anniversary
r/b His Wife

Wednesday July 23, 2014

8:00 AM In Honor of St. Jude
r/b A Friend

Thursday July 24, 2014

8:00 AM That our relationship to our Blessed
Mother may bring us closer to her
Son

Friday July 25, 2014

8:00 AM +Alfred Cairns
Birthday Remembrance
r/b His Dtr. Jane

Saturday July 26, 2014

5:00 PM +Ralph Halbach
Birthday Remembrance
r/b Marilyn & Paul

Sunday July 27, 2014

7:30 AM + Mary Okolo
r/b Jane Thomas

10:30 AM Healing Mass for Matthew Pollini
r/b Bonnie Kloter

6:00 For all visitors to St. Luke's

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds,” blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

This passage from the Book of wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – July 6 - \$6,352

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Ed – 875-4951

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, your Confirmation Packet #2 is due into the Faith Formation Office on July 29 between 3-7 pm. When turning in Packet #2 you will pick up Packet #3. Any questions call the office at 860-875-4951.

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 and 7

Tuesday – 7:00–8:15 – Grades 6

Registration for 2014-2015 Religious Education Program

Registration letters will be mailed out the week of July 21. Please follow instructions in the letter. Registration begins in August. Register early as classes fill up quickly. 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 a.m. – Grades 1-5
Monday – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. – Grades 5-10
Tuesday – 4:15 – 5:30 P.M. – Grades 3-6
Tuesday – 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. – 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 your child to register for classes. Yellow Registration cards are at both entrances to the church.

Youth Ministry: 4TH Sunday of the Month
Grades 8-12, after the 6 p.m. Mass, Church Hall. For information call Deacon Frank at 860-875-6543.

Deepening Our Catholic Faith:

Do We Still Have Purgatory?
Wednesday, August 6, 7 P.M. Parish Center

R.C.I.A.: Wednesday 7 p.m. 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 June 25, 2014

“Dear Children

The Most High is giving me the grace that I can still be with you and to lead you in prayer towards the way of peace. Your heart and soul thirst for peace and love, for God and His joy. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray and in prayer you will discover the wisdom of living. I bless you all and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Ct. Catholic Conference welcomes the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court which upholds the position of the Hobby-Lobby Stores and the Conestoga Wood specialties in their prolonged battle with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The Court’s ruling supports the convictions of the two business owners who refused to abide by the HSS mandate based upon their religious beliefs. This ruling applies only to closely controlled businesses that object to the mandate based upon religious grounds, as the Court found that this mandate violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. 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. Department 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, Rhoda Burr, Carolyn Coyne, George Croft, John Curley, Jr., Helen DeCarli, Angelina DeFeo, Frank DelloIacono, Irene Dowd, Margery Dungan, Carl Ekroth, Bertha Rosa Ficocelli, Joanne Gagnon, Robert Gagnon, Judith Gan, Frank C. Graziani, John Mahon, Sr., Mary Miffitt, Mary Okolo, Jeanette Scibek, Raymond Smachetti, Jr., Pearl Tetreault, Paul Vachon, Rachel Wheeler-Rossow.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

St. Luke’s has formed a committee of five Eucharistic Ministers and Deacon Harry who are available to bring Communion to the Sick who are at home, in a Nursing Home, in the Hospital or who are unable to attend Mass.

IF YOU OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, PLEASE CALL FR. GEORGE OR JANE AT THE RECTORY AT 860-875-8552.

JULY PARISH MEETINGS/CLASSES

**ALL WEDNESDAYS: R.C.I.A. – 7:00 PM
PARISH CENTER**

**July 14-18; July 21-26 HALL RENTED OUT
JULY 27: YOUTH MINISTRY 6:00PM MASS
FOLLOWED BY MEETING IN CHURCH
HALL UNTIL 9:00 PM**

BAZAAR RAFFLE

The Bazaar Raffle committee is soliciting prizes for the MAIN raffle. We would appreciate any new item/gift card that a parishioner would like to donate. Since we submit the prize list to the state for approval before printing tickets, please contact Jane at the church office before August 15 regarding donations.

Thank you for considering this request.

BAZAAR COUNTRY STORE

Parishioners who make jams, jellies, pickles, etc.; please consider donating some jars to the Country Store. Homemade items always are in demand.

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

St. Luke Social Committee presents "Misgivings: A 'Divine' presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. A comedy filled with belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo!" Dave Kane as Father Patrick Aloysius, Misgivings tells stories and relates his views about the idiosyncrasies of growing up and living life as a Roman Catholic. Dave is a performer, comedian, published author and 40+ year radio talk host from Rhode Island. The show will be preceded by a pasta supper. Tickets will go on sale in August.

Banns of Ordination

The following deacons will be called to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

Rev. Mr. Jonathan Joseph Ficara

Rev. Mr. Martin John Noe
Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained priest, please write to:

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

World Combined Collection

The Combined Collection for World Charities is this weekend. The causes supported by this collection are: **The Catholic Relief Services** the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, the impoverished, and immigrants, including victims of war, natural disaster and drought. **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the U.S. through grants to local community based groups who create jobs, improve education and strengthen neighborhoods. **The Church in Central and Eastern Europe** raises funds to address the spiritual reconstruction of this traumatized region training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic Charities and renewing programs of catechesis and communication. **Holy Land Collection** – in the words of Pope Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

Position Available: Teaching positions, full and part time, available at St. Mary – St. Joseph School, Willimantic, CT in the areas of middle school Religion, English, Science and Spanish; also seeking part-time positions in P.E./health & Technology for grades Pre-K-8. Applicants must be certified in these fields or working towards certification. Qualifications are 1/Practicing Catholic with a love for the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church; Experience in teaching grades 7-12 catechetics preferred; Courses taken in religious education equal to a bachelor's degree or equivalent. Call 860-423-8479 immediately for an interview and contact the Diocesan School Office for an application at 860-887-4086.