



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes.” Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God’s plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, “....there will come no one to equal you.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the “reign of God,” telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant’s search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the “reign of God” is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – July 20 - \$4,600

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Ed – 875-4951

Office Hours:

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 26, 2014</u>
5:00 PM	+Ralph Halbach Birthday Remembrance r/b Marilyn & Paul
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 27, 2014</u>
7:30 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b Jane Thomas
10:30 AM	Healing Mass Matthew Pollini r/b Bonnie Kloter
6:00 PM	For all visitors
<u>Monday</u>	<u>July 28, 2014</u>
8:00 AM	+ For Father Tom
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 29, 2014</u>
8:00 AM	+For the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>July 30, 2014</u>
8:00 AM	For the sick of the parish
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 31, 2014</u>
8:00 AM	+Florence Bagnall r/b The Family
<u>Friday</u>	<u>August 1, 2014</u>
8:00 AM	For a peaceful school year for all children
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>August 2, 2014</u>
5:00 PM	+Edward White r/b The Family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>August 3, 2014</u>
7:30 AM	+Pearl Tetreault r/b Jane Thomas
10:30 AM	+David Wilson r/b Gary & Earlene Pellegrini
6:00	+George Smith r/b The Family

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July 27, 2014

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 - 4:15-5:30 - Grade 4

7:00-8:15 - Grade 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 August 10.**

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.: 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 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.”

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, Jeannine Salone, Jeanette Scibek, Raymond Smachetti, Jr., Pearl Tetreault, Paul Vachon, Rachel Wheeler-Rossow.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, acknowledged the narrowness of the Supreme Court decision by stating that: ‘The Court clearly did not decide whether the so-called ‘accommodation’ violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.’ When applied to our Catholic charities, hospitals and schools, RFRA should protect these organizations from the federal healthcare mandate, but the Supreme Court decision did not address this. “We continue to hope that these great ministries of service, like the Little Sisters of the Poor and so many others, will prevail in their court cases as well,” continued the statement by Archbishop Kurtz. 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

**JULY/AUGUST
PARISH MEETINGS/CLASSES**

**ALL SATURDAYS: R.C.I.A. – 8- 9:30 am
PARISH CENTER**

**JULY 27: YOUTH MINISTRY 6:00PM MASS
FOLLOWED BY MEETING IN CHURCH
HALL UNTIL 9:00 PM**

**R.C.I.A. Every Saturday during the month
from 8-9:30 AM in Parish Center**

**AUGUST 5: Hall Not Available – In Use
AUGUST 6: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9-3
AUGUST 6: Deepening our Catholic Faith
7:00 pm Parish Center**

AUGUST 9: 11:00 AM Memorial Mass for Jeannine Salone
AUGUST 12: NO ADORATION After Mass
AUGUST 12/13: FR. IS AWAY
AUGUST 14: FR. Returns in afternoon
AUGUST 18: SOCIAL COMMITTEE SPEC. MEETING – 6:30 PM
AUGUST 24: Youth Ministry Meeting after 10:30 Mass – Brookside Park

BAZAAR RAFFLE

The Raffle Committee has begun to plan for the 2014 St. Luke Christmas Bazaar Raffle!

This year the committee discussed having one of the prizes be a “Gift Card Grab Bag.” We are looking for parishioners who are interested in donating a gift card from a favorite store, restaurant, gas station, garden shop, hardware store etc. Gift cards can be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the collection basket (mark envelope “Raffle Committee.”) All gift cards will be combined to create one of the prizes for our Annual Bazaar Raffle.

The Committee is also soliciting NEW Items, in addition to the gift cards listed above, for the Main raffle prizes. (Please bring to the Rectory). The last day we can accept Gift Card donations and the New Items is AUGUST 10 because a list of raffle prizes must be sent to and approved by the State of Ct. prior to printing tickets. Thank you for considering these requests.

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.

World Combined Collection

Last weekend the Combined Collection for World Charities which consists of the following collections: Catholic Relief Services, The Campaign for Human Development, aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and assistance for The Holy Land was taken up. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at both entrances to the church. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to St. Luke Church. Thank you.

ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2014

Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic

Catholic women present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of clergy. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends on Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph’s Church – Rockville - followed by a reception in the hall. Registration forms are at both entrances to St. Luke’s Church.

Want to know more? Call Diane Tyszka 860-778-3368; Suzan Martucci 860-871-9493 or JoAnn Shine 860-228-3605 OR www.actsct.org.

Book of Memories for Fr. Roland Cloutier In Honor of the 50th Anniversary – Ordination

You are invited to share your memories/with/about Fr. Roland in this book. This book is only for Fr. Roland, so please address your messages, pictures or memories to him. Do you have a favorite picture celebrating a special occasion (wedding, Baptism, BBQ, meeting ...any and all occasions/events ...with Fr. Roland? Please send it along with the names, date and the occasion. You may mail messages, pictures or memories to: All Saints Church, P.O. Box M, Somersville, CT 06072 – Attention: Michele.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, August 2 – 8:30 AM