



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them with increase.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever “two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.”

PARISH SUPPORT

Regular Collection – August 31 - \$4,974.45

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 9-4 pm
Wednesday/Thursday 9-1pm

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 His Wife Tina
6:00 PM	+Mary Okolo r/b Joan & Edward Duell, Kim Duell, David Tuttle
Monday	September 8, 2014
8:00 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b Sr. Guytina
Tuesday	September 9, 2014
8:00 AM	+ Mary Okolo r/b Elizabeth A. Laprade
Wednesday	September 10, 2014
8:00 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b M/M Charles Brahm
Thursday	September 11, 2014
8:00 AM	+Florence Bagnall r/b Daughters & Grandson
Friday	September 12, 2014
8:00 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b Lynette & Ron Short
Saturday	September 13, 2014
5:00 PM	+John Wraight r/b Madeline, Gloria & John Jr.
Sunday	September 14, 2014
7:30 AM	+Pearl Tetreault r/b Jane Thomas
10:30 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b Tom & Dottie Curtiss
6:00	Wedding Anniversary of Heidi & Jeff

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 student's responsibility to sign in at the meeting they attend.

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

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. 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. 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 – September 14, 21st & 28th
9:00 – 10:15 AM

Monday – September 15, 22nd & 29th
6:45 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday - September 16, 23rd, & 30th -
4:15 – 5:30 PM -

Tuesday - September 16, 23rd & 30th
7:00 - 8:15 PM

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.

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
THIS 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.

Sierakowski, Wendy Tarbox, Morris Webber, and Kathy White.



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.”

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, James Chenette, 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., Anna Taylor, Pearl Tetreault, Paul Vachon, Rachel Wheeler-Rossow and Rachel Zahner.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

It is not only religious believers who suffer when religious liberty is trampled. The people served by religious individuals and institutions also suffer. 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.

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
What Was The Inquisition?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7 PM
PARISH CENTER



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 Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Beth Ann Phillips, Jean Rabe, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Don

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 have any questions, please call Janet at 860-871-7910.

Carmelite Day of Recollection – Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 to 2 pm. “Crossing The Wilderness: A Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux.” Presentation by Father Rob Traudt, OCarm from Brandsma Priory, Middletown, NY. Location: St. Joseph’s Residence, 1354 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082. The fee is \$20.00. To

register, please contact Laurie Theroux at laurietheroux@gmail.com or 860-796-0941 no later than September 25.

ST. LUKE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will be celebrating the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at St. Luke's on Saturday, October 4 at 1 P.M.** in front of his statue with a special blessing of your family pet(s). **Sign-up sheets** will be available at **both entrances** on the weekend of **September 6 and 7 through the weekend of September 27 and 28.** Sign-up sheets will include your name, your pet's name, and the type of animal you will be bringing. We ask only that your pet(s) be on a leash, crated, or otherwise under control! If you have any questions, please call either **Marilyn Gilbert at 860-871-2923 or Dottie Curtiss at 860-875-8574.**

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 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.

Diocesan Mass of Remembrance – Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich – In memory of children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions or who have died recently or years ago.

Natural Family Planning Class for married and engaged couples – Monday, September 15 at 6:30 pm at St. John's in Old Saybrook. To register for a class go to www.ccli.org.

Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament – Wednesday, September 17 at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam. Information or registrations call 860-889-8346 ext. 260.