



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son...” John 3:16

God gave us the gift of His son so we can enjoy eternal salvation. Of all our gifts, our life, is the most precious. We belong to God. This is why we must take time every day to ask Him how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4b-9

The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form – obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

As today’s first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.

PARISH SUPPORT	
Regular Collection – September 8	-\$8,405
Maintenance Collection	- \$1,847

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 PM	(Living) Wedding Anniversary Heidi & Jeff
Monday	September 15, 2014
8:00 AM	+Michael Kolton r/b Mary Regan
Tuesday	September 16, 2014
8:00 AM	+ Bill Smedy r/b The Family
Wednesday	September 17, 2014
8:00 AM	+Albert Ott r/b The Ott & Tenero Families
Thursday	September 18, 2014
8:00 AM	+Anna Campisi r/b Sr. Guytina & Brothers
Friday	September 19, 2014
8:00 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b Maureen Cosgrove
Saturday	September 20, 2014
5:00 PM	+Irving Campbell Family r/b Madeline, Gloria & John Jr.
Sunday	September 21, 2014
7:30 AM	+Mary Okolo r/b The Waudby & Peck Families
10:30 AM	+Wilbur Legge r/b His Wife
6:00	In Honor of St. Jude r/b A Friend

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

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 1-8 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 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

Welcome Back! Classes begin this week September 14-15-16.

To register please contact Kim at the Faith Formation Office 860-875-4951. No new registrations can be accepted during class time the first week.

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.

Grade 2 – Students and Families

September 28 – Grade 2 Parent Meeting at 9:15 in the Church Hall.

November 2 – Grade 2 Family Mass after class – 10:30 AM Mass for students and families.

November 9 – Parent & Student Class 9-10:15 am in 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.

Volunteer Service Work

**Contact Anthony Littizzio – 860-875-6791
MRLSLYG@aol.com.**

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

In the Church’s opposition to the Health and Human Service (HHS) mandate, the issue is forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to Catholic teaching. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to people who need it through Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What the Church opposes is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching. 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, 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.

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
What Was The Inquisition?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 Dave 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.**

Service Work Update

The following individuals are to be commended for volunteering to work on preparing our rectory deck for painting by washing, scraping, and priming it: **William and Daniel Broding, April Phelps, Evan Berak, Logan and Hayley McDonald and Anthony Bocchino.**

In addition, Parish members volunteering at The Cornerstone (Soup Kitchen) last month included: **Lynn and Sean Jamieson, Ryan McConnell, Evan Gargiulo, Gage Brennan and Jane Thomas.** Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

We will be establishing St. Luke Days at the Cornerstone (2 Thursday 3:45 to 5:45 pm and 2 Saturdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm PER MONTH). I would like to set up at least 4 teams of 4 people each consisting of adults and/or students so each team would work at most once a month for 2 hours.

Any parishioners or students that are interested in joining a team for fulfillment (as

well as earning service credits) should contact **Mr. Littizzio @ 860-875-6791** or MRLSLYG@aol.com.

Diocesan News!

The 40 Days for Life campaign kicks off with a mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Norwich on Tuesday evening, September 23. Mass begins at 7:00 pm followed by refreshments downstairs. The 40 days for LIFE campaign begins on September 24 and continues until November 2nd.

Annual Blue Mass for all Law Enforcement Officers – Sunday, September 21 at 10:15 am. St. Patrick’s Cathedral. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass.

Pro-Life Mass – Saturday, October 4, 8:30 am. St. Patrick’s Cathedral – To end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Rosary follows the Mass.

Retrouvaille for a troubled marriage – Next week September 19-21 in the Hartford area. Go on www.retrouvaille.org.

Catholic Charities Adoption Program – Monthly meetings for couples who are waiting to adopt or who are interested in learning about adoption. Meetings will be held on September 24, October 22 and November 19 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Charities office, 331 Main Street, Norwich.

East Catholic Open House – Thursday, November 6 at 6:45 pm. Entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 at 8 a.m.

St. Edward’s School’s Quarter Auction – Friday, September 26 – St. Edward Hall, 25 Church Street, Stafford Springs. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bidding starts at 7:00 pm. For more information call Cheryl at 860-716-3114.

National 54 Day Rosary Novena for Peace and the Family begins September 29 and concludes on November 21. The purpose of the National Rosary Novena is to help bring about a spiritual renewal in our Nation through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, please consult the website, www.HelpAmericaPraytheRosary.org.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples – “God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” – October 3, 10, 17 6:30-9:00 pm. St. Joseph Church Hall, Rt. 97, Occum. To register call 860-889-8346 ext.283.