



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016 4pm**  
**+IRENE GATES – 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B THE FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017**  
**7:30 AM - +EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.**  
**R/B MOM, DAD AND FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**  
**+MADELINE WRAIGHT**  
**R/B LEONARD AND CHRISTINE YANNIELLI**

**6:00 PM**  
**+LOUIS P. (BOB) TARDIF – 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B THE FAMILY**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**THANK YOU ST. JUDE R/B A PARISHIONER**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE COSGROVE**  
**FAMILY R/B THE COSGROVE FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+RICHARD PAUL SECOND ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B VINCENT AND ANITA**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE IAMONACO**  
**FAMILY R/B THE IAMONACO FAMILY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF JOSEPH**  
**HATHAWAY JR. AND SR. R/B HIS FAMILY**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017 4:00 PM**  
**+WILDA LAUGHLIN R/B DAN & KITTY WALKER**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017**  
**7:30 AM**  
**+FATHER TOM – 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B HIS PARISHIONERS**

**10:30 AM**  
**+JOHN TAGLIERI – IN CELEBRATION OF HIS**  
**LIFE R/B TARA**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>DECEMBER 25 – REGULAR -</b>	<b>\$9,027</b>
<b>GIVING TREE</b>	<b>\$ 95</b>
<b><u>ON LINE GIVING:</u></b>	
<b>DECEMBER 25 -</b>	<b>\$435</b>

## **ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” LUKE 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said “yes” to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God’s providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

## **“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”**

### **First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

### **Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7**

Paul describes how through Jesus’ birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God’s community. Through Jesus, the

Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

**Gospel: Luke 2:16-21**

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

**FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com The office is open Sunday (when classes are in session) 8-11 am, Monday 1-8:30 pm, Tuesday 1-8:30 pm, Thursday or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

**Religious Education 2016 - 2017**

Please keep our students and teachers in prayer as they learn & grow in their Faith together. Parents after class each week please ask your child what they learned \ discussed in class that day. And always remember to pray with them each day, the best way for them to practice their prayers is to pray them daily.

Sunday Grade K-5 Classes 9 - 10:15 am - Classes January 8, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. No class January 15.

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - January 9, 23 and 30. No class January 16.

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – January 10, 24, and 31<sup>st</sup>. No class January 17.

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm. Classes January 10, 24 and 31. No class January 17.

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday January 8, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. Open to all children age 4 through 5th grade.

**CONFIRMATION – GRADE 9 – IMPORTANT DATES!!!**

\*Confirmation Interviews during the month of January – Pre-registration is required.

\*Required Confirmation Mass – Sunday, January 22 – 10:30 Mass

\*Attend Youth Group Meeting in January or February

\*Confirmation Retreat for Students – February 11 from 9:30 – 12:30 PM

\*Save the Date – Confirmation 2017 – Sunday March 26 at 1 PM.

**GRADE 2 – EUCHARIST – IMPORTANT DATES**

**Sunday, February 5** – Candle Family Mass – 10:30 AM

**Sunday, March 5** – Pin Family Mass – 10:30 AM

**Saturday, March 11** – Eucharistic Workshop for students and parents – 9:00 AM

***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 Father Bill Olesik, Laura Behrendt, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Mary Kellner, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Shirley McElroy, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Morris Webber, and Jean Wood.



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: Madeline Wraight, John Taglieri and Deborah Alaimo.

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Message of December 25, 2016**

**“Dear Children! With great joy, today I am carrying my son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Open your hearts, little children, and be joyful that you can receive it. Heaven is with you and is fighting for**

**peace in your hearts, in the families and in the world; and you, little children, help with your prayers for it to be so. I bless you with my son Jesus and call you not to lose hope; and for your gaze and heart to always be directed towards Heaven and eternity. In this way, you will be open to God and to His plans. Thank you for having responded to my call.**

**Defending our Religious Liberty**

Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our democracy. The federal health care mandate fundamentally alters the fragile balance between government and religious groups created by the framers of our Constitution. The same First Amendment that protects religious freedom protects freedom of the press. We wouldn't stand for the government telling news programs whom to interview or what articles to write. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER**  
**11 BATH STREET, NORWICH**

**You are invited to:**  
**HEALING MASS, JANUARY 9 AT 2:00 PM**

**East Catholic Make-Up Exam – Saturday, January 7 at 8 am to all eighth graders who were unable to take the preceding exams. The exam will be given at the school. A non-refundable fee of \$25 is required. Contact the Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 x 6238.**