



**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**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017**      **8:00 AM**  
**+VINCENT MALATESTA**  
**R/B ROSEMARY**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**      **8:00 AM**  
**+MADELINE WRAIGHT R/B LILIAN KONIAR**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017**      **8:00AM**  
**THANK YOU ST. JUDE R/B A PARISHIONER**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017**      **8:00 AM**  
**+WILLIAM MILLER**  
**R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017**      **8:00 AM**  
**THANK YOU ST. JUDE R/B A PARISHIONER**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017**      **4:00 PM**  
**+MADELINE WRAIGHT**  
**R/B KATHLEEN CLEMENT**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017**  
**7:30 AM**  
**+DEBORAH ALAIMO**  
**R/B THE CASTONGUAY FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**  
**+MARIO BELLARDI**  
**R/B CAROL SCHROEDER**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR OUR YOUTH**

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>JANUARY 1 – REGULAR -</b>	<b>\$4,626</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$1,581</b>
<b><u>ON LINE GIVING:</u></b>	
<b>JANUARY 1 - REGULAR</b>	<b>\$ 435</b>
<b>JANUARY 1 – MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 165</b>

## **ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”  
 MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

**Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a,  
5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ –“members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

**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 8 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Service hours for all grade 8 students are due no later than March 31, 2017.

All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students **MUST** attend one Youth group meeting on either January 22, February 26 or March 26. Students should sign in to receive credit for attending.

**GRADE 7 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Service hours for all grade 7 students are due no later than April 30, 2017.

**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**

The passage of the federal health care mandate was supposed to provide affordable health care to all Americans. By many accounts, this is not the case, and in the process our First of Amendment Right, which is supposed to safeguard our religious freedom has been taken away.

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.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
IRISH NIGHT IS COMING!  
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017  
AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS**

**Come and join us for our Feast Day celebration for St. Patrick! We will be serving a delicious and typical Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Our Entertainment will be by our Enthusiastic and Fun group 'IRISH TO THE LAST DROP!' as well as the "DEE DEE GOLDEN STEP DANCERS."**

**As part of our tradition, we will be having a Raffle and would welcome any gifts or baskets for our Raffle Table. If you have any questions, please contact Jane at the Rectory at 860-875-8552 or [StLuke\\_Ellington@comcast.net](mailto:StLuke_Ellington@comcast.net).**

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

**You are invited to: HEALING MASS,  
JANUARY 9 AND JANUARY 23 AT 2:00 PM  
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

Anyone who is in need of a statement of charitable donations for the 2016 calendar year can **call the rectory, or write 'STATEMENT' on the front of your Offertory Envelope or email [StLuke\\_Ellington@comcast.net](mailto:StLuke_Ellington@comcast.net)**. A statement will be sent to you as soon as possible.

**SPORTS AND SPIRITUALITY NIGHT "HOW TO BALANCE BOTH IN TODAY'S WORLD"**

**PLACE: OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, GALES FERRY**

**WHEN: JANUARY 10, 2017, 7-8:30 PM**

**Register by calling the Office of Faith Events 860-848-2237 Ext 304.**

**"How you can help prevent Suicide"  
January 18, 2017 – 7 PM – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry. 860-464-7251**

**NINE DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA – JANUARY 21 THROUGH 29.** Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app **Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!**