

**SATURDAY VIGIL, January 9, 2016**

4:00 PM +Vincent Malatesta
r/b The Family

SUNDAY, January 10, 2016

7:30 AM +Father Tom
r/b His Parishioners

10:30 AM +Father Tom
r/b Sr. Guytina and
Brothers

6:00 PM +Chester Zych
r/b The Miemiec Family

MONDAY, January 11, 2016

8:00 AM For Pope Francis

TUESDAY, January 12, 2016

8:00 AM Healing Mass for
Father Bill Olesik

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2016

8:00 AM In Honor of St. Jude
r/b A Parishioner

THURSDAY, January 14, 2016

8:00 AM For the Year of Mercy

FRIDAY, January 15, 2016

8:00 AM Healing Mass for
Julie Chartier
r/b Her Family

SATURDAY, January 16, 2016

4:00 PM For all Parishioners

SUNDAY, January 17, 2016

7:30 AM +John DeCarli
r/b The Family

10:30AM +Christina Bernard
r/b Richard & Georgette

6:00 PM For the Church

PARISH SUPPORT

Christmas Flowers	\$1,473
Christmas Offering	\$9,646
Dec. 27 Regular Collection	\$5,209
January 1 Collection	\$1,499
January 3 Reg. Collection	\$6,292.99
January 3 Maintenance	\$1,879
Giving Tree	\$4,360

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Net Profit from the Christmas Bazaar is \$12,238.88.



“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” LUKE 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Isaiah tells of the Lord’s Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be “a light for the nations.”

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church needs to continue the fight for religious freedom so that she can promote a culture that is favorable to life from conception to natural death. 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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed – (860) 875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday 2-8:30 pm, Tuesday 2-8:30 pm and Thursday 10-3 pm or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2015 – 2016

We are looking forward to a Faith filled year with our students. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each week.

Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday, January 10, 24 from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. (No class January 17)

Monday, January 11 & 25 from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9. (No Class Jan. 18)

Tuesday, January 12 & 26 from 4:30 - 5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5. (No class Jan. 19)

Tuesday, January 12 & 26 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9. (No class Jan. 19)

Grade 2 – Important Dates

Sunday, February 6, 10:30 Mass – Grade 2 Family Candle Mass.

There will only be one First Communion Mass – please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m.

Gr.9 Confirmation–Important Dates

Confirmation Interview January - Contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule your interview.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, January 30 – 10 am – 1pm

Confirmation Reconciliation – During last class on March 28 and 29th

Confirmation Rehearsal – Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm for Candidate and Sponsor (or parent stand-in)

Confirmation 2016 Mass – Sunday April 3rd at 1 pm – Candidates and Sponsors arrive at 12:30 pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word –

All children age 4 through the 5th Grade are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held Sunday January 10 & 24.

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, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Rocco Montano, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Susan Spellacy, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, James Walton, Morris Webber, Jean Wood, Richard Wood and Kathy White.

++PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED++

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: Robert Gibbs and Wanda Parent

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary**Message of December 25, 2015**

"Dear Children! Also today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and from this embrace I am giving you His peace and a longing for Heaven. I am praying with you for peace and am calling you to be peace. I am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

PARISH MISSION COMING!**FEBRUARY 1, 2 & 3RD**

Father Thomas Sullivan, C.P.M. is a member of the congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. He will be speaking at all the masses the weekend of January 30. The mission will start on Monday, February 1 at 7 PM. The evening will be with a Holy Hour and include Father's talk. At the 8 AM Mass on that day Father will show a DVD and give his homily. The Mission will continue on Tuesday with the same times. On Wednesday, February 3 the mission will conclude with a Mass celebrated at 7 PM. During the Mission Fr. Sullivan's topics will be The Holy Blessed Sacrament, The

Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mercy of God, The Ten Commandments and the Angels and Saints.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
IRISH NIGHT IS COMING!**

Saturday, March 12, 2016

After the 4:00 Mass

Come and join us for our feast day celebration for St. Patrick! We will be serving a delicious typical Corned Beef and Cabbage meal and we will be entertained by our enthusiastic and fun group "IRISH TO THE LAST DROP!" We will also be entertained by an Irish Step Dancers group! As part of our tradition, we will have a raffle and would welcome any gifts or baskets for our raffle table. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Thomas at the rectory (860-875-8552).

St. Bernard School, 232 Pearl Street, Enfield, is giving two opportunities for prospective students and their families to observe the advantages of attending this school. There will be an Open House on Sunday, January 24, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 pm and on Tuesday, January 26, 9-2 while school is in session. You are invited to see the school "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet." This school has high academic standards, upgraded technology, including a Robotics program, clubs, band and varsity sports, to appeal to diverse interests. For further information, call 860-745-5275 or www.sbsenfield.org.

19th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life –

Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The theme is "Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy," with the testimony of faith, holiness, and hope. The homilist will be Father Jack Rathschmidt, O.F.M. Cap. of Saint Conrad Friary, White Plains, NY.