

**SATURDAY VIGIL, 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

MONDAY, January 18, 20168:00 AM In Honor of St. Jude
r/b A Parishioner**TUESDAY, January 19, 2016**8:00 AM +Adrienne Bousquet
r/b Evelyn Andre**WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2016**8:00 AM Healing Mass for
Father Bill Olesik
r/b St. Luke Parishioners**THURSDAY, January 21, 2016**8:00 AM +Marina Perrone
r/b Her Dtr. Maria**FRIDAY, January 22, 2016**8:00 AM +Michael Donnelly
r/b Michael Yarnot**SATURDAY, January 23, 2016**4:00 PM +Ronald L. Guimond
r/b Tom & Dottie Curtiss**SUNDAY, January 24, 2016**

7:30 AM For Pope Francis

10:30AM +Vijay Kumar
Birthday Remembrance
r/b Anita & Vincent

6:00 PM For Peace in the World

PARISH SUPPORT**January 10 Regular****\$6,408**

“To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5**

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom’s joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did

not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has emphasized that: "religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly." 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 24 from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. (No class January 17)

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

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

Tuesday, January 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.

Grade 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 24, February 7, 21 & 28th.

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 Grospitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Rocco Montano, Alice Ogden, 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, Wanda Parent and Elizabeth Setzer.

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.**

All are invited to attend this beautiful Spiritual time.



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).

March for Life Buses:

January 22, 2016 marks the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right – their right to life. On Friday, January 22, 2016, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, DC to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9 PM buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, formally Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March for Life on January 22, 2016. Bus fare is \$65 per person. Please reply by January 18. If payment is received after January 18 then bus fare goes up to \$75/adult. For further information and/or to reserve a seat please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362,

St. Martha's School, Enfield has an open house on Sunday, January 24 – 11 am – 1 pm; Monday, January 25 – 6 pm – 8 pm – 214 Brainard Road, Enfield. Pre-register online by visiting www.stmarthaschool-ct.org. 1-603-986-8335 for more information.

Panel Discussion on Substance Abuse and Medication Dependence – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish hall, 1650 Rte 12, Gales Ferry, CT – 7 -8:30 PM – Scheduled Panelist include: Dr. Bassam Awwa, M.d. (Psychiatric Medicine); Dr. William Gilbert, PhD/MSW (Clinical Social, Director of Operations, Catholic Charities); Dr. Edward Hargus, M.D. (Pain Medicine); Karen Butterworth-Urban, R.N. (Nurse Manager W.W. Backus Hospital E.D.); Angela Duhaime (SE Regional Action Council); Shawn Heard (Social Worker Care Management, W.W. Backus Hospital; DCN Douglas Hoffman (Sgt) (Ret) Groton Town Police – No fee but please register to Randy at 860-464-7251 or by email secretary@ololgf.org.