



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017 4:00 PM**  
**+IRENE S. GATES R/B RONALD GATES**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR. TONY**  
**R/B ST. LUKE'S PARISHIONERS**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR POPE FRANCIS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+DECEASED FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE**  
**MALATESTA FAMILY**  
**R/B ROSEMARY MALATESTA**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+HENRY THOMAS – WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
**REMEMBRANCE R/B JANE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017 8:00AM**  
**+DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE**  
**BRANCACCIO FAMILY**  
**R/B THE BRANCACCIO FAMILY**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF JOSEPH**  
**HATHAWAY JR. AND SR.**  
**R/B THEIR FAMILY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 4:00 PM**  
**+MACARIO MALDONADO**  
**R/B RICK AND ROSE MEYER**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017**  
**7:30 AM**  
**FOR THE SUCCESS OF IRISH NIGHT 2017**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR THE HOMELESS**

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>JANUARY 22 – REGULAR -</b>	<b>\$4,573</b>
<b>ON LINE GIVING:</b>	
<b>JANUARY 22 - REGULAR</b>	<b>\$ 435</b>

## **ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

**“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”**  
**First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**  
 Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians**  
**1:26-31**

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station – people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”

**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 - January 29, February 5, 12, 26. No Class February 19: .

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - January 30, February 6, 13, 27. No Class February 20.

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – January 31, February 7, 14, 28<sup>th</sup>. No Class February 21.

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm. Classes January 31, February 7, 14, 28. No Class February 21.

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday January 29, February 5, 12 and 26. 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.

\*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 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,

Deborah Alaimo, Margaret Pionzio, Basil Gallant and George Medeiros.

**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 Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we've got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out. 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**

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE STARTING NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 4/5 AFTER THE 4:00, 7:30 and 10:30 MASSES. TICKETS ARE \$20 p/p. NO BYOB!!! BEER AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE. DON'T BE LEFT OUT! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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."

**IRISH NIGHT RAFFLE!**

As part of our tradition, we will be having a Raffle and would welcome any gifts or baskets for our Raffle Table. They can be brought to the Rectory during office hours M-F 9-1. If you have any questions, please contact Jane at the Rectory at 860-875-8552 or email

**StLuke\_Ellington@comcast.net.**

**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.** A statement will be sent to you as soon as possible.

**Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich – Saturday, February 4 at 8:30 am. Celebrant is Rev. Brian Romanowski. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary.**

**Healing and Intercessory Prayer Service – St. Andrew's Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 at 7 pm.**

**Healing Mass – February 13, 2 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath St. Norwich.**

**Whole Child Academy at St. Edward School, 25 Church Street, Stafford Springs - OPEN HOUSE – February 2 from 6-7 pm. The Academy welcomes Pre-K through Grade 8 with before/after school care. 860-684-2600 or [saintedwardschool.com](http://saintedwardschool.com)**