



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017 4:00 PM
+NANCY KENNEDY & JOHN H. DOBITSKY
R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 7:30 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM, DAD, AND FAMILY

10:30 AM
HEALING MASS FOR NOREEN SMEDY
R/B ST. LUKE'S PARISHIONERS

6:00 PM
HEALING MASS FOR MARK MCPARTLAND

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 8:00 AM
+SR. MARY FRANCES CERVONE
R/B FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 8:00 AM
+REV. ROGER LAMOUREAUX, O.M.I.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 8:00AM
ASH WEDNESDAY
+BASIL GALLANT R/B MARY REGAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017 8:00 AM
+RITA GIRARDINI R/B THE FAMILY

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 4:00 PM
HEALING MASS FOR MARK MCPARTLAND
R/B HIS FRIENDS AT ST. LUKE'S

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017
7:30 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM, DAD & FAMILY

10:30 AM
FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS
AND AIDES

6:00 PM
FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH
DISABILITIES

PARISH SUPPORT

FEBRUARY 19 – REGULAR – \$4,395
ON LINE GIVING \$ 435



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth).” MATTHEW 6:24

For many people, God and money run “neck and neck” as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution—become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a “god” before God.

“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

The city of Zion laments that God has forsaken it. God replies that a mother would not forget her baby. Yet even if she did forget, “I will never forget you.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul describes himself as a servant of Christ. He explains that the opinion of other people are unimportant to him. God is the only one worthy to judge us. When God returns, he will praise those who deserve it.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus warns the people not to waste their time worrying about material things. He says that God provides for the birds in the sky. ‘Are you not more important than they?’ Jesus asked. We should not worry about food and clothes. Instead we should act as God wants us to, then he will help provide for us.

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 - February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26th.

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm - February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28.

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm. Classes February 28, March 7, 14 and **16 (Thursday)**, 21, and 28.

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday February 26 and March 5, 12, 19, 26th. Open to all children age 4 through 5th grade.

CONFIRMATION - GRADE 9 - IMPORTANT DATES!!!

*Attend Youth Group Meeting on February 26.
Confirmation Rehearsal for candidate and sponsor (or sponsor stand in) Thursday, March 23 at 6 PM.
Confirmation 2017 Sunday, March 26 at 1 pm.
Candidates and Sponsors arrive by 12:30 pm.

GRADE 8 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

All 8th 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 - FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST - IMPORTANT DATES

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, John Leskey, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Noreen Smedy, 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, George Medeiros and Eleanor Badecker.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of January 25, 2016

"Dear Children! Today I am calling you to pray for peace: peace in human hearts, peace in the families and peace in the world. Satan is strong and wants to turn all of you against God, and to return you to everything that is human, and to destroy in the heart all feelings towards God and the things of God. You, little children, pray and fight against materialism, modernism and egoism, which the world offers to you. Little children, you decide for holiness and I, with my Son Jesus, intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.

YOUTH GROUP NIGHT - FEBRUARY 26

Come to Youth Group and explore the joy of God's Love in our Church and in you! We are going to be looking at the many ways the Church expresses God's love and how you can be a part of it. All 8-12th Graders are invited to join us from 7:00 -8:30 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
IRISH NIGHT IS COMING!

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 DOORS OPEN AT 4:30

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AFTER THE 4:00, 7:30 and 10:30 MASSES OR AT THE RECTORY M-F 9-1.

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. LAST WEEKEND TO BUY TICKETS IS NEXT WEEKEND.

**Entertainment:
IRISH STEP DANCERS
"IRISH TO THE LAST DROP"**

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious Freedom in America has suffered years of unprecedented erosion. Let us pray that President Trump and his administration can restore the federal government's respect for religious freedom of individuals, companies and organizations.

As Christians, our goal is to live and serve others as the Gospel asks. We pray that the new administration acts quickly to restore the federal government's proper relationship with the First Amendment and other laws protecting conscience and religious freedom, so that the Catholic Church can continue serving the most vulnerable of Americans.

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: Encounter Lent

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, St. Luke's with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl. For 44 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish communities Lenten faith experience. Rice Bowls will be distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather

each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 9. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

**PARISH MISSION COMING!
MARCH 6, 7 AND 8, 2017**

Father Paul R. Fagan, C.P. is a member of the Passionist Preaching Ministry. For eleven years he was the director of the Passionist Spiritual Center until it closed on January 1, 2011. On May 11, 2012, Fr. Paul graduated from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO with a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Preaching. He is currently assigned to the Itinerant Preaching Ministry of the Passionist Community.

Father Paul will be speaking at all the masses the weekend of March 4 and 5. The mission will start on Monday, March 6 during the 8 AM Mass and also in the evening at 7 PM. The Mission will continue on Tuesday with the same times. On Wednesday, March 8, the Mission will close with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul both at 8 AM and 7 PM.

The Mission Topics will be:

Day 1: Opening – "What Do We Stake Our Life On? The Soil of a Faithful Person and a Good Parish Community."

Day 2: "Are we Willing To Take A Risk?"

Day 3 – Closing – "God Demands Our Life As Individuals, Families and Parish Community!"

All are invited to attend this beautiful Spiritual time.

LENTEN RETREAT – "40 DAYS OF LIFE"

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4 – 9AM THRU 4:00 PM
CONVENT OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, 1315 ENFIELD STREET, ENFIELD, CT – PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 28 ACCOMPANIED BY A \$20 STIPEND THAT COVERS LUNCH AND PRINTED MATERIALS. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "FELICIAN SISTERS" AND PUT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.**

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Luke Parish Community,

Thank you so much for continuing to support Ellington Human Services Programs. We appreciate your generous support of our food and fuel banks and our holiday sharing program. Your food donations throughout the year, and monetary contributions have made a major impact on helping those in need in our Ellington community. Please know that we are grateful for all the support we receive from your caring and giving church community.

Your generous monetary donation was applied to our fuel bank account and will be used to help those residents struggling to meet their heating costs. Please know that Ellington Human Services and our clients very much appreciate your kind consideration.

Wishing you all good health and happiness in 2017!

Sincerely,
The Ellington Human Services Staff

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends of the Cornerstone,
Thank you for your support and very generous donation of \$645.00 (giving tree) to the Cornerstone Foundation. We are grateful for your consideration.

When I think of the past year I think of the children who have come to the soup kitchen for their meals. I think of their parents who have to go to the clothing bank for their clothes and I think of the young woman who is pregnant and in our shelter. Where is her family or friend? Then I think of people like you who make it possible to care for those who seek our help.

Thank you for sharing and caring. You have made a difference.

Peace and Blessings,
Helen Syriac
Executive Director
The Cornerstone Foundation, Inc.

LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. ELLIS, PARISH HALL AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, 6 PM Fridays in Lent. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and APRIL 7. Each week's topics and additional information is available at SaintBernardChurch.org.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH MISSION

PLEASE SAY THIS PRAYER EACH DAY AND DURING OUR PARISH MISSION FOR ITS SUCCESS!

HEAVENLY FATHER WE ASK YOUR BLESSING UPON OUR PARISH AND FATHER PAUL FAGAN WHO WILL BE LEADING OUR UPCOMING PARISH MISSION.

AS WE GATHER IN YOUR NAME, WE PRAY THAT THIS MISSION WILL MAKE US AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES; THAT OUR HEARTS WILL BE OPENED TO RECEIVE YOUR WORD AND TO FOLLOW IN YOUR PATH OF LOVE AND MERCY. MAY ALL OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES BE BLESSED, ESPECIALLY THOSE FAMILIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES AND FINDING LIFE TOUGH. BLESS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR SENIORS, THOSE WHO ARE ILL, THE POOR AND THE UNEMPLOYED. BLESS THOSE IN SORROW AND THOSE WHO FEEL THEY HAVE LOST THEIR WAY. THROUGH THIS MISSION, MAY WE BE MORE AWARE OF YOUR LOVE AND MERCY FOR US. THROUGH THIS MISSION LET US SEE YOUR FACE, KNOW YOUR HEART AND EXPERIENCE YOUR LOVE AND MERCY IN OUR DAY TO DAY LIVES. MAY IT ALLOW US TO STRENGTHEN US IN OUR PRECIOUS GIFT OF FAITH. AMEN

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND – MARCH 3-5 AT ST. THOMAS SEMINARY IN BLOOMFIELD, CT. CATHOLIC-BASED, THE WEEKEND FOCUSES ON SUCH TOPICS AS GRIEF PROCESS, CHANGES IN FAMILY AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS, TRUST AND COPING WITH LIFE AS A SINGLE PERSON. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT VICTORIA AT 860-993-7866, EMAIL AT vsa2525@gmail.com, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext 306.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – MARCH 3-5 weekend in Manchester, call 860-376-0440 or visit www.wmect.org.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 am – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich.