



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, AND FAMILY

10:30 AM
FOR OUR RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS/AIDES

6:00 PM
FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH
DISABILITIES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 8:00 AM
+ANGELINA OGGIONI
R/B MARY REGAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 8:00 AM
+ALBERT & YVONNE LACASSE & FAMILY
R/B JOHN A. FARROW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 8:00 AM
+MARIE OGGIONI
R/B MARY REGAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017 8:00 AM
+CAROL GAGNE
R/B RON AND LOUISE BARBERO

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017 8:00 AM
+BETTE PAULHUS
R/B DENNIS AND ELIZABETH

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 4:00 PM
ALICE OGDEN – BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B TOM AND DOTTIE CURTISS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 7:30 AM
+JOSEPH DESANTIS
R/B THE CASTONGUAY FAMILY

10:30 AM
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR ALL IRISH NIGHT
VOLUNTEERS

6:00 PM
HEALING MASS FOR NOREEN SMEDY
R/B ST. LUKE'S PARISHIONERS

PARISH SUPPORT

FEBRUARY 26 – REGULAR – \$3,870
ON LINE GIVING \$ 435



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“IT IS WRITTEN: THE LORD, YOUR GOD, SHALL YOU WORSHIP AND HIM ALONE SHALL YOU SERVE.” MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore.

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 - March 5, 12, 19, 26th.

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

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

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm. Classes 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 March 5, 12, 19, 26th. Open to all children age 4 through 5th grade.

CONFIRMATION – GRADE 9 – IMPORTANT DATES!!!

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 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.

IRISH NIGHT!!!

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO BUY TICKETS TO IRISH NIGHT!

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. ALL DINNERS MUST BE CALLED IN BY THIS MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 8 AM.

TICKETS ARE \$20 P/P.

**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

Over the last several years, the federal government has eroded our First Amendment right to religious freedom. The HHS mandate poses an incredibly heavy burden for the Little Sisters of the Poor and others due to conscientious objections to facilitating coverage of sterilization and contraception, including drugs and devices that may cause abortions. The Little Sisters---and so many others---still do not have adequate relief and still face possible fines in the tens of millions of dollars if they do not comply with the HHS mandate. The new administration must work to change this.

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: Encounter Lent

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

**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.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS!

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti invites you to their 10th Annual Gala, Saturday, April 29, 6 PM cocktails, dinner, silent auction, at the Deanston House, Storrs, CT. Come and meet Bishop Cote, LT. Governor Nancy Wyman and guest speaker Bishop Eric Toussaint from Haiti. The price, \$100/person, is to benefit the children of Haiti. We are also in need of ad

sponsors and auction items. For more information visit www.outreachtohaiti.org.

BERAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – A NEW CATHOLIC-BASED BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP WILL MEET THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THREE ALTERNATING DIOCESAN PARISHES. THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 16 FRM 7-8:30 PM AT ST. MARY’S PARISH CENTER, 218 PROVIDENCE STREET, PUTNAM, CT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES AT 860-848-2237, EXT. 306

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – A three-session class for married and engaged couples will begin in the Gales Ferry area, Saturday, March 25. For information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184

Are you separated or divorced and in need of support? The Church is here to help. The Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a Divorce Healing Program entitled “THE CATHOLIC’S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE.” This is a 12-session DVD ministry program with expertise from Catholic psychologists, theologians and spiritual directors. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group will meet from 7-8:30 PM the second and fourth Mondays of each month beginning April 10 through September 25 at Sacred Heart Parish Rectory, Sacred Heart Drive, Groton, CT. There is a \$20 fee for the program to cover materials and registration is required. To register, call Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext.306

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS - PROJECT RACHEL IS OUR DIOCESAN MINISTRY FOR ANYONE SEEKING HEALING AND FORGIVENESS FROM AN ABORTION. PRIESTS IN THE PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY ARE THERE FOR YOU WITH GOD’S GRACE AND MERCY. CALL 860-861-4439. ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

MERCY BY THE SEA PRESENTS “THE SACRED ART OF CHANT: CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE, TIMELESS PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 17 AT 5:30 – SATURDAY, MARCH 18 AT 4PM. Fees Single occupancy \$250; double \$170 per person. www.mercybythesea.org – 203-245-0401.