



**SATURDAY VIGIL, March 12, 2016**

**4:00 PM**

+Mr. & Mrs. Robert Theroux  
r/b The Family

**SUNDAY, March 13, 2016**

**7:30 AM**

+John T. Papa 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
r/b The Aube Family

**10:30 AM**

For the children of the world

**6:00 PM**

For the success of the Women's ACTS  
Retreat

**MONDAY, March 14, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Frank Gerard Macri – Birthday  
Remembrance r/b His Mother

**TUESDAY, March 15, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Cruciano Savona 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
r/b The Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

(LIVING) Robert Turner  
r/b Howard Matchett

**THURSDAY, March 17, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Phyllis Campisi  
r/b Sr. Guytina & Brothers

**FRIDAY, March 18, 2016**

**8:00 AM**

+Gini King – Anniversary  
Remembrance r/b Her Husband

**SATURDAY, March 19, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

+M/M Dominick DeFranz  
r/b The Family

**SUNDAY, March 20, 2016**

**7:30 AM**

For all children

**10:30 AM**

+Francis Bartholemew  
r/b Michael McAuliffe

**6:00 PM**

+Daniel A. Meaney 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Remembrance  
r/b Tom & Dottie Curtiss

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>March 6 – Regular -</b>	<b>\$6726.60</b>
<b>March 6 – Maintenance -</b>	<b>\$2,122</b>

**ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” PHILIPPIANS 3:8

The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them “rubbish” does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.

### **READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

#### **First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21**

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

#### **Gospel: John 8:1-11**

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned to avoid such sin in the future.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Office Hours: Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday and Tuesday 2-8:30 pm, Thursday 10-3 or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead. We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com).

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

Classes: Sunday March 13 & 20th – 9:15-10:15 Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. No Class March 27.

Monday, March 14, 21, 28 – 6:45 – 8 pm Grades 6-9

Tuesday, March 15, 22, 29 – 4:30-5:45 Grades 3-4-5; Grades 6-9 7-8:15 pm

**Grade 2** – Saturday, March 19 – Eucharistic Workshop 9-10:30 – for both students and their families.

**Grade 2** - First Communion – Saturday, May 7 – **11:00 AM ONLY**

#### **Grade 9 Confirmation:**

Reconciliation – During last class on March 28/29.

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

**Confirmation Mass: Sunday, April 3 – 1 PM – Candidates & Sponsor arrive at 12:30.**

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word –**

All children age 4 through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held Sunday March 13, and 20<sup>th</sup>..

### ***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, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, 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: Roland Bouchard, Alda DeBortoli, Robert Gibbs, Wanda Parent, Ann L. Riley, Elizabeth Setzer and Barbara Sullivan.

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Message of February 25, 2016**

“Dear Children! In this time of grace, I am calling all of you to conversion. Little children, you love little and pray even less. You are lost and do not know what your goal is. Take the cross, look at Jesus and follow Him. He gives Himself to you to the death on the cross, because He loves you. Little children, I am calling you: return to prayer with the heart so as to find hope and the meaning of your existence, in prayer. I am with you and praying for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

**Defending our Religious Liberty**

**When evaluating the presidential candidates, keep in mind their position on preserving the Constitution of the United States and our First Amendment right to religious liberty. 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.**

**2016 Annual Catholic Appeal  
“MERCY – The Beating Heart of the Gospel”**

**Sometimes it's hard to envision how your one gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, “MERCY – THE BEATING HEART OF THE GOSPEL,” could make a difference in the Diocese of Norwich, but it does! Your contribution is a charitable action. This action helps to create a ripple effect through our Diocesan ministries...allowing them to achieve their missions of helping the many in our communities who are in need. The need is great. Whether it's material, physical, emotional or spiritual help that is provided, your support makes a difference in the lives of those who are assisted. You are showing your love to your neighbors and living the message of the Gospel. So, let's join together and make a difference in our Diocese through our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Let it be seen by many, how we as Catholics live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and build up our Church in the Diocese of Norwich. Visit [www.norwichdiocese.development.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.development.org) to make your pledge.**

**DISCOVERING CHRIST!**

St. Luke's will be running a 7 week outreach titled “Discovering Christ.” The outreach will be held for seven weeks on Wednesdays starting April 6 at 6:30. It includes a free dinner and a teaching by DVD. Details and sign-up sheets are in the front and back entrances to the church. RSVP is necessary because of the dinner. Any questions you can call Deacon Frank at home 860-875-6543; cell 860-462-8032 or at [fhann2012@gmail.com](mailto:fhann2012@gmail.com).

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE!!!  
MARCH 19/20**

The Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale is next weekend, March 19/20. All kinds of baked goods are needed. You can drop off your baked goods on Saturday, March 19 from 2-5 or Sunday, March 20, prior to Mass.

**SATURDAY MASS TIME  
CHANGE!**

**Starting next Saturday, March 19, the Mass on Saturday evening will change to 5:00 PM.**

**Youth Group Night Sunday, March 20  
Traveling Back in Time**

Travel back in time with us to the year 47 BC to experience the Last Supper. Wear sandals and bring a pillow/cushion to sit on. Pizza from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will follow us back in time as our meal for the evening. All 8-12 graders are invited to attend. We start by celebrating our Eucharist meal at the 6:00 pm Mass then down into the church hall until 8:30 pm.

SOUP AND SANDWICH – FRIDAY – MARCH 18 – 4:30 -6:30 – MENU: BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP/ HEARTY VEGETABLE CHOWDER; SALMON SALAD SANDWICH.

**CHRISM MASS**

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. Procession of Priests and Deacons will begin into the Cathedral at 10:20 A.M..

The Chrism Mass is the celebration during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are

blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes for baptism, confirmation, the anointing of the sick and for the ordination of priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. Two of our parishioners will be sent to represent our parish at this Mass and to receive the holy oils for the parish. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited, and we would like as many people as possible to be present.

**ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN  
MAY 12-15, 2016**

IMMACULATA RETREAT HOUSE,  
WILLIMANTIC, CT.

HOST PARISHES: ST. MARGARET MAY  
AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Catholic women present an ACTS weekend retreat under guidance of clergy. The goals of the retreat are to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, to renew yourself spiritually, and to build community through lasting friendships.

The retreat begins Thursday evening May 12 with a check in at 5:15 PM at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor. The retreat will end on Sunday, May 15 with a Mass at St. Margaret Mary at 11:30 AM. A reception in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall will follow. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE LOCATED AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO ST. LUKE'S.

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will join with clergy of other Christian Communities from the Norwich area in leading a public Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 25, 2016, from Chelsea Parade to Central Baptist Church. This service will begin at 6:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Norwich. You will receive an e-mail alert or you can check the Central Baptist Church Website at [www.centralbaptistnorwich.com](http://www.centralbaptistnorwich.com)**