



SATURDAY VIGIL, 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 J. Meaney – 20th Anniversary
r/b Dottie & Tom Curtiss

MONDAY, March 21, 2016

8:00 AM

Peter Gagnon
r/b Daphne & Family

TUESDAY, March 22, 2016

8:00 AM

Luciano Campisi
r/b Sr. Guytina & Brothers

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2016

8:00 AM

+Ralph Halbach 28th Anniversary
r/b Marilyn & Paul Gilbert

THURSDAY, March 24, 2016

HOLY THURSDAY

NO MORNING MASS

7:00 PM

For all parishioners

FRIDAY, March 25, 2016

NO MORNING MASS

**3:00 Good Friday Liturgy – Stations
outside weather permitting**

7:00 PM Stations in the church

SATURDAY, March 26, 2016

NO 5:00 MASS

8:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL

Easter Blessings for all parishioners

SUNDAY, March 27, 2016 - EASTER

7:30 AM

For all those who have recently been
received in the Church

10:30 AM

For those who are sick and confined

NO 6 PM MASS

PARISH SUPPORT

March 12 – Regular - \$8,309

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." LUKE 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

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.

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 20th – 9:15-10:15
Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No Class March 27.

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

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

**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 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 March 20, April 3, 17 and 24.

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, 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

The federal health care mandate violates religious liberty because it forces conscientious objectors to actively go against their moral principles. It also

deprives those objectors of the right (a right that others continue to exercise) to do what they see as morally required. 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”**

Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal, ‘MERCY – THE Beating Heart of the Gospel.’ Your donation will be utilized to help others in the Diocese, allowing our over 25 ministries and programs to perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy that are the basis of their missions. This contribution is greatly appreciated, Thank You! If you have not made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to make a difference. Every gift is valued! It’s not too late to offer your support...support that is utilized within our Diocesan communities through the vital work performed by our ministries and programs. Your donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal sustain a wide array of programs that impact many aspects of everyday life. Social service, spiritual guidance, educational, and informational programs are a few of the areas that are supported...providing comfort, sustenance and aid to those suffering hardships. The works performed by our ministries are made possible because of YOUR generosity! Please pray that our “MERCY – The Beating Heart of the Gospel,” Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is successful in addressing the needs of many in our communities. Visit

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.

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

Travel back in time with us to experience the Last Supper. Wear sandals and bring a pillow/cushion to sit on. Pizza from the 21st 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.

CHRISM MASS

As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Procession of Priests and Deacons will begin into the Cathedral at 10:20. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. It is also used at the ordination of bishops and priests and at the dedication of a church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people. Why not plan to take your family to the Cathedral that day? It is a very special experience.

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.

GIVING TREE 2015

**A TOTAL OF \$4,040 WAS DONATED
TO OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE.
\$2,334 WAS GIVEN TO THE
ELLINGTON SOCIAL SERVICES;
\$778 EACH WAS GIVEN TO**

HOCKANUM VALLEY AND CORNERSTONE FOUNDATION; \$100 WAS GIVEN TO NEW SEASONS INC.; \$25 WAS GIVEN TO CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN; \$25 WAS GIVEN TO THE MERCY HOME FOR BOYS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

THANK YOU!!!!

**THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO SUPPORTED OUR ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT AND PARTICULARLY TO ALL THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE EVENT. I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!
JANE THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON**

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

On Thursday, March 31, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Ashford, CT from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for

Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.com!

**IMMACULATA RETREAT HOUSE,
WILLIMANTIC UPCOMING EVENTS**

FRENCH RETREAT: On Mercy Sunday weekend, **April 1-3**, a team of Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Oblate Staff priests and Oblate Associates) will preach a retreat on Mercy. The reflections will be based on Pope Francis' inspiring teachings on Mercy, with ample time for personal reflection on the tranquil grounds of Immaculata Retreat House. Reconciliation; Daily Eucharist; Nocturnal Adoration. Private accommodations and meals. Friday 7:00 PM welcoming. Departure after lunch Sunday. Offering \$200 per person, \$380 per couple.

SENIOR RENEWAL DAY: "PATHWAYS TO HOLINESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE" Our theme will explore what holiness is and what its implications are for all of us who are trying to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Fr. Roger Couture, OMI, is the facilitator and asks you to join him for an interesting exploration together. **Wednesdays, April 20 and May 18.** Welcome 9:00 AM, followed by prayer, conference, mass and lunch. Offering is \$10.00. Please call 860-423-8484 to register in advance.

GARDEN RETREAT: Come and join Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI, in the "Prayerful Cultivation", Seed Planting, in a day of reflection, fun and sharing. **Tuesday, April 26** – 9:00 AM Welcome – Lunch—Garden Time – 4:00 Closing Prayer. Retreat Offerings \$25.00. Please call 860-423-8484 to register in advance.

Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer - March 28 and April 11, 2:00 PM; Spiritual Renewal Center, Norwich 860-887-0702; PRAYER GROUP MASS – APRIL 6 – 7:30 pm St. Joseph Church, Rockville.