



MONDAY, April 4, 2016

8:00 AM

**Henry Thomas Birthday remembrance
r/b Jame and children**

TUESDAY, March 29, 2016

8:00 AM

For the unemployed

WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2016

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, March 31, 2016

FRIDAY, April 1, 2016

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, April 9, 2016

5:00 PM

**+Marcos Agudelo r/b Frances K. Sullivan
Alice J. Taylor, Phyllis J. Caron-Valeriano**

SUNDAY, April 10, 2016 –

7:30 AM

For the newly confirmed

10:30 AM

**+Joseph & Theresa D’Addario
r/b John & Lenora**

6:00 PM

**Lorraine & Kenneth Gayotn, Gene Pitney,
Emma Detolla
r/b The Gayton Family**

**PARISH SUPPORT
March 27 – Regular - \$9281
Rice Bowl**

ADORATION

EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” ACTS 10:38

On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus’ life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

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 April 3, 17, 24 – 9:15-10:15
Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. No Class April 10.

Monday, March 28, April 4, 18, 25 – 6:45 – 8pm
Grades 6-9

Tuesday, March 29, April 5, 19, 26 – 4:30-5:45
Grades 3-4-5; Grades 6-9 7-8:15 pm

Grade 2 - First Eucharist Mass Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 AM. Students arrive to classroom at 10:30 a.m.

First Eucharist Rehearsal for both student and parents – Saturday April 30 9-10:30 am and Thursday May 5 6:15-7:30 pm. MUST ATTEND BOTH REHEARSALS

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 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

Pope Francis has said: "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." This is why it is important that we continue to put pressure on our elected officials to change the federal health care mandate which forces religious institutions to pay for medical procedures that violate their moral principles. 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..

THE LENTEN CROSS

The Lenten Cross was well received. It was a visual sign of our Lenten sacrifices, prayers and practices offered in reparation for our sins and the sins of the world. Thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm and participation in the Lenten Cross in this Year of Mercy. It has blossomed into a beautiful cross of flowers –a visual sign of our Lenten sacrifices.

BLOOD DRIVE

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1, ST LUKE'S
CHURCH HALL 1-6 PM**

ST LUKE ALTAR SERVER BOWLING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24
1:15 – 3:30
SPARE TIME BOWLING – VERNON
350 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD
VERNON, CT 06066
860-875-2583**

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

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!

OPEN HOUSE – ST. MARTHA SCHOOL, ENFIELD, CT.
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 11 AM – 1 PM.
603-986-8335

MASS OF HEALING AND INDIVIDUAL PRAYER – MARCH 28 AND APRIL 11, 2016 – 2:00 PM – SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER, NORWICH – 860-887-0702

PRAYER GROUP MASS – ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, APRIL 6, 7:30 PM

**IMMACULATA RETREAT HOUSE
 WILLIMANTIC UPCOMING EVENTS**

FRENCH RETREAT: On Mercy Sunday weekend, April 1-3, a team of Oblates of Mary Immaculata (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
 EVERDAY 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. Wednesday, 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.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass – Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich – Saturday, April 2 at 8:30 AM.

**HAPPY EASTER FROM FR. GEORGE
 AND STAFF!**