



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 5pm
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 7:30 AM
+JOSEPH KOZICKI, JR.
R/B ED & ALICE WYSOCKI

10:30 AM
+JOSEPH & THERESA D'ADDARIO
R/B JOHN & LENORA RICE

6:00 PM
+LORRAINE & KENNETH GAYTON AND
GENE PITNEY R/B THE GAYTON FAMILY

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017 8:00 AM
+MARGARET BELLARDI
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 8:00 AM
+HENRY THOMAS BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B JANE, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE
CARBONE-LAWSON FAMILY
R/B THE CARBONE-LAWSON FAMILY

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017 8:00 AM
+RACHEL GILBERT – 1ST ANNIVERSARY
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE
GAGNON FAMILY R/B THE GAGNON FAMILY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 5:00 PM
+ALDA DEBORTOLI R/B MRS. STANLEY
SARNO

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017 – PALM SUNDAY
7:30 AM +HELEN DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY

10:30 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM, DAD & FAMILY

6:00 PM
FOR POPE FRANCIS AND ALL PRIESTS

PARISH SUPPORT

MARCH 27 – REGULAR	\$5,258.50
ON LINE GIVING	\$ 435



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, “I am the Resurrection and the Life,” Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

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 - April 2, 23rd and 30. (No class April 9 and 16)
Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - April 3, 17, 24. (No class April 10)
Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – April 4, 18, 25. (No class April 11)
Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm April 4, 18, 25. (No class April 11)

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday April 2, 23, 30. Open to all children age 4 through 5th grade.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Confirmation Candidates and sponsors. May the Holy Spirit be with you and guide you always. God Bless You.

GRADE 7 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Service hours for all grade 7 students are due no later than April 30, 2017.

GRADE 2 – FIRST EUCHARIST IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 29, 9-10:15 – Mandatory First Eucharist Rehearsal I for students

Thursday, May 4, 6-7:15 pm – Mandatory First Eucharist Rehearsal II for students.

BOTH REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE FIRST EUCHARIST ON MAY 6.

Saturday, May 6 – Students arrive at 10:30 am – First Eucharist Mass at 11 AM.

Grade 8 - Confirmation 2018 Meeting for students and parents on Monday, May 1 or Tuesday, May 2 at 7 pm. At least one parent must attend with the student and you only need to attend one of the two nights.

All 8th grade students MUST attend the Youth Group Meeting on April 23 if they did not attend in January, February or March. Students should sign in to receive credit for attending.

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, Tracy Kearcher, 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 Eleanor Badecker, John Leskey, Wendy Ciparelli, Donald Szydowski and Leo Dungan.

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

“Dear Children! In this time of grace, I am calling all of you to open your hearts to God’s mercy, to begin a new life through prayer, penance and a decision for holiness. This time of spring moves you to a new life, to a renewal, in your thoughts and hearts. Therefore, little children, I am with you to help you to say ‘yes’ to God and to God’s

Commandments with resoluteness. You are not alone; I am with you through the grace which the Most High gives me for you and your descendants. Thank you for having responded to my call.

SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT

MENU FOR APRIL 7

**TACO TWIST SOUP/VEGETABLE RICE
GRILLED CHEESE/ PEANUT
BUTTER/JELLY**

PRICE \$6.00 – 1 QUART TO GO \$5.00

Come join us for a quick and easy dinner! The Social Committee

2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 16th Annual St. Luke Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017. The Golf Committee would like to welcome new volunteers to help organize the tournament. Please call Kitty Walker – 860-872-0229 – or Bob Ohrt – 860-871-2542 – for more information about how you can join this committee and help plan this fun parish event.

THE PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE IS FAST APPROACHING!

The Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale is coming up on April 8 and 9. This is a very popular event and all types of baked goods are needed. Donations of cakes, cookies, cupcakes, muffins, bars, pies, breads, candy and fudge are much appreciated.

You can drop off your baked goods on Saturday, April 8 from 2-5 or Sunday, April 9 prior to Mass.

Thank you for all your help and support to make this event a success!

FATHER TOM SCHOLARSHIP – St. Luke's will be awarding five \$1,000 scholarships to sons and daughters of St. Luke parishioners who are currently in college, will be attending college or might be interested in attending a Catholic High School in the upcoming academic year. Awards will be based on: academics, parish involvement, community service and financial need. (One award per family per year.) Applications are available at the Rectory and on line www.stlukeellington.com. Deadline for submitting applications will be 6 PM on Friday, May 5, 2017.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL!
THE NEXT SCHEDULED REHEARSAL WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 FROM 7-8 PM. ALL 13 YEAR OLD AND OLDER ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY! WE WILL BE REHEARSING MUSIC FOR EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 MASS.**

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force it to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against the church's moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER, 11 BATH STREET, NORWICH

HEALING MASS, APRIL 10 AND 24 – 2 PM

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – "YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH"
GUEST SPEAKER, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN VALLIMAR JANSEN
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 – 8:30 TO 3:30
ST. BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL,
UNCASVILLE, CT.

CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017, AT 10:30 AM – CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK, NORWICH.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy 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 in the Diocese of Norwich 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. Three 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.

WAY OF THE CROSS – A PUBLIC PROCESSION OF SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER – GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017, 6:00 PM – CHELSEA PARADE. WALK WITH THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL R. COTE, BISHOP OF NORWICH, AND LEADERS OF OTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AS WE PRAY THE WAY OF THE CROSS. JOIN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN FORMING A PRAYER PILGRIMAGE CALLED "THE WAY OF THE CROSS." REMEMBERING THE

SUFFERING OF CHRIST, THE PROCESSION WILL MOVE FROM CHELSEA PARADE DOWN BROADWAY AND UNION STREET TO CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH. WE WALK AND SING IN COMMEMORATION OF CHRIST'S JOURNEY. WE GATHER AS CHRISTIANS KNOWING THAT THE CROSS LEADS TO THE RESURRECTION EVEN TODAY. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK, NORWICH.

ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, APRIL 19 – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, MANCHESTER. WE OFFER STUDENTS A SAFE AND DISCIPLINED ENVIRONMENT STEEPED IN CATHOLIC TRADITIONS. OUR DAILY CURRICULUM OFFERS CHILDREN PRE SCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 8 A CHALLENGING ACADEMIC SCHEDULE BALANCED WITH A VARIETY OF SPORTS, CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

MARRIAGE HELP – If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the RETROUVAILLE program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next weekend is APRIL 21-23. For more information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230 – email cherylandsteve@cox.net – www.helpourmarriage.com.