



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

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

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

6:00 PM
 FOR POPE FRANCIS AND ALL PRIESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 8:00 AM
 +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DEABILL AND GUDAITIS FAMILY R/B THE DEABILL FAMILY

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 8:00 AM
 +JOHN LESKEY JR. R/B FRANCES HECHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017 8:00 AM
 +EUGENE GILBERT – 10TH ANNIVERSARY R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 HOLY THURSDAY
7 PM – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 – GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 PM – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017
8 PM – EASTER VIGIL
 MASS IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017 – EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM
 +JOSEPH KOZICKI, JR.
 R/B M/M MANUEL TEIXEIRA

10:30 AM
 FOR ALL CHILDREN

THERE WILL BE NO 6 PM MASS!

PARISH SUPPORT

APRIL 2 – REGULAR	\$6,489
MAINTENANCE	\$1,961.23
ON LINE GIVING –Reg.	\$ 435



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.”
 MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

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 23rd and 30. (No class April 9 and 16)

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - April 17, 24. (No class April 10)

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – April 18, 25. (No class April 11)

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm April 18, 25. (No class April 11)

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

GRADE 7 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

GRADE 8 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Service hours for all Grade 8 students were due no later than March 31, 2017.

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.

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.

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.

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, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Dolores Pellegrini, 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 23

As a community, we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on April 23, 2017, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00 pm. PLEASE JOIN US.

The message of mercy is that God loves us – all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him in trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. (ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm)

SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT

MENU FOR APRIL 14

PUMPKIN CORN SOUP/ POTATOE LEEK SOUP/ EGG SALAD/ 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 THIS WEEKEND!

DON'T FORGET TO COME TO OUR BAKE SALE AFTER THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND. FABULOUS BAKED GOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

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 Monday, May 8, 2017.

ST. LUKE’S HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 13 – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14 – 3 PM – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS – OUTSIDE – WEATHER PERMITTING

**7 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS –
CHURCH**

**EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY – APRIL 15
8 PM**

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 15 –
7:00 – 7:30 PM**

EASTER SUNDAY – MASSES

7:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

THERE WILL BE NO 6 PM MASS

HAPPY EASTER!

**FATHER GEORGE AND THE STAFF WISH
EVERYONE A BLESSED AND HOLY
EASTER!**

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In the Church's opposition to the federal health care mandate, the issue is our compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for the procedures that violate Catholic teaching. Pray that the new administration, when amending the mandate, protects religious freedom.

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER, 11 BATH
STREET, NORWICH
HEALING MASS, APRIL 10 AND 24 – 2 PM**

**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.

ACA APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, "OUR FAITH CALLS US TO ACTION." The works performed by our ministries are made possible because of YOUR generosity! Every gift is valued! It's not too late to offer your support. Gifts to the ACA allow our ministries to take ACTION, assisting with social service, spiritual, educational and many other needs throughout our community. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge today.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND –
OCTOBER 16-25, 2017 – WITH FR. JAMES
THAIKOOTTATHIL, ST. SEBASTIAN
CHURCH. – Tel Aviv/Tiberias and
Jerusalem - \$2982.00 per person, double
occupancy – Single Add \$620. If interested
contact Fr. George or Jane at the rectory.**