



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017 - EASTER VIGIL
8:00 PM
 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

10:30 AM
 FOR ALL CHILDREN

NO 6 PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017 **8:00 AM**
 +MARGARET BELLARDI
 R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 **8:00 AM**
 +REV. ROGER LAMOUREAUX O.M.I

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 **8:00 AM**
 +JOHN LESKEY JR. R/B FRANCES HECHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 **8:00 AM**
 +JOHN LESKEY JR. R/B FRANCES HECHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 **8:00 AM**
 +THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF JOSEPH
 HATHAWAY JR. AND SR. R/B THEIR FAMILY

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 **5:00 PM**
 +VITA MALDONADO
 R/B RICK & ROSE MEYER

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 **7:30 AM**
 +FAITH LEGGE
 R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY

10:30 AM
SPECIAL INTENTION – SELLING OF HOME
 R/B A PARISHONER

6:00 PM
IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR FAVORS
 RECEIVED R/B A PARISHONER

PARISH SUPPORT

APRIL 9 –	\$8,285
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 435
ON LINE GIVING Maintenance	\$165
BAKE SALE	\$633.50



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”
 COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."

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 16)

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - April 17, 24.

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm - April 18, 25.

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm April 18, 25.

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. If you have not turned yours in, please do so immediately. If service hours are not turned in you will not receive the Confirmation packet at the meeting on May 1st and 2nd.

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.

At three o’clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. (Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, 1320)

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 Rectorry and on line www.stlukeellington.com. Deadline for submitting applications will be 6 PM on Monday, May 8, 2017.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious freedom is more than freedom of worship. It goes beyond protecting our ability to attend Mass or a religious service. It guarantees citizens of all faiths, or none whatsoever, the right to contribute to our common life. We Catholics and other religious people come to the table with what we are, and what we have. We put our beliefs, values and structures at the service of the common good because our faith demands that we do so. When amending the mandate, pray that the new administration protects religious freedom.

The 27th Annual White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths will be at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, on Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 AM. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant and Homilist is the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote. The Speaker is Sr. Judith Jacobus, M.D. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

The 22nd Annual Secretaries Mass in thanksgiving for secretaries of all faiths, will be on Tuesday, April 25, 12:00 pm, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. Following the Mass a complimentary luncheon will be served. Celebrant: Most Reverend Michael R. cote, D.D. Homilist: Reverend Brian Maxwell. For reservations or more information call 860-887-9294, ext. 234.

YOUTH GROUP – APRIL 23

Do you know where the Peace of God lives in your lives? Come and find out from your peers through sharing, games and food. All 8-12 graders are invited to join us from 7-8:30 PM in the church hall.

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.

Bereavement Support Group – A new Catholic based Bereavement Support group will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is THURSDAY, APRIL 20 FROM 7-8:30 PM AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER, 1600 MAIN STREET, COVENTRY. For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

THE DIOCESE HAS ASKED EACH PARISH TO PLACE INFORMATION ON FUNERALS AND CREMATION IN THEIR BULLETINS. WE WILL BE DOING THIS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKENDS.

THE FUNERAL RITES

The ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS is divided into three groups of rites, or ceremonies, which correspond to the three principal times in Christian funerals.

THE VIGIL OR WAKE SERVICE takes place before the day of the Funeral Liturgy, either at the funeral home, or sometimes in the parish church. Family and friends come to offer their condolences to the bereaved. It is here, at the Vigil, that eulogies honoring the deceased person are given. The Rite, or ceremony, consists of a short Scripture-based prayer service, usually led by a priest, deacon or other parish minister, as provided in the ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS.

THE FUNERAL LITURGY is probably the most familiar part of the ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS, and the central of the three rites. Friends and loved ones gather together in the parish church to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, both for the benefit of the deceased and in thanksgiving for his or her life of faith. The celebration is greatly enhanced by the participation of the family. For instance, in addition to singing responses and hymns during the Mass, family members may place the pall on the

casket, select Scripture readings, or serve as readers or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

THE COMMITMENT OR BURIAL SERVICE is celebrated at the place where the body of the deceased will be buried, usually the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery. It is here, at the cemetery, where the faithful proclaim again belief in the resurrection for themselves and for the one who has died. The service consists of a short prayer, a reading from Scripture and prayers of intercession.

Open House – St. Bridget School, Manchester – April 19 from 6 PM until 8:00 PM.

Caregiver Spirituality Group – APRIL 18 FROM 6:30 – 8 PM – ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE, 64 POMPEY HOLLOW ROAD, ASHFORD – Call the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304

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.

Brochures are available here at the Rectory. If interested contact Fr. George or Jane.