



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 5:00 PM

+VITA MALDONADO
R/B RICK AND ROSE MEYER

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 7:30 AM

+FAITH LEGGE
R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY

10:30 AM

SPECIAL INTENTION THAT A HOME WILL BE
SOLD R/B A PARISHIONER

6:00PM

IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR A FAVOR
RECEIVED R/B A PARISHIONER

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 8:00 AM

+JOHN LESKEY JR. R/B FRANCES HECHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 8:00 AM

HEALING MASS FOR NOREEN SMEDY
R/B ST. LUKE'S PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 8:00 AM

IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR A FAVOR
RECEIVED R/B A PARISHIONER

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 8:00 AM

IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR A FAVOR
RECEIVED R/B A PARISHIONER

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 8:00 AM

+RACHEL GILBERT – BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 5:00 PM

SPECIAL INTENTION – THAT A HOME WILL BE
SOLD R/B A PARISHIONER

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 7:30 AM

+LUIA BOTELHO R/B JASON LUIA
MACHADO

10:30 AM - FOR "DIVINE MERCY FOR ALL"

6:00 PM

FOR FATHER GEORGE
FROM HIS PARISHIONERS

PARISH SUPPORT

APRIL 16 – EASTER	\$ 8,314
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 435
Rice Bowl	\$623.48
Soup/Sandwich	\$390.00



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen 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.

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - April 24 – LAST CLASS

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – April 25 – LAST CLASS

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm April 25 – LAST CLASS

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.

Grade 8 Cont. –

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.

As often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice. (Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, 1572)

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. For more information about how you can sign up to play, volunteer, or be a sponsor please get a brochure at one of the entrances of the church or call Kitty Walker – 860-872-0229 – or Bob Ohrt – 860-871-2542. Hope to see you there!

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.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

When demanding that the federal health care mandate be revised, the Catholic Church is asking that the same consideration be extended to the faithful who are awaiting judicial reliefs so that they can live by their religious beliefs without facing government penalties for doing so.

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.

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.

FUNERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

PLANNING A FUNERAL

Sometimes people resist the idea of planning for their own funerals. However, it has become clear in recent years that Catholics should make their wishes known to their families to assure the celebration of the Funeral Rites of the Church. These Rites are a sign and a statement of faith in the resurrection of the dead. Parishes as well as funeral directors should assist survivors in carrying out these last wishes of their loved ones.

Assistance to families at the time of death of a loved one is an aspect of pastoral care often offered by parishes. Many parishes have established a bereavement ministry group to assist grieving families. Such ministry includes expressions of sympathy from the parish community, and assistance in choosing and planning the Funeral rites to be celebrated – the Vigil, the Funeral Mass, with its music and appropriate Scripture readings, and the Committal, or burial.

FUNERALS AND FAITH

The Church clearly prefers that the body of the deceased is present for the funeral rites. The body uniquely represents our belief that the human body is, in Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit and destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead.

The Funeral Rites, as all liturgical celebrations of the Church, are a statement of faith. The Funeral Rites assist mourners to grieve, but they also honor the faith of the deceased. The Rites also acknowledge the special bond all Christians share within the Communion of Saints. Each time we gather for a funeral we state, by our actions, our faith in these mysteries.

ENDERS ISLAND – DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH MARK GORDON – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3. \$50 PER PERSON – <http://enders.is/maydor>

WINE, WISDOM AND WHY – NIGHT OF CATHOLIC DISCUSSION – THURSDAY, APRIL 27 FROM 7-9 PM AT ST. ANDREW'S IN COLCHESTER.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Celebrate God’s love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – The next weekend is July 7-9 in Manchester, CT. Call Paul and Kim Gilbert at 860-376-0440 or visit <https://www.mectw.org/>.