

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION OF SELLING A HOME R/B A PARISHIONER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**+LUIA BOTELHO**  
**R/B JASON & LUISA MACHADO**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL OUR FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS**

**6:00PM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIRTH OF A HEALTHY GRANDCHILD**  
**R/B JOHN & JANE LABBE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR FAVORS RECEIVED R/B A PARISHIONER**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+CARL JOSEPH CAMPISI R/B SR. GUYTINA**

**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR FAVORS RECEIVED R/B A PARISHIONER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF JOSEPH HATHAWAY JR. AND SR. R/B THEIR FAMILY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**FOR OUR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND**

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**+ALMERINDA CORDEIRO**  
**R/B JASON AND LUISA MACHADO**

**10:30 AM**  
**+ROSEMARY CONLAN**  
**R/B LENORA AND JOHN RICE**

**6:00 PM**  
**IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR FAVORS RECEIVED FROM A PARISHIONER**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>APRIL 23 – REGULAR</b>	<b>\$6,676</b>
<b>ON LINE GIVING –Regular</b>	<b>\$ 435</b>
<b>Retired Priests</b>	<b>\$1,006</b>
<b>Rice Bowl Additional</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading: Acts 2:22-33**

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21**

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

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**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ “took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them.” Then they recognized Christ and their “hearts burned within them.”

**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 30 – LAST CLASS

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday April 30, May 7 and 14. 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**

Confirmation 2018 Meeting for students and parents on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> or Tuesday, May 2 at 7 PM. At least one parents must attend with the student and you only need to attend one of the two nights.

**GRADE 2 – FIRST EUCHARIST IMPORTANT DATES**

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

**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, Leo Dungan and Wanda Dziadul.

**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.

**2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stlukeellington.com). Deadline for submitting applications will be 6 PM on Monday, May 8, 2017.**

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to exercise religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans. Let us pray that as lawmakers make changes to the current mandate that it return the safeguards that protect religious freedom in the Constitution of the United States.

**FUNERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED****CREMATION**

In recent years, it has become more common for families to choose cremation of a deceased loved one rather than burial of the body. This is always a legitimate choice, as long as cremation is not chosen as a means of denying belief in the resurrection of the body. When the choice has been made to cremate the body, it is strongly recommended that the cremation takes place after the Funeral Liturgy. In this case, the Vigil and the Funeral Liturgy are celebrated before the cremation, and the Committal service after. However, if necessary, all three Funeral Rites can be celebrated after the cremation.

The cremated remains are to be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they came. This includes the use of a suitably dignified urn to contain the ashes, and reverent respect in transporting them to their final resting place. Nothing should be done with the ashes that would not be done with the body. The cremated remains are to be buried in their entirety in a suitable urn, in a grave, mausoleum, columbarium or even at sea. The scattering of the cremated remains in one's home, is not approved since such actions do not constitute the reverent disposition of the body which our Faith requires.

**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/>.**

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

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER  
HEALING MASS – SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER, 11 BATH STREET, NORWICH. MONDAYS MAY 8 AND 22, 2017.  
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT – 8 WEEK DVD SERIES BEGINNING MAY 1 TO JUNE 19 FROM 7:00 – 8:30 PM .**

**ST. MARTHA'S SCHOOL, ENFIELD IS HAVING THEIR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY, MAY 21 AT THE OAK RIDGE GOLF CLUB IN FEEDING HILLS, MA. Registration begins at 10:30 AM followed by a BBQ lunch. Start time is 12 noon. Cocktail hour will be at 4:30 pm with dinner to follow at 5:30 pm. Includes 50/50 raffles and prizes. The all-inclusive fee is \$125 for individual golfers. To register to play, please contact St. Martha School at 860-745-3833, [SMARTHAGOLF@gmail.com](mailto:SMARTHAGOLF@gmail.com) or [www.st.marthaschool-ct.org](http://www.st.marthaschool-ct.org).**

**THE MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH, 1 MCCURDY ROAD, OLD LYME, ON SATURDAY, MAY 6 AT 8:30 AM. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed.**

**Elder Law – What is it? Who needs it? How do I find an Elder Law Lawyer? Attorney Michael Lahan from Norwich will answer these and other Elder Law questions – Wednesday evening, May 3 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory Meeting Room 1650, Rt. 12, Gales Ferry. Admission is free – Please call/email by May 1 to reserve your seat! 860-464-7251, secretary@alolgf.org.**

**A BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND IS PLANNED FOR YOU!  
ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN  
JUNE 1-4, 2017**

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT**

**The South Windsor Catholic Community would like to offer a wonderful Mother's Day gift to honor the special women in your life --- mother, spouse, daughter, sister, niece, aunt, yourself. The ACTS retreat is sponsored by St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi Church and will be held on June 1-4, 2017, at the Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic. The retreat will be facilitated by a group of Catholic women under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. The theme for the weekend will be "JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM, 'PEACE BE WITH YOU'...RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT." Your hearts will be on fire on the Pentecost weekend!  
Treat yourself to a weekend away with Our Lord, private room and private bath, delicious meals, and fellowship with an amazing group of women from the parish and surrounding area. Want to know more? Call Elizabeth Percy at 860-648-2615, Angelee Carta at 860-643-1954, or Tina Pelletier at 860-503-9744.**