



SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 **5:00 PM**
+VIRGINIA DESANTIS
R/B THE CASTONGUAY FAMILY

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017 **7:30 AM**
+DUARTE CORDEIRO
R/B JASON AND LUISA MACHADO

10:30 AM
FOR ALL MOTHERS

6:00PM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 **8:00 AM**
+PAULA JACOBSEN R/B MARY REGAN

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 **8:00 AM**
IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE FOR FAVORS
RECEIVED R/B A PARISHIONER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017 **8:00 AM**
HEALING MASS FOR MARK MCPARTLAND
R/B JANE THOMAS

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 **8:00 AM**
FOR A SPECIAL FAVOR
R/B A PARISHIONER

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 **8:00 AM**
FOR A SPECIAL FAVOR R/B A PARISHIONER

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 **5:00 PM**
+ARMOND LUCIANO
R/B KAREN AND RAY LUCIANO

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 **7:30 AM**
+MANUEL MACHADO
R/B JASON AND LUISA MACHADO

10:30 AM
+THOMAS SINSIGALLO
R/B MARIA AND FAMILY

6:00 PM
FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL

PARISH SUPPORT

MAY 7 – REGULAR	\$6,282.50
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 435.00
MAINTENANCE	\$1,649.00

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, given them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word “stone” in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be “living stones...an edifice of spirit.”

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE WILL BE HELD AFTER ALL MASSES ON MAY 20 AND 21.

Gardeners, consider donating your extra plants to the plant sale. Containers are available beside the lawn/garden shed at the back of the parking lot. Plants may be dropped off any time after Thursday, May 18 next to the **“PLANT SALE”** sign in the back parking lot. **PLEASE LABEL** – plant sticks are available in the drop off area. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants for the church property.

For questions, call:

Penny Harrington 860-872-3537

Elaine Waudby: 860-872-4057

GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 2, 2017 – FRIDAY - ROLLING MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB.

For more information about how you can sign up to play, volunteer, or be a sponsor please get a pink 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!

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious liberty is not an eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our Catholic ministries, to the people that the Catholic Church serves, and to all Americans. Catholic organizations will have to face exorbitant penalties amounting to tens of millions of dollars, or shut down, if the federal healthcare mandate is not revised.

The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has imposed dangerous implications on all religions. If we allow the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty

concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

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.

ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN – JUNE 1-4, 2017

Sponsored by South Windsor Catholic Community

Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic

Come join a group of Catholic women who will present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. The retreat theme is “Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them ‘Peace be with you...receive the Holy Spirit.’”

Transportation is provided. Ladies, 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. Registration forms are on the tables at the entrances to the church. Call Elizabeth Percy at 860-648-2615, Tina Pelletier at 860-503-9744 or Angelee Carta at 860-643-1954 for more information.

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS MAY 25 AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES ARE ON THURSDAY AT 8 AM AND 7 PM ONLY. EFFECTIVE WITH THIS HOLYDAY THERE WILL BE NO MORE VIGIL MASS ON THE DAY BEFORE A HOLY DAY.

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to all parishioners and friends for your prayers, Masses and support during my recent illness.

NOREEN SMEDY

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Reverend Kpzysztof Drybka, former pastor of St. Joseph’s Church, Rockville, who donated the beautiful Divine Mercy Picture.

Thank you to Paul Gilbert and Al Lewandosky who made the frame for the Divine Mercy picture and hung it.

FAITH FORMATION

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday 9-12 noon or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2016-2017

Thank you to our students, parents and teachers for a great year! All students received a packet to work on over the summer. Parents please review packet with your child and always remember to pray with them each day, the best way for them to practice their prayers is to pray them daily.

Kindergarten, First Grade and New Families

If you have a student entering Kindergarten, First Grade, or are new to the parish with school age children in the Fall, please contact the Faith Formation Office at stlukere@gmail.com or 860-875-4951. Give us your name, address, phone number, children's names and grade in the Fall. Online registration for the 2017-2018 year will begin on August 1, 2017.

Confirmation 2017 Group Photo Pick Up

All group photos from Confirmation can be picked up before or after Mass in the Sacristy.

CORNERSTONE MOST NEEDED ITEMS!

PASTA OR RICE SIDE DISHES
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
JELLY OR JAM
CRACKERS
CANNED SOUP
CANNED PASTA
DESSERT MIXES (BROWNIES, COOKIES ETC)
KETCHUP OR MUSTARD
SALAD DRESSINGS

Healing Mass – Spiritual Renewal Center,
11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – Monday, May
22 at 2:00 PM

PARISH COUNCIL WINNERS!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO
HAVE BEEN VOTED INTO THE
PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2017-2018
AND 2018-2019:**

**ELENA GANZ
MICHAEL HENDRICK
PAMELA KLAPPROTH
JANE LABBE
KAREN LUCIANO
JOSEPH OUELLETTE
LAURIE THEROUX**

Open House – St. Gerard Center for Life – 10
Jefferson Street, Unit C2, Hartford – Saturday, May
20 starting at 11 AM with Mass and the Open House
to follow from 12-3PM.

Open House – St. Bridget School, Manchester – May
16 – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Please come for a tour,
meet the staff and see their newly renovated school
– saintbridgetschool.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me
will do the works that I do.” Let the Lord into your
marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide
Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME
Weekend is July 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For
more information, call Dennis and Jane Lamondy at
860-376-0440 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.