

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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**

6:00PM

FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 8:00 AM

+VINCENT MALATESTA R/B ROSEMARY

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017 8:00 AM

**+FAITH LEGGE
R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017 8:00 AM

FOR ALL WHO NEED GOD'S MERCY

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 THE ASCENSION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 8:00 AM**

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

7:00 PM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017 8:00 AM

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JIM

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017 5:00 PM

**+MARY JOSEPH VILLAMTHANAM
R/B FATHER GEORGE**

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017 7:30 AM

**+LAWRENCE SPELLACY, JR.
R/B CATHY PECK AND ELAINE WAUDBY**

10:30 AM

+THOMAS SINSIGALLO R/B NICK AND FAMILY

6:00 PM

FOR POPE FRANCIS AND ALL PASTOR

PARISH SUPPORT

**MAY 14 – REGULAR \$5,446.00
ON LINE GIVING –Regular \$ 435.00**

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here’s the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs. Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

DEACON FRANK'S HOMILY REFERENCE:

<https://www.myfathershousect.org/>

“Listening to God” by Fr. William J. McCarthy

**PERENNIAL PLANT SALE THIS WEEKEND!
STOP AND PICK UP A PERENNIAL FOR
YOUR GARDEN. REQUEST A DONATION
OF \$2 OR \$3 PER CONTAINER.
PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE WILL BE
USED TO PURCHASE PLANTS FOR THE
CHURCH PROPERTY.**

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

There are still spots to sign up to play or be a sponsor. Please see the flyers at the church entrances for details.

We are excited to announce that this year we will have two great Silent Auction prizes. Golfers and dinner guests will be able to bid on a full set of upper and lower metal orthodontia braces (donate by parishioner Deborah Griffin, DMD) or a Six Month Membership to the Ellington YMCA. Please contact a golf committee member for details. Proceeds of the Tournament will go to the repainting of the church steeple – estimate is \$10,000.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In early May, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a response to President Donald J. Trump's executive order about religious liberty. It states in part: "Today's Executive Order begins the process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate. We will engage with the Administration to ensure that adequate relief is provided to those with deeply held religious beliefs about some of the drugs, devices, and surgical procedures that HHS has sought to require people of faith to facilitate over the last several years. We welcome a decision to provide a broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate, but will have to review the details of any regulatory proposals." Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

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.**

FAITH FORMATION

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-4 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.

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

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

Firefighters/EMS Mass

Please join us on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at the Chancery as we begin planning the 25th Annual Firefighters/EMS Personnel Mass scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel in the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. For more information, call Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, ext 265, or Monsignor Brown at ext. 232.

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www.facebook.com/ofenorwichdiocese.

Diocesan Positions Available

APRN: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is seeking a consulting psychiatric APRN to provide psychiatric evaluations, medication evaluations, and medication follow-up appointments for clients served at our Norwich and Middletown behavioral health clinics. Experience working with children desired, but not required. Connecticut license to practice as an APRN is required. If interested, please send your resume to Laura Malone at lauramalone@ccfsn.org.

FULL-TIME CLINICAL SITE SUPERVISOR (LCSW) NORWICH, CT.-

Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time Behavioral Health Clinical Site Supervisor for our Behavioral Health Clinic in Norwich. This person will be responsible for managing our outpatient behavioral health clinic in Norwich. Responsibilities include supervision of staff, quality assurance, and utilization management. This position requires direct service responsibilities. Requirements: MSW, LCSW with at least five year's post-graduate experience. Please email resume, cover letter and salary requirements to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at lauramalone@ccfsn.org.

BLUE MASS BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER – SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017. –BILLY WILSON'S RESTAURANT 57 BROADWAY, NORWICH – 11:00 – 1:00. There is no cost or no tickets for the breakfast. However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated.