



SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017 5:00 PM
THANKSGIVING MASS – 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE – PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 7:30 AM
**+HAZEL HALBACH – 39TH ANNIVERSARY
 R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT**

10:30 AM
FOR ALL MISSIONARIES/PRIESTS

6:00PM
FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 8:00 AM
FOR POPE FRANCIS

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 8:00 AM
**+PEARL TETREAU – 3RD ANNIVERSARY
 R/B JANE THOMAS**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 8:00 AM
FOR THOSE CONFINED TO A NURSING HOME

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017 8:00 AM
FOR THOSE DEDICATED TO FAITH FORMATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017 8:00 AM
FOR THOSE WHO FEEL THEIR LIFE HAS NO MEANING

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017 5:00 PM
**+HELEN PARKER
 R/B ROBERT AND JEANNE**

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017 7:30 AM
FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS

10:30 AM
**+ELISABETH ROCHA
 R/B ELIZABETH CORREIA**

6:00 PM
FOR A SAFE VACATION FOR ALL CHILDREN

PARISH SUPPORT

JUNE 19 – REGULAR	\$ 3,905.50
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 420.00
MISSION COLLECTION	\$2,107.00

12th Sunday of Ordinary Times

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” MATTHEW 10:32

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Because the prophet Jeremiah foretold disaster for Jerusalem, he was denounced. But Jeremiah trusted in the Lord and overcame his persecutors.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Paul explains to the Romans that Adam’s sin brought death to all, but Christ’s gift of himself brought grace and life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

In authoritative and encouraging words, Jesus urges the apostles to fear nothing---only him who can destroy the soul. Telling them “every hair of your head has been counted,” he promises that “Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.”



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

According to Pope Francis, “Religion (cannot) be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life.” Let us pray that when the health care mandate is revised that it will safeguard our religious freedom.

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.

2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

This Fall we will be having class on Wednesday night (no classes will be offered on Monday night.) In September our class schedule will be:

Sunday – 9-10:15 AM –Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.

Tuesday – 4:15 – 5:30 PM –Grades 3-4-5

Tuesday – 7-8:15 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Wednesday – 6:45 – 8 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Look for registration letter and calendar in the mail mid-July. Class registration will begin on August 1st, 2017.

Children’s Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Looking for adult volunteers to help with our Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. With the current schedule, you may find yourself volunteering once every 6-8 weeks. We provide material so that you are able to present the gospel as well as a short homily. Training for this will be scheduled soon. If you have any questions regarding this to make your decision or would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Rudek at the Faith Formation Office at 860-875-4951.

Confirmation 2017 Group Photo Pick Up

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

Communion 2017 Group Photo Pick Up

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

**CONVENT IS FOR SALE!
DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY!**

THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH has given permission to sell the convent located at 8 Berr Avenue, Ellington. We are offering it to parishioners initially. The asking price is \$249,900 or best offer. The ranch style house is in need of updating (mostly cosmetic) and is being sold "AS IS." It was built in 1975 and is located on 1.45 acres. It is 1,764 square feet and has 1.5 bathrooms, three bedrooms, fireplace, central air-conditioning and electric heat. The roof and well have been replaced in the last few years. If you, a parishioner, are interested, please contact Fr. George at 860-875-8552. **THE DEADLINE TO CONTACT FR. GEORGE IS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017.**

BULLETIN DEADLINE – Friday by noon – eight days prior to the weekend.

New Parish Wide Email

Dear Parishioners, We have a new email address for Parish Wide Communications. We would love to add you to our contact list so we can inform you of upcoming events at St. Luke Church. Email is the way to communicate these days and we are catching up! Please email us at stlukeellington@gmail.com and put your name in the subject line so we can add you to the contacts. If we already have your email address and you wish not to receive these emails, you may email us to opt out. Spread the word and share our new email with other parishioners!

2017 World Combined Collection

The Combined Collection for World Charities is this weekend. The causes supported by this collection are:

The Catholic Relief Services Collection – helps six Catholic agencies provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and work towards peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development – In the United States one in six people lives in poverty. This collection supports programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe – helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule, by providing help with reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach.

Holy Land Collection – 800 years ago, the Roman Catholic Church entrusted the guardianship of the Holy Land and Christian shrines to the Order of St. Francis. This work includes support of schools, protection and upkeep of shrines and care for refugees and other needy people.

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

Principal Vacancy – Sacred Heart School, Groton, CT - A parish co-educational Parish school of all faiths from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8, seeks a principal to begin July 1, 2017. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Sacred Heart School provides an exceptional educational program that places emphasis on the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and aesthetic development of each student.

The eligible candidate must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing in the Church, hold a minimum of a masters' degree in education and have completed at least five years of teaching experience and two years' administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic school.

Download application and candidate forms at www.norwichdso.org under the "employment" tab. Send completed candidate forms to:

Sacred Heart Principal Search; Attn: Mr. Henry Fiore, Jr.; Superintendent of Schools, Diocesan School Office, 43 Perkins Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be know." Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are July 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and November 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis and Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

RESTORE – REKINDLE – RENEW MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT!

The Catholic Family Services Office and Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Connecticut are sponsoring an 8-week marriage enrichment called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew** that aims to enhance a married couple's communication, renew their commitment to one another and rekindle romance. The program will meet for eight Wednesday nights August 9 through September 27 at 7 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center in Putnam. Couples will explore individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited. A \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to register, call or email Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-742-6934 or MarriageEncounterCT@gmail.com or call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
Healing Mass, Monday, June 26 at 2 PM.