



SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016 – 5:00 PM
+HAZEL HALBACH
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016
7:30 AM
HEALING MASS FOR LAURA BEHRENDT
R/B HER MOM

10:30 AM
FOR THE DEACONS IN THE DIOCESE WHO WERE
CALLED TO THE ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD
YESTERDAY
6:00 PM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B JIM & PAT FALLON

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ABANDONED
THE PRACTICE OF THEIR FAITH

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR ALL WHO DIED IN THE ORLANDO MASSACRE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR POPE FRANCIS

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016 – 8:00 AM
FOR FATHER GEORGE

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2016 8:00 AM
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR. FRANCIS

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2016 – 5:00 PM
+CHRISTOPHER GENTILE
R/B KAREN & RAY LUCIANO

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016
7:30 AM
+JOHN BELIDA
R/B THE COWAN FAMILY

10:30 AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B CHESTER & PHYLLIS KECKI
6:00 PM
FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

PARISH SUPPORT
JUNE 19 – Regular - \$4,753

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



‘For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.’ GALATIANS 5:13

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**First Reading 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21**

Elijah the prophet followed God's instruction to appoint a man named Elisha as his successor. Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha, who went and said good-bye to his family, then followed Elijah without question.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Paul reminds us that people were freed from the old law through Christ. But he makes it clear that this freedom does not mean giving in to evil desires. Instead, we must be guided by the Spirit and most importantly love our neighbor as ourselves.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus set out for Jerusalem, and passed through a town where he was not welcomed. He reprimanded his disciples for desiring vengeance against the town. One man wanted to follow Jesus when he had finished his duties at home. Jesus expressed that a man who begins a task, but constantly looks back is unfit for the reign of God.

FAITH FORMATION

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

Religious Education 2015-2016

We look forward to seeing all our families in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer vacation. We encourage you to teach your children to pray daily and bring them to weekly Mass. Registration for 2016-2017 Religious Education will begin on Monday, August 1. Please watch for the Registration letter and the 2016-2017 calendar in the mail in mid-July. Classes begin September 11th-12th-and 13th.

New Families and Families with young children:

Parents if you have children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 in the Fall of 2016 or are new to the parish and have school age children please call 860-875-4951 or email stlukere@gmail.com the Faith Formation office. Our Religious Education Program runs from kindergarten through Grade 9. Give us your name, child's name, grade in the Fall and mailing address. We will add you to our mailing list for Religious Education Registration.

Teacher Openings 2016-2017

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach our youth about their Faith! Any questions please call Nancy or Kim in the Faith Formation office. We look forward to hearing from you. Teacher training available.

Sunday 9-10:15 – Grade 3

We are also in need of aides and substitute teachers. Please let us know if you can help out.

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, Barbara and Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, James Walton, Morris Webber, Jean Wood.

Defending our Religious Liberty

In Catholic teaching, the Second Vatican Council “declared that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits.” (Dignitatis Humanae, No. 2)

If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

++PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED++

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: Rita Benevides, Roland Bouchard, Lewis Caron, Alda DeBortoli, Gervais Descheneaux, Christopher Gentile, Robert Gibbs, Rachel Gilbert, Joel Madore, Wanda Parent, Ann L. Riley, Elizabeth Setzer, Barbara Sullivan, Richard Wood, and Edward B. Wysocki, Jr.

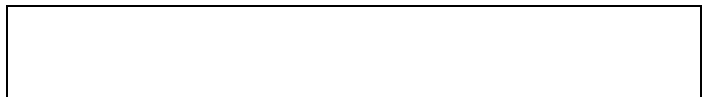
YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

The Youth Group will meet on June 26 as we begin to enjoy the summer months. Weather permitting we might be outside. Fun activities and sharing are planned for the night. All 8-12 graders are invited to attend. We meet from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and will gather in the church hall to start. If you can, join us for Mass at 6:00 PM.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message of May 25, 2016

“Dear Children! My presence is a gift from God for all of you and an encouragement for conversion. Satan is strong and wants to put disorder and unrest in your hearts and thoughts. Therefore, you, little children, pray so that the Holy Spirit may lead you on the real way of joy and peace. I am with you and intercede before my Son for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



BANNS OF ORDINATION

The following men will be called to the Order of Permanent Deacon ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016:

Mr. Benedict LoCasto
Mr. Octavio Flores

Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained Permanent Deacons please write to:

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360

NORWICH DIOCESE TEACHER VACANCIES

Sacred Heart School, Danielson, CT;
Middle School Math Teacher

St. James School, Danielson, CT:
Middle School Language Arts Teacher
Pre-K Teacher

St. Michael School, Pawcatuck, CT:
Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
Middle School Science Teacher – Part Time

To apply for the 2016-2017 school year for an August 2016 start date, please send a cover letter, current resume, names of three references and certification information to:

Superintendentso@norwichdiocese.net or
Mr. Henry Fiore, Superintendent of Schools,
Diocesan School Office, 43 Perkins Avenue,
Norwich, CT 06360

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF EASTERN CANADA

We invite you to join Fr. Brian Maxwell – Missionary of Mercy and the Office of Faith Events when we journey to see the Shrines of Eastern Canada. The itinerary includes the beautiful Catholic places of worship such as the Holy Doors of the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Quebec, the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, Saint Joseph's Oratory and more. The trip will take place from September 5-10, 2016 and the double occupancy price is \$1,295. To see the full brochure please go to <http://www.norwichdiocese.org/office-of-faith-events.html> or call Liza at 860-848-2237 ext. 305 for more information. Deadline for the registration is July 15.

A VACATION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, when your work of creation was complete, you rested. Lord, during my vacation from the cares and burdens of everyday life, please renew me physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Help me to slow down and take delight in your magnificent creation and in all those I'll share this time with.

Help me to embrace this period of leisure and regain strength to continue my journey through life. By leaving my work behind for these days, may I focus my gaze on you, and reflect on what is important in life. Remind me to pray each day since I'm taking this vacation with you, not away from you.

May you keep me safe in my travels and protect me from all harm.

May I be revitalized and refreshed so that I may return to carry out my daily responsibilities with joy and newfound enthusiasm. Amen.