



SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017 5:00 PM

**+CHARLES REYNOLDS
R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT**

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017 7:30 AM

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

10:30 AM

**+ALFIO BONANO
R/B HIS WIFE AND FAMILY**

6:00PM

FOR ALL WHO NEED GOD'S MERCY

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017 8:00 AM

**+CHARLES REYNOLDS
R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT**

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017 8:00 AM

**+ALFRED CAIRNS BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
R/B HIS DAUGHTER JANE**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 8:00 AM

**+RALPH HALBACH BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE R/B MARILYN & PAUL
GILBERT**

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 8:00 AM

**HEALING MASS FOR CONNIE COLOSIMO
R/B ST. LUKE'S PARISHIONERS**

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017 8:00 AM

**WELCOME MASS FOR FR. BIJOY JOSEPH
R/B ST. LUKE'S PARISHIONERS**

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017 5:00 PM

**(LIVING) SHEILA AND RICHARD
WATERHOUSE 64TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 7:30AM

**+LAWRENCE SPELLACY, JR.
R/B CATHY, DAVE & ETHAN PECK**

10:30 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00 PM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK

PARISH SUPPORT

JULY 16 – REGULAR \$3,866.00
ON LINE GIVING –Regular \$ 420.00

16th Sunday of Ordinary Times

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”
MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds,” blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM
AND THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH 5:45 – 6:45 PM. ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

children, and carry to you my motherly blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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.



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 Deborah Alaimo, Eleanor Badecker, Carmel Bolles, Wendy Ciparelli, Maureen Cosgrove, Leo Dungan, Basil Gallant, Judy Lebel, John Leskey, George Medeiros, Sr., Margaret Pionzio, Lawrence P. Spellacy, Jr., Donald Szydlowski, John and Mildred Taglieri, and Madeline Wraight.

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, Laura Behrendt, Jody Behrendt, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Connie Colosimo, Priscilla Flynn, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Cynthia Johnson, Mary Kellner, Tracy Kearcher, Roy Koehler, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Viollette, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children! Today, I desire to thank you for your perseverance and call you to open yourselves to profound prayer. Prayer, little children, is the heart of faith and is hope in eternal life. Therefore, pray with the heart until your heart sings with thanksgiving to God the Creator who gave you life. I am with you, little

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

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!

JULY 23, 2017

Blessing of the Gazebo – Ellington Senior Center

St. Luke's has given a donation to the Ellington Senior Center. Please join us on Monday, July 24 at 4 PM for the Blessing of the Gazebo.

WEDDING BANNS

FIRST

KIMBERLEY ROSE MIDYETTE

AND

PHILIP MAURICE WING II

WELCOME FATHER BIJOY JOSEPH TO ST. LUKE'S PARISH!!!!

I am happy to welcome and introduce Father Bijoy Joseph to the Parish.

Father Bijoy was born on April 28, 1974 in Kerala, India. After high school, he joined the Little Flower Congregation. On May 17, 1993 he made his religious vows. He finished his study of Philosophy in 1995 and in 1997 secured his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. He did his study of Theology from Christupremalaya in 2002. He worked as Vice Rector from 2002 to 2005. He was the Director and Manager of the Industrial School in the Diocese of Gonakhpur, India. From 2012 to 2017 he was working as Director of the Little Flower School.

We wish you God's Blessing and a fruitful ministry in the Diocese of Norwich.

St. Luke's Young Adult Group invites young adults _ ages 18-39 – single or married to join us for an afternoon of fun with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield on July 29 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We will be having an Ice Cream Social with the Residents. Come! Serve some ice cream...have some ice cream...and enjoy some times with the residents. Please contact **Natasha Hagen** at hagen.natasha@gmail.com for more information.

Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT for the remainder of the retreat, returning on Sunday, August 20, with a noon Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church, followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

To obtain additional information go to actsct.org. On the "Events" page are links to an informative brochure and retreat registration form. Contacts are: Jozef Chilicki 860-794-0255; Jim Martucci 860-871-9493 or Rick Parr 860-742-9818.

A NEW DECK FOR THE RECTORY!!!

I AM VERY HAPPY TO PERSONALLY THANK ROBERT MOORE AND PAUL GILBERT FOR THE FANTASTIC JOB THEY DID IN THE REMODELLING AND REPLACING OF THE RECTORY DECK. IN A FEW WEEKS TIME, RAIN OR SHINE AND EXTREME HUMID CONDITIONS THEY WORKED HARD – REPLACING THE DAMAGED PARTS WITH NEW WOOD AND NEW VINYL RAILINGS. GREAT WORK GENTLEMEN!!!! I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK JOSEPH GIRARDINI, ED LAWSON AND DEACON FRANK FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE WORK. FR. GEORGE

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CUSTODIANS WHO ARE BOTH SICK – MARK MCPARTLAND AND CONNIE COLOSIMO

To The Parishioners of St. Luke Church, Ellington:

With joy we announce that your parish has successfully exceeded your goal for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. What a wonderful accomplishment and a true demonstration of this year's theme: Our Faith Calls US To ACTION! You heard the call, you took action, and now our twenty-five ministries can carry on their works of assistance, revitalization, and education. Thank you for your contributions. Combined with the gifts of other parishes, we will make a difference in the lives of thousands. Be proud of the way you have helped! The Diocese of Norwich Office of Development.

ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN

St. Margaret Mary/St. Francis of Assisi Men's ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by Catholic men who have attended prior ACTS retreats under the guidance of a Catholic guide. The retreat them is "Love overflowing from the Master's table."

The goals are to hear what it is like to be a Catholic man in today's society, renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. The Retreat begins on Thursday, August 17 with a 5:45 pm check in at St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall. Participants will then be transported to

**TEA CUP RAFFLE
BAZAAR –**

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be November 3 and 4, 2017.

I am looking for Very Special, NEW, and Meaningful items for our TEA CUP RAFFLE. These items are to be appropriate for men, women and children. Please drop them off at the Rectory 9-1 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Thank you. Jane Thomas, Chairperson Tea Cup Raffle