



SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017 5:00 PM

(LIVING)

**SHEILA AND RICHARD WATERHOUSE
64TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 7:30 AM

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

10:30 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00PM

FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2017 8:00 AM

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 8:00 AM

**FOR THE RETURN TO HEALTH FOR MARK
AND CONNIE**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017 8:00 AM

**FOR ALL THOSE STRUGGLING TO CARRY
THEIR CROSSES**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017 8:00 AM

+PHIL TOLISANO R/B HIS FAMILY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017 8:00 AM

**+FOR THE SOULS OF JOSEPH HATHAWAY
JR. AND SR. R/B HIS FAMILY**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 5:00 PM

**+MAUREEN COSGROVE
R/B TOM AND DOTTIE**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017 7:30AM

**+PAUL ABATAYO
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT**

10:30 AM

**FOR ALL THOSE STRUGGLING IN FOREIGN
COUNTRIES**

6:00 PM

**+GEORGE SMITH
R/B THE SMITH/GAYTON FAMILIES**

PARISH SUPPORT

JULY 23 – REGULAR	\$4,897.50
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 420.00
LITTLE SISTERS	\$2,252.00

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God’s plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, “...there will come no one to equal you.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the “reign of God,” telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant’s search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the “reign of God” is more precious and valuable than any treasure.



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



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

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against its moral convictions, and therefore, impede 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 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 religious education year starts on Tuesday, August 1. Please visit our website at www.stlukeellington.com to register your children. After registering please also complete the medical form; it is required to have a new medical/emergency contact form each year. If you cannot register online you may pick up a paper registration at the rectory or Faith Formation office. Reminder to all returning students – please work on your summer packet. 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.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

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

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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!

<p style="text-align:center">WEDDING BANNES</p> <p style="text-align:center">SECOND</p> <p style="text-align:center">KIMBERLEY ROSE MIDYETTE</p> <p style="text-align:center">AND</p> <p style="text-align:center">PHILIP MAURICE WING II</p>
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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 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.

<p style="text-align:center">PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CUSTODIANS WHO ARE BOTH SICK – MARK MCPARTLAND AND CONNIE COLOSIMO</p>

**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 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 9-1.
Thank you.
Jane Thomas, Chairperson
Tea Cup Raffle

**INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. LUKE'S
CHOIR????**

WE WILL BE HAVING A FEW SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSALS. REHEARSALS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN US! ANY REHEARSAL QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO ALLISON KOSTEK AT allisonkostek@gmail.com.
UPCOMING CHOIR REHEARSALS:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 7:00 PM CHOIR LOFT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 7:00 PM CHOIR LOFT.
COME AND JOIN US!

Praise, Worship and Healing Prayer Service – Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshipping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, August 3, at 7 PM at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT. for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. This service will be held on the first Thursday every month, immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Attention: All Parents and Grandparents!

Please let your children and grandchildren between the ages of 16-29 know the Office of Faith Events is looking for their feedback for the 2018 Youth Synod. Let the Bishops and Pope know how you feel about the Catholic Church! Youth are invited to fill out the survey through the link from your smart phone, tablet, or computer. Be a voice that will be heard!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthandyoungadultchurchfeedback>.

PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, August 5 at 8:30 am. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Save the Date – All couples married 25 and 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich on Sunday, September 17 at 2 PM. Register through your parish or call 860-848-2237, ext. 306 for more information.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER – Healing Masses – Monday's August 14 and 28, 2017 – 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT