



**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**JULY 24 – Regular – \$5,013**

**ADORATION**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016 – 5:00 PM**  
**+ANTONIO PERRONE**  
**R/B HIS DAUGHTER MARIA**

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016**  
**7:30 AM**  
**+LAURA DULUDE**  
**R/B RYAN & NATASHA WATSON**

**10:30 AM**  
**+M. DOT RODERICK**  
**R/B THE MCGRATH FAMILY**  
**6:00 PM**  
**(LIVING) STANLEY & DONNA JONES**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**MONDAY, – AUGUST 1, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**FOR GOVERNMENTS THAT DEFEND**  
**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & HUMAN RIGHTS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016 – 8:00 AM**  
**+REVEREND THOMAS W. AHERN**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016 – 8:00 AM**  
**+PHIL TOLISANO**  
**R/B THE FAMILY**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016 – 8:00 AM**  
**+ROSE GIZA & EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR**  
**R/B HER DTR. AND EDWARD’S MOM & DAD**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**FATHER GEORGE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016 5:00 PM**  
**+HELEN PARKER**  
**R/B BOB & JEANNE PARKER**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 7:30 AM**  
**+JOHN FITZPATRICK**  
**R/B THE COWAN FAMILY**  
**10:30 AM**  
**FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP TEAM**  
**6:00 PM**  
**+GEORGE SMITH**  
**R/B THE GAYTON FAMILY**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?****First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23**

“Vanity of vanities.” Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for someone who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

**FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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. **Registration for 2016-2017 year will begin on Monday, August 1.** Registration letters and the 2016-2017 calendar were mailed. Please contact the Faith Formation office if you did not receive a letter and calendar in the mail. Classes begin September 11-12-13. We encourage you to teach your children to pray daily and bring them to weekly Mass.

**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](mailto: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.

**Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:30 Mass September – May for children age 4 through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Adult volunteers work in pairs to run the program during the Sunday Mass. No experience needed – training available and a great team of volunteers available for support and questions. To learn more please call Nancy in the Faith Formation Office at 860-875-4951.

### *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, Morris Webber, Jean Wood.

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

### World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Message of June 25, 2016

“Dear Children! Give thanks to God with me for the gift of my being with you. Pray little children, and live God’s commandments that it may be good for you on earth. Today, on this day of grace, I desire to give you my motherly blessing of peace and of my love. I intercede for you with my son and call you to persevere in prayer so that, with you, I can realize my plans. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

#### Defending our Religious Liberty

At the closing Mass of Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop David Zubik noted that the Little Sisters of the Poor in their service to the elderly poor and in their stand for religious freedom “are carrying the banner that we will not back off the truth that is Jesus Christ.” He noted that the nation’s forefathers put forth freedom “to worship our God as the source of our strength,” and also “to live our faith outside our churches, synagogues and mosques.” 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. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

## **COUNTRY KITCHEN – BAZAAR INFORMATION**

The Country Kitchen is a popular booth located in the St. Luke Crafters room at the Annual Christmas Bazaar. We feature a variety of homemade canned items that have been made and donated by parishioners. If you are planning to make jams, jelly, salsa, pickles, etc. this summer, please consider making a few extra jars to donate.

**ATTENTION EVERYONE WHO WANTS INFORMATION IN THE BULLETIN!**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ANYONE WHO HAS INFORMATION THEY WANT IN THE BULLETIN PLEASE EMAIL IT TO ME BY THE THURSDAY OF THE WEEK BEFORE. THE MAJORITY OF THE BULLETIN IS DONE ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE WEEKEND OF THAT BULLETIN. THANK YOU. JANE**

**Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer – Monday, August 8 at 1 pm – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – 860-887-0702**

Mattie's Togs have restocked both the Summer and Winter rooms. We always have our \$5 Bag Sale available for shoppers. You will also find a rack of NEW ITEMS still tagged. Specialty items are also available. We have lots of shoes for \$1. St. Matthew's Church – Dunn Hill

side – Tolland – Call Billie at 860-871-0260.

**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS – SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 8:30 AM – ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL IN NORWICH.**

### **CORNERSTONE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

The Cornerstone Foundation is currently looking for volunteers to help continue its mission of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless. Current needs include:

Volunteer coordinator

Drivers to pick up food at local stores

Help sort food for the new Food Cupboard

Prepare salads and cut vegetables

Office help

Please contact Glenn Andrews for more information – 860-872-1413

[glennandrews@comcast.net](mailto:glennandrews@comcast.net)

### **ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT! AUGUST 25-28, 2016**

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to 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 Thursday evening, with a 5:30 pm check-in at St. Matthew's parish. Participants will then be transported to Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, with a morning Mass and reception at St. Matthew's Parish. Transportation to and from Immaculata will be provided. Go to [www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org) for more information about ACTS retreats. On the "Events" page are links to an informative brochure and retreat registration form. For more information contact: Rosemary Hills,

**Director 860-841-6945, Tina Pelletier, Co-  
Director 860-503-9744, Phyllis Voira, Co-  
Director 203-671-8934.**