



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+MAUREEN COSGROVE**  
 R/B HARRY AND JEANNE GROSPITCH

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**+ANITA TYROL**  
 R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT

**10:30 AM**  
**+JOSEPH KOZICKI R/B MANNY AND ALICE**

**6:00PM**  
**+JOHN ROBERTS R/B JAMES ROBERTS**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+EUGENE GILBERT BIRTHDAY**  
 REMEMBRANCE R/B MARILYN AND PAUL

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+MAE TENERO**  
 R/B THE OTT AND TENERO FAMILIES

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+ELEANOR BADECKER BIRTHDAY**  
 REMEMBRANCE R/B MARILYN AND PAUL  
 GILBERT

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**(LIVING) MARION OTT – 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
 R/B ALYCE MAYER AND BILL TENERO

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**  
**JOSEPH HATHAWAY JR. AND SR.**  
 R/B THEIR FAMILY

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+JOSEPH COSGROVE R/B THE FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 7:30AM**  
**+ANITA TYROL**  
 R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT

**10:30 AM**  
**(LIVING) NOAH IGNATIUS MALIEKAL**  
 BIRTHDAY R/B PARENTS AND  
 GRANDPARENTS

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

### PARISH SUPPORT

AUGUST 20 – REGULAR	\$ 3,686.00
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 420.00
ASSUMPTION	\$1,080.00

### 21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

### READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

#### First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

#### Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

#### Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter explains, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



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 and Edward Bolles, Barbara Caramante, Wendy Ciparelli, Maureen Cosgrove, Leo Dungan, Basil Gallant, Roy Koehler, Judy Lebel, John Leskey, Anna Martocchio, George Medeiros, Sr., Margaret Pionzio, Lawrence P. Spellacy, Jr., Roland Spino, 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, Charles Frenette, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Cynthia Johnson, Mary Kellner, Tracy Kearcher, Roy Koehler, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Alice Ogden, 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! Be prayer and a reflection of God's love for all those who are far from God and God's commandments. Little children, be faithful and determined in conversion and work on yourselves so that, for you, holiness of life

may be truth; and encourage each other in the good through prayer, so that your life on earth may be more pleasant. Thank you for having responded to my call."

### **DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

For four years, the Little Sisters of the Poor and many other faith-based nonprofit groups have patiently asked the government to do the right thing and let them serve the poor. In a pluralistic society like ours, people should be free to serve the common good without compromising their moral or religious convictions. The HHS mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices, has tested this country's commitment to a healthy pluralism.

Let us pray that efforts to change the health care bill protect our First Amendment rights.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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 is ongoing. Registration fees increase September 1, please register early. Visit our website at [www.stlukeellington.com](http://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.

**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

**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](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com) or 860-875-4951. Give us your name, address, phone number, children’s names and grade in the Fall.

**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](mailto: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!

**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

**MAIN RAFFLE DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!**

Each spring the Father Tom Scholarship Fund awards five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from our parish to assist with college expenses. This year all funds raised from the Main Raffle at the Annual St. Luke Christmas Bazaar will be solely used to support the Father Tom Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from the rest of the Bazaar will go towards a capital improvement project for the parish.

The Main Raffle committee is currently working on fundraising for the purchase of gift cards. This year gift cards will be from Amazon, Target, Kohl’s, J.T. Farms and Babies R’Us. If you would like to make a monetary donation to assist in defraying the cost of the prizes you may place your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the Rectory during office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9-1). Checks should be made payable to St. Luke Church. PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE ON THE ENVELOPE THAT IT IS FOR THE MAIN RAFFLE PRIZES.

## **PARISH PICNIC IS COMING!**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS –  
PARISH PICNIC IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER  
10 AFTER THE 10:30 MASS UNTIL  
APPROXIMATELY 3 PM. ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

<p>SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER – Healing Masses – Monday's August 28, 2017 – 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – 2:00 PM.</p>
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## **AREA HAPPENINGS**

The Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, September 2 at 8:30 AM. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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.

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, September 7 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Avenue, in Colchester, CT. for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service will be held on the first Thursday every month, immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser – Friday, September 8, 2017 – East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich – 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20 for Adults and \$10.00 for Children 12 and

under. The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 24, 2017, 10:15 am for all law enforcement personnel and their families.

The fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Msgr. Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Twenty-Second Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 10, 2017 in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrated this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Reverend Peter Langevin, Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Patrick, will be the homilist. All are welcome.

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Golf Charity Event – Saturday, September 16 at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course . On-line registration [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org) or call Outreach to Haiti 860-800-3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's mission in Haiti: nutrition and feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, education and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic and mission house in Port-au-Prince. The event includes golf, lunch and dinner.

Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote – Sunday, September 17, at 2 PM. Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. Registration deadline September 11, 2017. Register through your parish. Call 860-848-2237, ext. 306 for more information.

Upcoming Workshop for NEW Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 47 West High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424. Register by September 23 at [worship@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 x 302. Fee \$10