



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

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

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

6:00PM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017 8:00 AM
+PAUL ABATAYO R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 8:00 AM
+BARBARA CARAMANTE R/B MARY REGAN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 8:00 AM
+FRANK GERARD MACRI – 10TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B HIS MOTHER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 8:00 AM
+ANNA MARTOCCHIO
R/B RON AND DEBRA PEAKE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 8:00 AM
+BILL PATNODE R/B LOUISE AND RON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 5:00 PM
+AMY WINSTON – 3RD ANNIVERSARY
R/B KAREN AND RAY LUCIANO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 7:30AM
+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM, DAD AND FAMILY

10:30 AM
FOR ALL OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

6:00 PM
FOR PEACE

PARISH SUPPORT

AUGUST 27 – REGULAR \$ 7,286.00
ON LINE GIVING –Regular \$ 420.00

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord’s word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord’s name is “like a fire burning in my heart.”

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God’s will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM
AND SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7-8 PM.



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, Mary Butler, 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 Veillette, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children! Today I am calling you to be people of prayer. Pray until prayer becomes a joy for you and a meeting with the Most High. He will transform your hearts and you will become people of love and peace. Do not forget, little children that Satan is strong and

wants to draw you away from prayer. You, do not forget that prayer is the secret key of meeting with God. That is why I am with you to lead you. Do not give up on prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in ways that protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

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

If you have not please register no later than Thursday, September 7, by visiting our website at www.stlukeellington.com to register your children. All classes begin the week of September 10th. For those registered already your child's teacher will call a few days before class starts to introduce themselves and let you know what classroom to meet them at.

We ask parents of all grade levels to walk your child in the first day/night of class and meet your child's teacher. 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

In September our class schedule will be:

Sunday - September 10, 17, and 24 – 9-10:15 AM –Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.

Tuesday – September 12, 19, and 26 - 4:15 – 5:30 PM –Grades 3-4-5

Tuesday – September 12, 19, and 26 - 7-8:15 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Wednesday – September 13, 20, 27 - 6:45 – 8 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word starting Sunday, September 17. CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

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.

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!

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 NEXT SUNDAY!

**SEPTEMBER 10 AFTER THE 10:30 MASS
BEHIND THE RECTORY**

To celebrate the past year, welcome Fr. Bijoy Joseph and new parishioners, and the start of a new religious education year, the Parish community of St. Luke is having a Parish Picnic after the 10:30 Mass on September 10. It will be on the church grounds behind the rectory similar to the one held last year. There are information sheets at the front and rear entrances to the church.

PLEASE !

DO NOT BRING ANY ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ATTIC TREASURES UNTIL OCTOBER 1. WE HAVE NO ROOM TO STORE THEM.

AREA HAPPENINGS

**HOLY HOUR ST. BERNARD CHURCH,
ROCKVILLE**

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Bernard's Church, Rockville, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Come pray for those who are called to the priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.com!

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All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 24, 2017, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 10:15 am. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Christopher Deskus, Director of Prison Ministries, Diocese of Norwich, and Deacon at St. Jude Church, Willington and Saint Philip Church, Ashford, will be the Homilist. Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. and Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daley are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief L.J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Msgr. Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

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 celebrate 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.

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 or call 860-848-2237 x 302. Fee \$10

Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers – Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 10:15 am.