



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+M/M JOSEPH CIANCI**  
**R/B JOE AND NANCY CIANCI**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**+MARY BUTLER**  
**R/B ELAINE AND DON WAUDBY**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE U.S. WHO ARE**  
**SUFFERING FROM ALL THE HURRICANES.**

**6:00PM**  
**FOR POPE FRANCIS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+ALBERT OTT**  
**R/B THE OTT AND TENERO FAMILIES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+BILL SMEDY**  
**R/B HIS WIFE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH DISABILITIES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR THE HUNGRY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+JULIE RACZKOWSKI – 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+FAITH AND WILBUR LEGGE**  
**R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**  
**7:30AM**  
**+MARY BUTLER**  
**R/B THE GROSPITCH FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**  
**+ELISABETH ROCHA**  
**R/B ELIZABETH CORREIA**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR GRADE 2 PARENTS/CHILDREN**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

SEPTEMBER 10 – REGULAR	\$ 5,548.00
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 420.00
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 552.00

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

**Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9**

Paul stresses that no-one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, “...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times.” Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.



**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, 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, Charlie Allen, Kayla Avery, 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**

Pope Francis has warned, "When a sick person is not placed at the center and considered in their dignity, attitudes arise which can even lead to profiteering on other people's misfortunes. The growing health poverty among the poorest segments of the population is due precisely to the difficulty of access to care..." Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

### **YOUTH GROUP IS BACK**

**And ready to welcome all 8-12 graders - Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 pm in the church hall. Bring a clean t-shirt with you. We'll be creating glow in the dark t-shirts. Why? Come and find out.**

### **FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto:stlukere@gmail.com). The office is open Tuesday 1-8 pm, Wednesday 1-8 pm, Thursday 10-4 and Sunday 8-11 am or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

### **Religious Education 2017-2018**

Contact the Faith Formation office to register. Openings in Grades K-8.

All classes began the week of September 10. Call or stop in the office if you have not yet registered.

Parents please each week ask your child what was covered in class, if they have homework (they probably do!) and always remember to pray with them each day, the best way for them to practice their prayers is to pray them daily.

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## **2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE**

In September our class schedule will be:

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

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

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

Wednesday – September 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

**Grade 8 Parent Meeting – September 19 and 20 at the start of class. Please RSVP to the office.**

### 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.

### 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

**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

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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.

**ST. LUKE'S WILL SHOW A FILM ON FATIMA TITLED "THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY" ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN THE CHURCH HALL:**

**SEPTEMBER 20 – WEDNESDAY – AFTER THE 8 AM MASS.**

**SEPTEMBER 23 – SATURDAY – AFTER THE 5 PM MASS.**

**SEPTEMBER 24 – SUNDAY – AFTER THE 10:30 MASS.**

**SEPTEMBER 25 – MONDAY – AT 7 PM.**

**ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION.**

### **\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!\*\*\***

***PLEASE MAKE SURE WHEN YOU ARE CONTRIBUTING TO ST. LUKE'S CHURCH YOU HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS IN YOUR ACCOUNT. ST. LUKE'S IS CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL \$35 FOR EVERY CHECK***

***THAT IS RETURNED TO US BY THE BANK. IF YOUR CHECK IS RETURNED IT WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU AND WE WILL BE ASKING YOU TO WRITE ANOTHER CHECK AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$35 TO COVER THE BANK CHARGES TO ST. LUKE'S. THANK YOU.***

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**ST. LUKE'S CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES!**

**Do you have a love for music? Then why not join St. Luke's Choir!!!! Rehearsals are open to anyone wishing to join us! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Choir Loft. Rehearsal date for September is: September 27. Any rehearsal questions can be directed to Allison Kostek at [llisonkostek@gmail.com](mailto:llisonkostek@gmail.com).**

**MUSIC MINISTRY!**

**The Music Ministry is starting up the Children's and Youth's Choir, and we want YOU to be a part of it! The Children's choir will consist of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and the Youth Choir will consist of high school students. If you have a child who knows how to read, and loves to sing and be a part of a music group,. Please get into contact with Tiffany Tran for more information! [Tiffytran22@gmail.com](mailto:Tiffytran22@gmail.com) or cell phone 860-374-3257.**

**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](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check out our website at [god-calls.com](http://god-calls.com)!**

**IT IS OFFICIAL!**

**The Most Rev. Bishop Cote has officially appointed Father Bijoy Joseph as Parochial Vicar assisting Father George, Administrator, of St. Luke's Church effective Sept. 7.**

Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability – For people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers,

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support staff and health care professionals. Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AT 5:00 PM. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK, 213 BROADWAY, NORWICH. "SIGN LANGUAGE PROVIDED FOR MASS AND RECEPTION PRESENTATION." Presentation and reception to follow in Cathedral Hall. For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x 304 or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net).

Twenty-Seventh Annual Blue Mass – Sunday, September 24, 2017, Cathedral of St. Patrick, 10:15 am. For all federal, state and municipal, active and retired and their families. For more information call Msgr. Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life- campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 Days For Life Team will be available to answer any questions. This year, the 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through November 5. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the planned-parenthood facility at 12 Case Street, Norwich.

**IRISH NIGHT 2018!**

**IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING IRISH NIGHT FOR 2018. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO CHAIR THE EVENT. IF ANYONE WOULD LOVE TO CHAIR THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT JANE AT THE RECTORY – 860-875-8552**

**WE NEED MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS!**

**We are in dire need of E.M. and Lectors. Training is available. Please contact Jane at the Rectory.**