



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

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

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

6:00PM
FOR GRADE 2 PARENTS/CHILDREN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 8:00 AM
+MARY BUTLER
R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 8:00 AM
+ARTHUR POIRIER
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 8:00 AM
FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 8:00 AM
FOR ALL WHO NEED GOD'S MERCY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 8:00 AM
+MAUREEN BEERS
R/B HER NIECE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 5:00 PM
+MADELINE WRAIGHT
R/B DANIEL HALPIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 7:30AM
(LIVING)
CHASE THOMAS R/B GRANDMA THOMAS

10:30 AM
+DANIEL LANE R/B THE LANE FAMILY

6:00 PM
FOR 2018 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

PARISH SUPPORT

SEPTEMBER 17 – REGULAR	\$ 4,266.00
ON LINE GIVING –Regular	\$ 420.00
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,037.00

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“So the last will be first and the first last”
 MATTHEW 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day’s wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”



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 Szydlowski, 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, 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 diverse society like ours, people will disagree on moral issues. A majority should not be able to impose its way of life on others by using the government to coerce people into violating their consciences. The Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. So in asking for an exemption to the HHS mandate to fully accommodate deeply held moral and religious beliefs, we are simply asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston & president of the USCCB.

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK

And ready to welcome all 8-12 graders - Sunday, September 24th, 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. The office is open Sunday 8-11, Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Wednesday 1-8 and Thursday 10-4 and by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2017-2018

Welcome Back! We had a great two weeks with the students and look forward to a great year! Call or stop in if you have not yet registered; openings in grades K-8. 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.

2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - September 24, October 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th (no class October 8) – 9-10:15 AM – Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.

Tuesday – September 26, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th (no class October 31) - 4:15 – 5:30 PM –Grades 4-5

Tuesday – September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th (no class October 31st) - 7-8:15 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Wednesday – September 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th - 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 24, October 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

Confirmation 2018 Upcoming Events

- 1) All Confirmation students must attend two Youth Group Meetings on 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 1/21 or 2/11.
- 2) C-2018 Student & Parent Retreat – Sunday October 1st 4-7 pm – for student and at least one parent.
- 3) Confirmation Packet #2 is due at the beginning of class on October 24/25th.
- 4) First Parent Class Tuesday 10/24 – 7:40-8:15 pm or Wednesday 10/25 7:25-8 PM
- 5) Second Parent Class Tuesday 12/5 7:40-8:15 pm or Wednesday 12/6 7:25-8 PM

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 through Friday 9-1. 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 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 13TH DAY” ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN THE CHURCH HALL:

SEPTEMBER 24 – SUNDAY – AFTER THE 10:30 MASS.
SEPTEMBER 25 – MONDAY – AT 7 PM.

ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU!

The Parish Picnic Committee would like to thank all who organized, contributed to, conducted and, most importantly, those who attended the Parish Picnic on September 10th. It was a wonderful event with approximately 90 people representing all parts of our Parish Community who gathered under a delightful Sunday afternoon sun. Fun was had by all and more details will follow in a few weeks.

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

CHILDREN'S BOOTH – BAZAAR

This room is designed especially for children ages 10 and under to shop for gifts for their family and friends at a minimal cost to them. Free gift wrapping will be included. Donations of appropriate **new or gently used items** are needed. They may be left at the rear entrance of the church **CLEARLY MARKED "CHILDREN'S BOOTH."**

Any questions, please call Dottie Curtiss 860-875-8574.

WE NEED MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS!

We are in dire need of E.M. and Lectors. Training is available. Please contact Lenora Rice for Lectors (860-871-8548) or Carol DiCioccio (860-872-7537) for Eucharistic Ministers.

CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES:

September 27; October 11, October 18; November 1, November 8, November 29, December 13, December 20. 7 PM – CHOIR LOFT.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – November 3-5, 2017 in Manchester CT; February 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability – Saturday, September 30 at 5:00 pm – The Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich. Sign language provided for Mass and reception presentation. RSVP 860-848-2237 x 304.

Annual Red Mass for judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students – all involved in administration of justice: legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons are invited. – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 10:30 AM – ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NORWICH.

FATHER RICK AND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. BERNARD AND ST. MATTHEW INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THE PERFORMANCE OF "THERESE: THE STORY OF A SOUL, AN ORIGINAL ONE-WOMAN LIVE DRAMA PERFORMED BY ACTRESS AUDREY AHERN OF SAINT LUKE PRODUCTIONS. THIS PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTION WILL BE PRESENTED IN TOLLAND AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 7:30 PM. ALL ARE INVITED! ADMISSION IS FREE.

40 Days for Life Campaign – Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral – Tuesday, September 26 at 7 PM. Bishop Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will be the homilist. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago will take place TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 7 PM at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Catholic Family Services 860-848-2237, ext. 306