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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+MAUREEN COSGROVE**  
**R/B PAT IAMONACO**

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**7:30AM**  
**+HELEN DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY**

“My God will supply whatever you need...”  
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

**10:30 AM**  
**+JAMES AND MARJORIE MARR**  
**R/B THE FAMILY**

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

**6:00 PM**  
**IN THANKSGIVING FOR A BEAUTIFUL LIVING**  
**ROSARY CELEBRATION**

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR POPE FRANCIS AND ALL PASTORS**

**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL MISSING CHILDREN**

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL HUSBANDS AND WIVES**

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+BILL PATNODE**  
**R/B LOUISE AND RON BARBERO**

**Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 5:00 PM**  
**+ROY KOEHLER**  
**R/B THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to “go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon.” Again, Jesus warns the elders, “the invited are many, the elect are few.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 7:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL THE UNBORN CHILDREN**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL OUR YOUTH**

**6:00 PM**  
**+MAUREEN COSGROVE**  
**R/B THE GROSPITCH FAMILY**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**WE WILL HAVE THE MANDATORY COLLECTION FOR THE CRADLE FUND ON OCTOBER 21/22. ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH.**

**Our Lady's Latest Message**

Dear Children! I am calling you to be generous in renunciation, fasting and prayer for all those who are in temptation, and are your brothers and sisters. In a special way I

am imploring you to pray for priests and for all the consecrated, that they may love Jesus still more fervently; that the Holy Spirit may fill their hearts with joy; that they may witness Heaven and Heavenly mysteries. Many souls are in sin, because there are not those who sacrifice themselves and pray for their conversion. I am with you and am praying that your hearts may be filled with joy. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious freedom.

Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

**FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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**

Parents each week please 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** - October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (no class October 8) – 9-10:15 AM –Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.

**Tuesday** – October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (no class October 31) - 4:15 – 5:30 PM –Grades 4-5



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, Jean Curley, 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, Jeanne Ferruolo, 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, Don Waudby, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday** – October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (no class October 31<sup>st</sup>) - 7-8:15 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

**Wednesday** – October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:45 – 8 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.. 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.

**Confirmation 2018 Upcoming Events**

- 1) All Confirmation students must attend two Youth Group Meetings on 10/22, 11/19, 1/21 or 2/11.
- 2) Confirmation Packet #2 is due at the beginning of class on October 24/25<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) First Parent Class Tuesday 10/24 – 7:40-8:15 pm or Wednesday 10/25 7:25-8 PM
- 4) Second Parent Class Tuesday 12/5 7:40-8:15 pm or Wednesday 12/6 7:25-8 PM

**Grade 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion Upcoming Events**

Sunday, October 29 – Parent – Student Class 9-10:15 am in the Church

Sunday, November 12 – Family Mass after class at the 10:30 Mass for all students and their families

Sunday, December 9 – 9 am – First Reconciliation.

**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

October 15, 2017

**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.

**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.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES:**

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

**Permanent Deacon Formation Program**

The Diocese of Norwich intends to start a new Permanent Diaconate Formation Class. A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor

and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. The deacon is a sacramental sign of this service and he solemnly promises to be a living example of such service for others. The first step is the identification of potential Candidates for the five-year Permanent Diaconate formation program. If you are college educated, under the age of 55, and feel called by the Holy Spirit to begin investigating a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate then please discuss this with your pastor and send an to [director@norwichdeacons.org](mailto:director@norwichdeacons.org) no later than Sunday, November 5, 2017.

#### **Unlocking the World of Jesus and the Bible**

Come for a day long presentation by speaker Tom Smith, Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. Discover the meaning of discipleship, unlock the Gospels with a new understanding of idioms and images in the Bible. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, OLD LYME, FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM. \$35 INCLUDES LUNCH. 860-848-2237 x 304 (office of Faith Events)

**East Catholic Open House** – Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 pm. The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, November 11, at 8 am at East Catholic.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Conference** – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 8:30 – 5 pm (Registration 8 am) – ST PAUL HIGH SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CT. – Inspiring, Nationally-Known Speakers – Raymond Arroyo, Tim Staples, James Wahlberg (Mark Wahlberg Foundation), Fr. Glenn Sudano CFR, Bishop Frank Caggiano (Bridgeport), Marty Rotella. Boxed lunch included – Tickets Adults \$45, youth ages 13-19 \$30, conveniently available online at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org).

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** –

Please join Bishop Cote to honor the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, DD Award for Contributions to Catholic Education on Sunday, October 29 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, CT. This year's honorees are : Mrs. Sharon Briere, Principal St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT. Tickets are \$150 per person and will be available for purchase until October 16. For tickets contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext.15 or [kgaito@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:kgaito@norwichdiocese.net) or visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

**St. Edward's Ladies Guild** – Stafford Springs, CT is having a Polish Dinner Night on October 21 at 5:30 pm at the parish hall on 25 Church Street.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** – November 3-5 in Manchester, CT. For more information call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org>.

**Knights of Columbus Museum** – 1 State Street, New Haven – public lector "Fr. William Davitt: Knight of the Doughboy," Saturday, October 21 - 2 pm. This is about a military chaplain priest from the Springfield diocese killed on the last day of battle during World War I. Admission and parking are free. [Kofcmuseum.org](http://Kofcmuseum.org). 203-865-0400.

**Beginning Experience Weekend** – If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending this weekend – OCTOBER 27-29 at ST. THOMAS SEMINARY IN BLOOMFIELD. Weekend cost is \$235 which covers, food, lodging, materials and follow-up event. Contact Victoria at 860-993-2384 or Maureen at 860-285-8685 or visit [www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut).