



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:30AM

FOR THE UNBORN

10:30 AM

FOR ALL OUR YOUTH

6:00 PM

+MAUREEN COSGROVE

R/B THE GROSPITCH FAMILY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 8:00 AM

+FAITH AND WILBUR LEGGE

R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 8:00 AM

+LUCILLE BEERS

R/B HER DAUGHTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 8:00 AM

+DAVID AND HELEN MARR

R/B THE FAMILY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017 8:00 AM

+JOSEPH ALCURI

R/B RONNIE LANE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017 8:00 AM

FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 5:00 PM

+ROLAND SPINO

R/B TOM AND LAURIE THEROUX

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 7:30 AM

+EDWARD BARAN

R/B PENNY HARRINGTON

10:30 AM

**FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHRISTMAS
 BAZAAR**

6:00 PM

FOR OUR GRADE 2 STUDENTS/PARENTS

PARISH SUPPORT

REGULAR COLLECTION OCT. 8	\$5,930
ON LINE GIVING	\$ 420
REGULAR COLLECTION OCT. 15	\$5,465
ON LINE GIVING OCT. 15	\$ 420

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.
 MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord’s anointed one, and through God’s intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, “Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?” Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar’s, he answers, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, but give to God what is God’s.



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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



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, Howard Matchett, 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.

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

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the decision in early October to expand the HHS mandate exemption is a “return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state.” Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the USCCB, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the USCCB’s Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, are hailing the Trump administration’s announcement to provide a broad religious and moral exemption from the mandate requiring health insurance coverage of sterilization, contraception, and drugs and devices that may cause abortion.

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

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 22nd and 29th – 9-10:15 AM –Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.

Tuesday – October 24th (no class October 31) - 4:15 – 5:30 PM –Grades 4-5

Tuesday – October 24th (no class October 31st) - 7-8:15 PM – Grades 6-7-8-9

Wednesday – October 25th - 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 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 10/22, 11/19, 1/21 or 2/11.
- 2) Confirmation Packet #2 is due at the beginning of class on October 24/25th.
- 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

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:

November 1, November 8, November 29, December 13, December 20. 7:15 PM – CHOIR LOFT.

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 email to director@norwichdeacons.org no later than Sunday, November 5, 2017.

Spiritual Renewal Center

1 Bath Street, Norwich – Healing Mass – OCTOBER 23 – 2 PM

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://www.mectw.org>.

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.

October 22, 2017

Annual Retreat Serving Grieving Parents on their Spiritual Journey- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM – ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY CHURCH AND THE FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR URBAN MINISTRY – For all who have lost a child to death, at any time, dedicate a day to yourself and join others who share this uniquely challenging journey.

26TH ANNUAL RED, WHITE, BLUE MASS –

On Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 10:15 am, Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The theme for this Mass is **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**. The Homilist will be Father Daniel L. Mode – Naval Chaplain with the rank of Captain. For more information call Msgr. Brown or Rebecca McDougall at 860-887-9294.

Workshop for the Bereaved – “Praying Your Goodbyes.”

Saturday, November 4 from 11 am to 1:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic and Sunday, November 19 from 1:30 to 4 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 10 Elm Street, Middletown. There is no cost but registration is required. Call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

MATTIE’S TOGS – St. Matthew Church, Tolland – Boys and Girls Summer and Winter clothing – Infants size to Size 18 and larger for our Youth. – Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. 860-871-0260.

FROSTY VILLAGE BAZAAR – ST. MATTHEW’S CHURCH, TOLLAND – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 6-9 PM AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 9AM – 2:30 PM. – Hand crafted items; Knit and crochet apparel; pet gift baskets, dog coats and sweaters; beaded jewelry; Attic Treasures; Raffles; Kids Booth and Photos with Santa! Home-made Soup and Sandwiches, Dessert served throughout.