



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016 4:00 PM**  
**+JACK FOLEY**  
**R/B THE GILLERAN FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016**  
**7:30 AM**  
**FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION**  
**10:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL PRIESTS**  
**6:00 PM**  
**FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**MONDAY, – NOVEMBER 28, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+REV. ESLYN JOSEPH DRUMMOND**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+JOANN AND BOB GAGNON**  
**R/B JOHN FARROW**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+SALLY SMITH 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 4:00 PM**  
**+MARIO BELLARDI**  
**R/B BOB AND AUDREY MONTI**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016**  
**7:30 AM**  
**FOR OUR PARISHONERS**  
**10:30 AM**  
**FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**  
**6:00 PM**  
**+IRENE SMITH**  
**R/B THE SMITH/GAYTON FAMILY**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**NOVEMBER 20 – Available Next Week**

**ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



**“...For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” MATTHEW 24:42**

**People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.**

**READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

**The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”**

**Second Reading Romans 13:11-14**

**Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.**

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

**FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com The office is open Sunday (when classes are in session) 8-11 am, Monday 1-8:30 pm, Tuesday 1-8:30 pm, Thursday or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

**Religious Education 2016 - 2017**

Please keep our students and teachers in prayer as they learn & grow in their Faith together. Parents after class each week please ask your child what they learned \ discussed in class that day. And always remember to pray with them each day, the best way for them to practice their prayers is to pray them daily.

Sunday Grade K-5 Classes 9 - 10:15 am - No class 11/27th, Classes will be held on December 4th, 11th & 18th

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - November 28th, December 5th, 12th & 19th

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm - November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm - November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday December 4th, 11th and 18th. Open to all children age 4 through 5th grade.

**CONFIRMATION – GRADE 9 – IMPORTANT DATES!!!**  
Attend Youth Group Meeting in January or February  
Save the date: Confirmation 2017 Sunday March 26th at 1 pm  
Confirmation Packet #2 due at class November 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

**GRADE 2 – FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST – IMPORTANT DATES!!!**  
Saturday December 10 at 9 AM – First Reconciliation in the Church

**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 Father Bill Olesik, Laura Behrendt, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Connor Dabate, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Mary Kellner, Judy LeBel, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna

Martocchio, Shirley McElroy, Alice Ogden, Ted Okolo, Gary Pellegrini, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Morris Webber, Jean Wood and Madeline Wraight.

**World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Message of October 25, 2016**

**“Dear Children! Today I am calling you: pray for peace. Leave selfishness and live the messages which I am giving you. Without them, you cannot change your life. By living prayer, you will have peace. By living in peace, you will feel the need to witness, because you will discover God whom you now feel to be far away. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray and permit God to enter into your hearts. Return to fasting and confession so as to overcome the evil in you and around you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

**Defending our Religious Liberty**

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

**MITTEN TREE IS COMING!**

**We will again be having our Mitten Tree. The trees will be set up at both entrances to the church the weekends of November 19/20 and November 26/27. Let us remember the people who are cold keeping them warm with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.**

**SAINT BRIDGET HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**  
**Saturday, December 3rd, Manchester**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Come do your holiday shopping with us We have over 75 crafters with handmade hats and gloves, Glassware, soap and lotions, Christmas décor and wreathes, wood craves items, jewelry, knitted blankets, snowmen and handmade light up reindeer, stocking stuffers, homemade special breads, doll clothing, ornaments and so much more. You must stop by and browse!!! We serve hot lunches and lots of bake goods for sale. Santa will be stopping by for a visit with his bag of goodies. We are handicapped accessible. Admission is free.**

**PRIEST'S CONVOCATION**

**The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 28-30, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for our priests as they will be praying for you. THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS HERE AT ST. LUKE'S ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AND 30. FATHER WILL LEAVE ON MONDAY AFTER THE 8 AM MASS.**

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 3 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Joseph Whittel at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHEW AND ST. BERNARD CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A RETREAT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 FROM 9:00AM – 3:30 PM AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH ROCKVILLE. PLAN TO JOIN THEM AS THEY WELCOME MOTHER OLGA YAQOB, FOUNDRRESS AND MOTHER SERVANT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY OF NAZARETH. HER LOVE AND ABIDING FAITH IN OUR MERCIFUL GOD IS INSPIRING. SHE IS A DYNAMIC SPEAKER WITH A POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT WILL ENCOURAGE US THIS ADVENT SEASON TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS WITH ABUNDANT JOY AND THE PEACE THAT COMES THROUGH FAITH. INCLUDES PRESENTATION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH. \$25 PER PERSON

THE CORNERSTONE FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS THE FOLLOWING FOOD ITEMS:  
CANNED VEGETABLES – ESPECIALLY CORN AND GREEN BEANS; RICE OR PASTA SIDE DISHES; SPAGHETTI SAUCE; CANNED PASTA; SOUP – ESPECIALLY TOMATO, CHICKEN NOODLE, AND CREAM OF CHICKEN; CEREAL, INCLUDING INSTANT OATMEAL; HOT COCOA MIX; JELLY OR JAM. ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT 3 PROSPECT STREET, ROCKVILLE.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers provide a special role in the celebration of the Mass. Before Mass, they gather the host (put in a ciborium) and wine (in the decanter) and bring the vessels to the rear of the church (This is done for the 4:00 and 10:30 Masses only). They also set up the wine cups,

special towels, wine decanter, pitcher with warm water, tray and towel for Fr. to dry his hands on the Preparation Table. They also make sure the Chalice, purificator, paten and large host are on this table as well. They also make sure the Tabernacle key is in the Tabernacle door.

During the Mass the Ministers help with the distribution of the precious blood to the congregation. If there is no Deacon then a Minister needs to help Father distribute the Hosts. After Mass they return the empty and cleaned vessels to the cabinet in the Preparation Room.

Although the time commitment is small, the need is GREAT, especially at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday. Ministers are also needed for the 7:30 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday. Eucharistic Ministers can elect to serve only at the Mass they usually attend. We are asking you to PLEASE consider taking an active role in the Mass by joining this sacred ministry. For more information please call Jane at the Rectory at 860-875-8552.

### MERCY BY THE SEA RETREAT

LOVE BENDING LOW – A WEEKEND ADVENT RETREAT WITH EILEEN DOOLING, RSM AND JOAN LINLEY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7 PM – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 11 AM.

“THIS IS THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS – LOVE BENDING LOW, SO LOW AS TO BE HUMBLE AND HIDDEN IN THE VISIBLE FACES OF YOU AND ME.”  
ILIA DELIO

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE AND TO CELEBRATE THIS SELF-GIVING PRESENCE. A TIME OF QUIET, THIS WEEKEND WILL OFFER GROUP GATHERINGS FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION AND SHARING AND AN OPTION TO EAT MEALS IN SILENCE OR IN CONVERSATION. THE PROGRAM FEE OF \$285.00 INCLUDES SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH ENSUITE BATH FOR TWO NIGHTS AND HOMEMADE MEALS BEGINNING WITH DINNER FRIDAY AT 5:30 PM, THROUGH BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING.

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