



SATURDAY VIGIL, November 28, 2015

4:00 PM +Ellen-Mae Kupec
r/b The Family

SUNDAY, November 29, 2015

7:30 AM +The White & Waudby Families
r/b Don & Elaine Waudby

10:30 AM For Father George

6:00 PM +George Croft
r/b His Family

MONDAY, November 30, 2015

8:00 AM +Sally Smith – 21st Anniversary
r/b Marilyn & Paul Gilbert

TUESDAY, December 1, 2015

8:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2015

8:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

THURSDAY, December 3, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
M/M Robert Gay

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

8:00 AM +Deceased Family/Friends of
Gloria Barone

SATURDAY, December 5, 2015

4:00 PM +Deceased Family/Friends of
Mrs. John Dobitsky

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

7:30 AM +John DeCarli r/b The Family

10:30AM For Pope Francis

6:00 PM +Irene Smith r/b The Smith
aAnd Gayton Families

PARISH SUPPORT

The Offering for November 22 and November 29 will be in the next bulletin.



“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”
LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who “shall do what is right and just in the land,” believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

As we prepare to celebrate the “Jubilee Year of Mercy,” which Pope Francis will inaugurate on December 8, let us pray that our religious liberty is upheld when the Supreme Court rules on the pending cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate. All are invited to join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair on Sunday, December 13 for the opening ceremony of the archdiocesan Jubilee door of Mercy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 3 p.m. 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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed – (860) 875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday 2-8:30 pm, Tuesday 2-8:30 pm and Thursday

10-3 pm or by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2015 – 2016

We are looking forward to a Faith filled year with our students. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each week.

Class Schedule for 2015-2016

Sunday, December 6 and 13th from 9-10:15 am; Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. (No class on November 29)

Monday, November 30th and December 7 & 14th from 6:45 – 8 pm; Grades 6-9.

Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15 from 4:30 -5:45 pm, Grades 3-4-5.

Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15 from 7-8:15 pm, Grades 6-9.

Grade 2 – Important Dates:

Saturday, December 12, 9 AM – First Reconciliation for Grade 2 students and their families.

Grade 9 Confirmation – Important Dates

Confirmation Interview – contact the Faith formation Office to schedule your interview.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, January 30 – 10 am – 1pm

Confirmation Reconciliation – During last class on March 28 and 29th

Confirmation Rehearsal – Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm for Candidate and Sponsor (or parent stand-in)

Confirmation 2016 Mass – Sunday April 3rd at 1 pm – Candidates and Sponsors arrive at 12:30 pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – All children age 4 through the 5th Grade are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held Sunday December 6th and 13th.

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 Laura Behrendt, Camilla Byam, William Cairns, Eugene Caramante, Judy Cardoni, Fern Chmielecki, Connor Dabate, Alex Dinh, Deacon Rod Gayner, Harry Gropitch, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Rita Kane, Kathy Larew, Michael Marquis, Anna Martocchio, Rocco Montano, Ted Okolo, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Wendy Tarbox, Dan Tarbox,

Joseph Teixeira, Morris Webber, Jean Wood & Richard Wood and Kathy White.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Message of October 25, 2015

“Dear Children! Also today, my prayer is for all of you, especially for all those who have become hard of heart to my call. You are living in the days of grace and are not conscious of the gifts which God is giving to you through my presence. Little children, decide also today for holiness and take the example of the saints of this time and you will see that holiness is a reality for all of you. Rejoice in the love, little children, that in the eyes of God you are unrepeatable and irreplaceable because you are God's joy in this world. Witness peace, prayer and love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

LAST WEEKEND FOR MITTEN TREE

This is the last weekend for our mitten tree. Let us remember the people who are cold keeping them warm with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

SOCCER COLLECTION DRIVE!

Longtime parishioner, Stephen Schirra, would like to get the St. Luke's community involved in a global outreach initiative by encouraging

everyone to donate new or gently used soccer balls to be hand-delivered to underprivileged children all over the world. So far, his mission has taken him to an orphanage for children from high-risk families in Lurin, Lima, Peru and a refugee home working with Latin American kids aged 14-18 with extensive gang and drug cartel backgrounds in the San Antonio area. He is scheduled to reach out to school children from a very poor part of Jamaica next. Containers will be at the entrances to the church.

ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Adult Choir – Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir – Sunday at 11:30 am.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

THE WEEK AHEAD!

Sunday – November 29:

No Religious Ed and no Children's Liturgy; Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30

Monday – November 30:

Religious Ed Classes 6:45-8:00 pm.

Tuesday – December 1

NO MORNING MASS

Religious Ed Classes 4:30-5:45 & 7-8:15

Wednesday – December 2

NO MORNING MASS

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Friday – December 4

Workshop for Boxwood Trees 6-8 PM Parish Center

Father George will be attending the Convocation of Priests on Monday, November 30, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1 and 2. There will be **NO MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY AND NO COFFEE/DONUTS.**

AREA HAPPENINGS!

East Catholic – The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 5 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call the Admissions office at 860-649-5336, ext. 6456 for more information.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 5 at 8:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Raymond Introvigne. At Mass we will 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.

Advent Diocesan Prayer Gathering – December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall, Portland. Great music teaching by Fr. Paul Bourdreau, Pastor and Hospitality.

Enders Island Death, Bereavement, Grief and Mourning Retreat – December 6-9. \$300 pp for Double Room Occupancy; \$375 for Single Room; \$225 for Commuters. Deposit \$100 p/p. Call 860-536-0565 to preregister or for more information.