



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016 4:00 PM
FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
7:30 AM
FOR THOSE SUFFERING MENTAL ANGUISH
10:30 AM
+CAROL NEWTON R/B BARRY NEWTON
6:00 PM
FOR THE HUNGRY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 8:00 AM
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MALDONADO
FAMILY R/B RICK AND ROSE MEYER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016 8:00 AM
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HATTAN
FAMILY R/B ANNE HATTAN AND FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016 8:00 AM
+DELBERT REYNOLDS – 20TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B HIS SONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016 8:00 AM
+REV. ESLYN JOSEPH DRUMMOND

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016 8:00 AM
THANK YOU SAINT JUDE
R/B A PARISHIONER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016 4:00 PM
+ANTHONY AND VIRGINIA BUFFA
R/B TERRY COCUZZO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

7:30 AM
+WILLIAM MILLER
R/B MARILYN AND PAUL GILBERT

10:30 AM
+MADELINE WRAIGHT
R/B KATHLEEN CLEMENT

6:00 PM
FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

PARISH SUPPORT

DECEMBER 4 – REGULAR - \$4,849
MAINTENANCE - \$1,953
ON LINE GIVING – 11-27 \$ 435

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, “sorrow and mourning will flee.”

Second Reading James 5: 7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the “yield of the soil” so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, “Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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 - Classes December 11th & 18th

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - December 12th & 19th

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

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

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

CONFIRMATION – GRADE 9 – IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Confirmation Packet #2 is now PAST DUE. If your packet has not been turned in, please bring to class this week.

Attend Youth Group Meeting in January or February.

Save the date: Confirmation 2017 Sunday March 26th at 1 pm

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, 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, and Jean Wood.



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: Madeline Wraight.

World Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Message of November 25, 2016

“Dear Children! Also today, I am calling you to return to prayer. In this time of grace, God has permitted me to lead you towards holiness and a simple life—that in little things you discover God the Creator; that you fall in love with Him; and that your life be a thanksgiving to the Most High for everything He is giving you. Little children, in love, may your life be a gift for others and God will bless you; but you, witness without interest—out of love for God. I am with you and intercede before my Son for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.

Defending our Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has said: “Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth.” This is why it is important that we continue to put pressure on our newly elected officials to change the federal health care mandate which forces religious institutions to pay for medical procedures that violate their moral principles. 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

We’ll be meeting on December 18 at 7:00 PM to celebrate the birth of our Savior. All 8-12 graders are invited to attend. Wear your favorite Christmas hat and/or sweater.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR MITTEN TREE!!!

WE COLLECTED THE FOLLOWING:

116 PAIR OF GLOVES; 85 SETS OF MITTENS, GLOVES, SCARFS, HATS; 63 SCARFS; 37 PAIR OF MITTENS; 6 PAIR OF SOCKS; 96 HATS AND 6 HEAD BANDS FOR A TOTAL OF 409 PIECES. ALL WERE DONATED TO THE CORNERSTONE AND HOCKANUM VALLEY.

**CHRISTMAS
MASSES/CONFESSIONS**

**DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS
EVE**

CONFESSIONS: 3:00 – 3:45

MASSES:

4:00 PM – CHILDREN'S MASS

6:00 PM

12:00 AM MIDNIGHT MASS

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS

**MASSES: 7:30 AM AND 10:30
AM - NO 6 PM MASSES**

DIOCESAN NEWS

Natural Family Planning is a scientific, safe, and is 99 percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A class for married and engaged couples begins on MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 6:30 PM at ST. JOHN'S IN OLD SAYBROOK. For more information, call Steve and Lisa Collison at 860-399-8265 or to register for a class go to www.ccli.org.

ST. BERNARD, 232 PEARL STREET, ENFIELD – UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 6:30 – 8:00 PM. 860-745-5275 – WWW.SBSENFELD.ORG

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, COME JOIN IN PRAYING WITH BISHOP COTE A EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS. THIS MONTH THE HOLY HOUR WILL BE AT ST. JUDE CHURCH, WILLINGTON, CT FROM 6:00 – 7:00 PM. COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE

CALLED TO PRIESTLY OR CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS LIFE. PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS AND THOSE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING TO THE DIOCESE. JOIN OUR DIOCESAN PRAYER TEAM FOR VOCATIONS BY EMAILING THE VOCATION OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out the website at god-calls.com!

The Knights of Columbus Museum's Christmas exhibit, "Creches of Germany: Tradition and Faith," and its annual Christmas Tree Festival continues through January 29, 2017. The museum is open 10-5 daily (except Christmas Eve and Christmas) at 1 State Street, New Haven, with free admission and parking. For more information call 203-865-0444 or kofcmuseum.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES: January 22, 2017 marks the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right – their right to life. On Friday, January 27, 2017, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, DC to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 9PM, buses sponsored by the Southwest Chapter of CT Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) also stopping in Madison at the exit 61 park-n-ride and traveling to Washington DC to attend the March for Life on January 27. Bus fare is \$67 per person. If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.