



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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016**  
**7:30 AM**  
**+WILLIAM MILLER**  
**R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT**  
**10:30 AM**  
**+MADELINE WRAIGHT**  
**R/B KATHLEEN CLEMENT**  
**6:00 PM**  
**FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+WILDA (RODMAN) LAUGHLIN**  
**R/B THE GOLF COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**THANK YOU ST. JUDE**  
**R/B A PARISHIONER**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAYER AND**  
**TENERO FAMILIES**  
**R/B THE MAYER AND TENERO FAMILIES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CURTISS**  
**FAMILY**  
**R/B THE CURTISS FAMILY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**+CONNIE MARGOTTA DABATE**  
**R/B CINDI AND KEN MARGOTTA**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE -**

**4:00 PM**  
**+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.**  
**R/B MOM, DAD AND FAMILY**

**6:00 PM**  
**+JOSEPH COSGROVE R/B HIS FAMILY**

**12:00 AM – MIDNIGHT MASS**  
**FOR POPE FRANCIS AND ALL PRIESTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016 - CHRISTMAS**

**7:30 AM**  
**+HENRY THOMAS**  
**R/B JANE AND CHILDREN**

**10:30 AM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**NO 6 PM MASS**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**DECEMBER 11 – REGULAR - \$6,940**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION- \$ 813**  
**GIVING TREE – 12-11-2016 \$1,945**  
**ON LINE GIVING:**  
**DECEMBER 4 - \$435.00**  
**DECEMBER 4 – MAINTENANCE \$165**  
**DECEMBER 11 - \$435.00**

**ADORATION**



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**



“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### **“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is “The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

#### **Second Reading Romans 1:1-7**

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus’ birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that “All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.”

### **FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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 18 and January 8, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - December 19 and January 9, 23 and 30.

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – December 20 and January 10, 24, and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm. NO Class December 20 – 7PM session only; Classes resume January 10, 24 and 31.<sup>th</sup>

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday December 18 and January 8, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. Open to all children age 4 through 5th grade.

### **CONFIRMATION – GRADE 9 – IMPORTANT DATES!!!**

Confirmation Interviews during the month of January – Pre-registration is required.

Required Confirmation Mass – Sunday,  
January 22 – 10:30 Mass

Attend Youth Group Meeting in January  
or February

Confirmation Retreat for Students –  
February 11 from 9:30 – 12:30 PM

Save the Date – Confirmation 2017 –  
Sunday March 26 at 1 PM.

**GRADE 2 – EUCHARIST –  
IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, February 5 – Candle Family  
Mass – 10:30 AM

Sunday, March 5 – Pin Family Mass –  
10:30 AM

Saturday, March 11 – Eucharistic  
Workshop for students and parents –  
9:00 AM

***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 and John Taglieri.

**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

May the leaders who were elected last month be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions. Let us pray that the new Administration, when revising the Health and Human Services health care mandate, reinstates the Church's inalienable right to exercise its First Amendment right to freedom of religion. 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.**

CORNERSTONE FOOD CUPBOARD

**NEEDS: Pasta or rice side dishes  
Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Pasta; Cereal, including instant oatmeal; Hot cocoa mix;  
Boxed instant potatoes; Canned meat (chicken, Spam, pork etc.); Crackers.**

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**

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER  
11 BATH STREET, NORWICH**

**You are invited to:**

**HEALING MASS, DECEMBER 26 AT 2 PM  
CHARASMATIC PRAYER MEETING: Every  
Tuesday at 2:00 PM – Prayer, Praise and  
Worship**

**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**

**Thursday, January 26 – Friday, January 27  
The Annual March for Life will take place  
this year on Friday, January 27, 2017, in  
Washington, D.C., as a way for people to  
express their opposition to abortion. This  
year's event coincides with the 44<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the Supreme Court's  
decision to legalize abortion. Buses  
sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of CT  
Right to Life will travel to the March leaving  
from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot  
(Exit 11, I-395) on Thursday, January 26,  
2017 at 9 PM. Bus fare is \$67 per person.  
For information, to reserve a seat, or, if you  
cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call  
Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.**

**RETRouvaille WEEKEND**

**Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is  
there little or no meaningful  
communication? Are you considering  
separation or divorce? For serious  
marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille  
is a life line. At a Retrouvaille weekend,  
couples are given tools to reestablish  
communication, work on their issues, gain  
new insights and heal. The weekend is  
presented by three married couples and a  
priest. For more information or to sign up  
for the January 20-22, 2017 weekend call  
413-525-1634 or 203-710-6207 or visit  
[www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).**