



SATURDAY, 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 – CHRISTMAS

7:30 AM

+HENRY THOMAS
R/B JANE AND CHILDREN

10:30 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

NO 6 PM MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016 8:00 AM

+ELIZABETH CHACKO
R/B SR. THERESE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016 8:00 AM

+WILLIAM PALUSKA SR AND VIRGINIA
R/B THE RYDER FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016 8:00 AM

+REV. ESLYN JOSEPH DRUMMOND

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2016 8:00 AM

+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ELLSWORTH
FAMILY
R/B THE ELLSWORTH FAMILY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2016 8:00 AM

THANK YOU ST. JUDE
R/B A PARISHIONER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

4:00 PM

+IRENE GATES – 1ST ANNIVERSARY
R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

7:30 AM

+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM, DAD AND FAMILY

10:30 AM

+MADELINE WRAIGHT
R/B LEONARD AND CHRISTINE YANNIELLI

6:00 PM

+LOUIS P. (BOB) TARDIF – 10TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B THE FAMILY

PARISH SUPPORT

DECEMBER 18 – REGULAR -	\$5,197
GIVING TREE – DEC.18 -	\$1,235
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$1,293

ON LINE GIVING:

DECEMBER 18 - \$435.00

ADORATION



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



“And the Word became flesh” JOHN 1:14

Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us

to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

“READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?”

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

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 January 8, 22 and 29th. No class January 15.

Monday Grade 6-9 Classes 6:45-8 pm - January 9, 23 and 30. No class January 16.

Tuesday Grade 3-4-5 Classes 4:15-5:30 pm – January 10, 24, and 31st. No class January 17.

Tuesday Grade 6-9 Classes 7-8:15 pm. Classes resume January 10, 24 and 31. No class January 17.

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday January 8, 22 and 29th. 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

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American’s right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the rosary at home. It is about adhering to the

tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans. 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.

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**

**FATHER GEORGE AND THE STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A
VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A
HEALTHY 2017.**

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

**You are invited to:
HEALING MASS, JANUARY 9 AT 2:00 PM**

**CHARASMATIC PRAYER MEETING: Every
Tuesday at 2:00 PM – Prayer, Praise and
Worship**

CHRISTMAS 2016

Christmas – That time of the year when the world falls in love. Fall in love with the Child who came down to earth to share our humanity, and through His death gave us all the gift of eternal life.

Hear the music of this blessed season with renewed joy, from the angel's first "Glory to God in the Highest" to a young child's first attempt at "Silent Night" - let the world resound with songs of praise.

Reach out to those in need – physical, financial, or spiritual. May every stocking be filled with gifts of Christ's mercy, peace, health and love.

Invite a friend to come to Mass. Welcome all those who have been estranged from the church with open arms and the certainty that they have come home.

Seek the comfort of Christ's love in the Eucharist and share a quiet moment of reflection in thanksgiving for all His many gifts.

Take this opportunity to make Christ and His undying love for us the center of this holy season and every day of the New Year to come.

Thank you all and may God Bless You.

FATHER GEORGE