



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 4:00 PM
+ MARY BUTLER
R/B THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 7:30 AM
+JOHN DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY

10:30 AM
+CAROL NEWTON R/B BARRY NEWTON

6:00 PM
+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF M/M
THOMAS DEABILL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF NOREEN
SMEDY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MALDONADO
FAMILY R/B RICK AND ROSE MEYER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JASEK AND
LESURE FAMILIES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF M/M
STEVEN BLOVISH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017 8:00 AM
+BILL PATNODE R/B LOUISE AND RON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017 4:00 PM
+EDWARD AND CARMEL BOLLES
R/B THE GROSPITCH FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 7:30 AM
+ROBERT A. MAURICE R/B HELEN MAURICE

10:30 AM
FOR OUR YOUTH

6:00 PM
+DON ROBERGE
R/B HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

PARISH SUPPORT

REGULAR COLLECTION - DEC 3-	\$5,544
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 420
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$2,206
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 165

Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

READINGS AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM



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
Patricia Morse and Alice Ogden.

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, Charlie Allen, Kayla Avery, Laura Behrendt, Jody Behrendt, Judy Cardoni, Julie Chartier, Connie Colosimo, Jeanne Ferruolo, Priscilla Flynn, Charles Frenette, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Cynthia Johnson, Mary Kellner, Tracy Kearcher, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Michael Marquis, Howard Matchett, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Don Waudby, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children!

In this time of grace, I call you to prayer. Pray and seek peace, little children. He who came here on earth to give you His peace, regardless of who you are and what you are – He, my son, your Brother – through me is calling you to conversion, because without God you do not have a future or eternal life. Therefore, believe and pray and live in grace and the expectation of your personal meeting with Him. Thank you for having responded to my call.

Defending our Religious Liberty

In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in order to protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

FAITH FORMATION

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. The office is open Sunday 8-11, Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Wednesday 1-8 and Thursday 10-4 and by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2017-2018

Parents each week please ask your child what was covered in class, if they have homework (they probably do!) and always remember to pray with them each day, the best way for them to practice their prayers is to pray them daily.

Second Sunday of Advent

2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday -9-10:15 am Dec. 10 and 17th
Kindergarten Grades 1-2-3-4-5

Tuesday - December 12, and 19 - 4:15 -
5:30 pm - Grades 4-5

Tuesday December 12, and 19 – 7-8:15 pm -
Grades 6-7-8-9

Wednesday - December 13 and 20th - 6:45-
8 pm - Grades 6-7-8-9

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, December 10th, and 17th. CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

Confirmation 2018 Upcoming Events

1) All Confirmation students must attend two Youth Group Meetings on 1/21 or 2/11.

2) Second Parent Class Wednesday, December 13 7:25 – 8 PM

Grade 2 First Reconciliation Update
Saturday, December 9 - Snow Date
Saturday, December 16

CHOIR REHEARSAL December 13,
December 20. 7:15 PM – CHOIR LOFT.

GIVING TREE IS UP!

The Giving Tree is up in the Sanctuary (Altar area). Please take a tag with the dollar amount on it, return the tag with the donation in an envelope the following weekend and put it in the offertory collection. The tree will be up for two weeks. PS If you want to be credited for your donation on the Church's Envelope System, make sure you put your name and envelope number on the front of the envelope.

MITTEN TREE! This is the last weekend the Mitten Tree will be up. Please put your items on the tree so we can distribute them to the agencies before Christmas.

December 10, 2017

**Four Town Catholic Young Adult Group
December Book Club: "Joy to the World"
by Scott Hahn. Copies available.
Discussion times: December 14 8-9 pm St.
Luke Parish Center and December 18 7-8
pm Ellington Library.**

Healing Mass at 2pm

Monday December 11, 2017

**Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street,
Norwich, CT**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are February 2-4 and July 6-8 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Our Lady of Guadalupe!

All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7 PM. Fiesta following.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Masses for Christmas are as follows:

**SUNDAY – CHRISTMAS EVE –
4:00 PM – CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00 PM
MIDNIGHT – 12:00**

**MONDAY – CHRISTMAS DAY –
7:30 AM and 10:30 AM
THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS**

**NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL BE ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 FROM
2:45 – 3:45**