



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 7:30 AM
+IN MEMORY OF ROBERT A. MAURICE
R/B HELEN MAURICE

10:30 AM
FOR OUR YOUTH

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017 8:00 AM
+WILLIAM AND LUCILLE BEERS
R/B THEIR DAUGHTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017 8:00 AM
+FRANCIS E. POIRIER R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF M/M ALAN LEWANDOSKY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF M/M MARC GARGIULO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017 8:00 AM
+STEPHEN COSTELLO R/B JANE AND JOHN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017 4:00 PM
+FAITH AND WILBUR LEGGE
R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 7:30 AM
FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

10:30 AM
FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM – CHILDREN’S MASS
+EDWARD B. WY SOCKI, JR.
R/B MOM, DAD & FAMILY

6:00 PM
+JOSEPH AND MARY COSGROVE
R/B THEIR FAMILY

12:00 – MIDNIGHT
FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 7:30am CHRISTMAS
+HENRY THOMAS AND GRANDMA BOUCHER
R/B JANE, CHILDREN AND TAYLOR

10:30 AM
+IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & ANNA
COSGROVE R/B THEIR DAUGHTER ANN

THERE IS NO 6 PM MASS

PARISH SUPPORT

REGULAR COLLECTION - DEC 10-	\$5,416
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 420
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$ 766

Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ’s arrival. He tells them to “avoid any semblance of evil” so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.



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

Pope Francis has warned, "When a sick person is not placed at the center and considered in their dignity, attitudes arise which can even lead to profiteering on other people's misfortunes. The growing health poverty among the poorest segments of the population is due precisely to the difficulty of access to care..." Let us pray that in transforming the HHS federal mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

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.

2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday -No Class December 24 and 31.

Classes resume Sunday, January 7 – 9-10:15 am Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3-4-5.

Tuesday – No Class December 26 and January 2. Classes resume Tuesday, January 9 – 4:15-5:30 pm – Grades 4-5.

Tuesday No Class December 26 and January 2. Classes resume Tuesday January 9 – 7-8:15 pm – Grades 6-7-8-9.

Wednesday No Class December 27 and January 3 – classes resume Wednesday, January 10 – 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, January 7, 21 and 28. 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) Confirmation Interviews - by appointment only during the month of January. Contact the office to sign up.
- 3) **MANDATORY** CONFIRMATION RETREAT 9-1 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 20.
- 4) Confirmation Candle Mass – 10:30 Mass – Sunday, January 21 – for both the Candidate and their families.
- 5) Final Parent Class – Tuesday, February 6 – 7:40-8:15 pm or Wednesday, February 7 – 7:25-8PM.

CHOIR REHEARSAL ; 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 and return the tag with the donation in an envelope the following weekend and put it in the offertory collection. 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.

Four Town Catholic Young Adult Group
December Book Club: "Joy to the World" by Scott Hahn. Copies available. Discussion times December 18 7-8 pm Ellington Library.

The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State Street, New Haven, has a new Christmas exhibit, "Peace on Earth: Creches of the World. The show includes more than 70 Nativity scenes from artists across the globe. Open 10-5 daily – Free admission & parking.

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
10:30 AM

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