



**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 PARISHIONERS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM – CHILDREN’S MASS**  
**+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.**  
**R/B MOM, DAD & FAMILY**

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

**MIDNIGHT MASS – 12:00**  
**FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS**

**7:30 AM**  
**+HENRY THOMAS & 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!**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+MAUREEN POLANSKI R/B MARGARET**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF IRENE**  
**TOLISANO**

**DECEMBER 28, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+JEAN CURLEY**  
**R/B HELEN MAURICE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017 8:00 AM**  
**+GEORGE AUGLIERA – 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B GIRARDINI FAMILY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017 4:00 PM**  
**+EDWARD F. RILEY**  
**R/B MICHAEL & DEBRA RILEY AND FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017**  
**7:30 AM**  
**+EDWARD B. WYSOCKI, JR.**  
**R/B MOM, DAD & FAMILY**  
**10:30 AM**  
**FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**  
**6:00 PM**  
**FOR POPE FRANCIS**

<b><u>PARISH SUPPORT</u></b>	
<b>REGULAR COLLECTION - DEC 17-</b>	<b>\$5,268</b>
<b>ONLINE GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 420</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$1,014</b>
<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	<b>\$ 766</b>
<b>GIVING TREE DECEMBER 17</b>	<b>\$2,925</b>

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”  
LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**  
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**  
In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

### FR. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE!

Dear Parishioners,

My warm and personal greetings for a Holy and Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2018.

Christmas is here! It is a day when churches across the world will sing "Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come." Our Advent wait is over. Christ is born in Bethlehem. God's plan of salvation rests on this tiny child, who contains the whole of the Godhead in His wondrous Body. As we celebrate His birth, we remember that we still await His Second Coming. In that sense, our Advent continues, though it is an Advent filled with joy, as we strive every day to conform our lives with Him, with the help of His grace. Let us submit ourselves humbly to Him, who humbled Himself to become one of us.

Reach out to those in need – physical, financial and spiritual. May every stocking be filled with gifts of Christ's Mercy, Peace, Health and Love. Invite a friend to come to Mass on Christmas. Welcome those estranged from the Church with open arms, that they may "come home."

I thank every one of you for your great love and support to the Parish. I also thank all the volunteers for their great help in the daily business of the Parish. Thank you to Father Bijoy for being with us now and he will be celebrating his first Christmas with us. My thanks to the Parish Staff for your wonderful work and the various committee members for your time and talents.

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**I wish you a Blessed and happy Christmas and New Year. May God bless our world with His peace, your families with His hope and your hearts with His Love.**

**Father George**



**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, Alice Ogden, Elizabeth Bolles Hall and Marie Williamson.

### **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**

The HHS federal mandate tries to force faith-based employers—including religious charities, schools and pro-life advocacy organizations such as the March for Life – to facilitate the coverage of drugs and devices that go against our moral mandate to respect the dignity of every human person, born and unborn. If a solution is not reached, these nonprofit organizations could face millions of dollars in fines from the federal government for non-compliance with the HHS mandate.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

We can be reached at 860-875-4951 or [stlukere@gmail.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**\*\* NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 FROM 2:45 – 3:45 AND SUNDAY FROM 3:00-3:45.**

### **New Parish Wide Email**

We have a new email address for Parish Wide Communications. We would love to add you to our contact list so we can inform you of upcoming events at St. Luke Church.

Please email us at [stlukeellington@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeellington@gmail.com) and put your name in the subject line so we can add you to the contacts. If we already have your email address and you wish not to receive these emails, you may email us to opt out.

Spread the word and share our new email with other parishioners!

### **STEUBENVILLE NYC – FRIDAY, JULY 20 TO SUNDAY, JULY 22.**

This summer, join over 3,000 other Catholic teens at Steubenville NYC conference on July 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Experience the joy of following Christ with youth from all over through the theme REVEALED. The Diocese of Norwich offers youth the opportunity to take advantage of this fun and spirit-filled conference with ease. For \$355, the Diocese of Norwich provide youth and chaperones with Steubenville conference fee, send off mass with the Bishop and lunch, transportation to and from the Diocese, and 3 t-shirts for each day at the Conference. There is a \$5 additional fee for pick up prior to Mass

on departure day. If you are interested in this life changing opportunity, get in touch with your catechetical leader or Liza Roach at 860-848-2237 ext. 305.

2017 Theme Retreat for Women; 'MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE. – Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, in Farmington. It begins Friday evening on January 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM to Sunday, January 14 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

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The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 followed by brunch. Offering is \$250. To register and view our other available Theme Retreat dates contact OLC at 860-677-8519 or [olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) or [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net).

Catholic Charities – Diocese of Norwich – Employment Opportunities

Part Time Clinician – Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Licensed Master Social Workers are needed to provide fee for service clinical services for a diverse client population in our Norwich, Middletown and New London Offices.

APRN – Seeking a consulting psychiatric APRN to provide psychiatric evaluations, medication evaluations, and medication follow-up appointments for clients served at our Norwich and Middletown behavioral health clinics. CT license to practice as an APRN is required. Experience working with children desired, but not required.

Please email resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and the contact information for three professional references to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at [lauramalone@cfsn.org](mailto:lauramalone@cfsn.org).