



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018 8:00 AM
+PETER GAGNON R/B THE FAMILY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 8:00 AM
+DECEASED FAMILY/FRIENDS OF M/M
PAUL WOLFSON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018 8:00 AM
+DEACON THOMAS CONKLIN
R/B MARY REGAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018 8:00 AM
HEALING MASS FOR CYNTHIA
PELLEGRINI JOHNSON R/B HER PARENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018 8:00 AM
+RICHARD PAUL R/B PAUL & ANITA
VINCENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 4:00 PM
+FATHER TOM PLATHOTTAM
R/B HELEN MAURICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018
7:30 AM
FOR A SAFE VACATION FOR FR. GEORGE

10:30 AM
+ESTELLE WILLIAMSON
R/B MICHAEL & KATHY STUPINSKI

6:00 PM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

PARISH SUPPORT

THE COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 23/24 AND CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 25 WILL BE IN A FUTURE BULLETIN DUE TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It’s amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone—maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

First Reading: GN 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God’s promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God’s miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God’s anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed “the glory of your people of Israel.” The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 , 7 PM



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

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

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

Wednesday No Class 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.

STUDENT EVALUATIONS

Parents December student evaluations will not be mailed out over the Christmas break this year. The week of January 7,9,10 evaluations will be sent home with

the students. Please read and review with your child. Thank you!

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 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 20-22nd. 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.

The Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, January 6 at 8:30 am. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

Healing Mass – 2 PM – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – Mondays, January 8 and 22, 2018.