



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 4:00 PM**  
**+FATHER TOM PLATHOTTAM**  
**R/B HELEN MAURICE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017 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**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**HEALING MASS FOR THOMAS GILLIGAN**  
**R/B BOB & MARYLOU CROWLEY**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**+FR. TOM PLATHOTTAM – 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**R/B HIS PARISHIONERS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**+VINCENT MALATESTA R/B ROSEMARY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR POPE FRANCIS AND ALL PASTORS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL WHO ARE ENSLAVED BY**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018 4:00 PM**  
**+EDWARD AND CARMEL BOLLES**  
**R/B THE GROSPITCH FAMILY**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018 7:30 am**  
**FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION**

**10:30 AM**  
**+RHONDA GRACILIERI**  
**R/B THE MCGRATH FAMILY**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR THE CHURCH**

### **PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>Regular Collection - December 24</b>	<b>\$7,559</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 420</b>
<b>Christmas Collection – December 25 -</b>	<b>\$5,412</b>
<b>GIVING TREE – December 26</b>	<b>\$ 760</b>
<b>Regular Collection – December 31</b>	<b>\$ 6,287.34</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 420</b>
<b>Giving Tree Additional</b>	<b>\$ 760</b>

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

“...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...”  
**MATTHEW 2:11**

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now coheirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**St. Luke's now has Parish-wide Adoration the second Thursday of every month. Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration from 7 to 8 PM on THURSDAY, JANUARY 11.**



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, Marie Williamson and John Arsenault.

### **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!

Today I am bringing to you my Son Jesus for Him to give you His peace and blessing. I am calling all of you, little children, to live and witness the graces and the gifts which you have received. Do not be afraid. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to be joyful witnesses and people of peace and hope. Thank you for having responded to my call.

### **DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Religious freedom is a precious right. It is also a "necessary" right –necessary for all people and all societies if they are to flourish.

Scholars have shown that when religious freedom for all is protected in law and valued in culture, it brings with it political stability, equality for women, economic growth, and social harmony. Let us pray that when the federal health care mandate is changed, religious freedom is safeguarded for all people.

The Catholic Church is asking that lawmakers safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have freedom to serve the needy and most vulnerable without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines.

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

Tuesday – . Classes resume Tuesday, January 9 – 4:15-5:30 pm – Grades 4-5.

Tuesday Classes resume Tuesday January 9 – 7-8:15 pm – Grades 6-7-8-9.

Wednesday - 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.

## **STUDENT EVALUATIONS**

**Parents December student evaluations were not 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](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!

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

**Open House** – St. Bridget School of Manchester invites you to their **January 28 open House from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.** Their daily curriculum offers children Pre-School through Grade 8 a challenging academic schedule balanced with a variety of sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. Before and after school programs are available. Students participate in art, music and Library/reading programs every week. [www.saintbridget-school.com](http://www.saintbridget-school.com).

**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 Weekend is February 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT.** For more information call Dennis and Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or <https://www.mectw.org>.

Celebrate Marriage – Now that the holiday rush is through, it's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, “Celebrate

Marriage," will take place on **Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9 AM to 3 PM** at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes a workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAMILY/FRIENDS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO GAVE TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.**

ANDREW/DIANNA	ANGELONI
STEVEN/SARAH	AUTIERI
GLORIA	BARONE
SUSAN	BEERS
NORMAN/LYNN	BELANGER
STEVEN/MILLIE	BLOVISH
ROBERT/MARY KAY	BRENNAN
EDWARD/RITA	CARBONE-LAWSON
THERESA	CARON
BEN/CHRISTINE	CASTONGUAY
BRIAN/JACQUELINE	CHAMBERLIN
JOSEPH/NANCY	CIANCI
CRAIG/ANDREA	COWAN
ROBERT/MARYLOU	CROWLEY
THOMAS/DOROTHY	CURTISS
JOSEPH/GLORIA	DACHOWSKI
THOMAS/LINDA	DEABILL
GREG/CAROL	DICIOCCIO
DAVID/YANET	DISTEFANO
FRANCES	DOBITSKY
MICHAEL/KARA	DOMAINGUE
JAMES/HELEN	DONOHUE
JAMES/MARY	DONOHUE
DONALD/DONNA	DRYBURGH
H.DOWNING/SHARON	ELLSWORTH
DAVID/LISA	FITSGERALD
WILSON/PRISCILLA	FLYNN
MARC	GARGIULO
ROBERT/CAROL ANN	GAY
PAUL/MARILYN	GILBERT
JOSEPH/MARJORIE	GIRARDINI
RICHARD/PENNY	HARRINGTON

ROBERT/MARY JANE	HARTY
NEIL/ANNE	HATTAN
TIMOTHY/LISA	HEANEY
JOHN/JEANNINE	HINTZE
MICHAEL/ERIN	JONES
KATHERINE	JOSLIN
JUDITH	KOEHLER
HENRY/LORRAINE	KRESKE
KARMEN/HELEN	LANZ
MARJORIE	LAVOIE
MARLYN	LESKEY
ELLEN	LESURE
ALAN/JUDITH	LEWANDOSKY
THOMAS/MELISA	LUCE
RAYMOND/KAREN	LUCIANO
JASON/LUISA	MACHADO
ALYCE	MAYER
CHARLES/ANNE	MCWILLIAMS
ROBERT/STEPHANIE	MOORE
MICHAEL/MONICA	NASHWINTER
BARRY	NEWTON
STEVE	O'KEEFE
CHINYERE	OKORONKWO
JOHN/ELLEN	O'SHAUGHNESSY
WADE/ANITA	OVERGAARD
ROBERT/JEANNE	PARKER
GARY/EARLENE	PELLEGRINI
DORIS	POIRIER
GARY/DIANN	RILEY
MARC/BERNICE	ROY
JOHN/PAMELA	RYDER
ERIC/CARRIE	SCHMIDT
STEVEN/PEGGY	SCHUBERT
PATRICK/ELKE	SGARLATA
NORMA	SOJKA
FRANCIS/DONNA	SYPECK
ALBERT/DEBBIE	TEBBETTS
WILLIAM	TENERO
ROLAND	TETREULT
PETER/DEBORAH	THOMPSON
IRENE	TOLISANO
TIMOTHY/JENNIFER	VAN TASEL
LYNN	WALKER
FREDERICK/BARBARA	WALZ
SHEILA	WATERHOUSE
AGNES	WELCH
KENNETH/PATRICIA	WENDELL
RONALD	WENDUS