



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017 4:00 PM**

**+IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & ANNA  
COSGROVE  
R/B ANN COSGROVE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017**

**7:30 AM**

**+JOHN DECARLI R/B THE FAMILY**

**10:30 AM**

**FOR OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

**6:00 PM**

**FOR ALL TRAVELERS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 8:00 AM**

**FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE  
SUFFERED ABUSE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 8:00 AM**

**+FAITH AND WILBUR LEGGE  
R/B THE RAYMOND ROY FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 8:00 AM**

**+VIJAY KUMAR  
R/B PAUL AND ANITA VINCENT**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 8:00 AM**

**FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH  
DISABILITIES**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018 8:00 AM**

**FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER RELIGIOUS  
PERSECUTION**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 4:00 PM**

**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE'S  
CRAFTERS  
R/B THE MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE'S CRAFTERS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

**7:30 AM**

**FOR THE RELIGIOUS**

**10:30 AM**

**FOR THOSE DEDICATED TO FAITH  
FORMATION**

**6:00 PM**

**FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>REGULAR COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$5,147</b>
<b>ON LINE GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 420</b>

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

**Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.



**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, Marie Williamson, John Arsenault, Judy Koehler and Mary Kellner.

**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, 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.

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**

Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council adopted a declaration on religious freedom called, *Dignitatis Humanae*. In it, it says that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means only that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions.

Let us pray that legislators who work to replace the federal health care mandate will read and be inspired by *Dignitatis Humanae*.

**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 Class on January 21 and 28 – 9 – 10:15 – Kindergarten, Grade 1-2-3-4-5 – No Class January 14.

Tuesday Class on January 23, and 30 – 4:15-5:30 – Grades 4-5

Tuesday Class January 23 and 30 - 7-8:15 pm – Grades 6-7-8-9.

Wednesday –Class on January 24 and 31<sup>st</sup> – 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 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
- 3) Confirmation Candle Mass – 10:30 Mass – Sunday, January 21 – for both the Candidate and their families.
- 4) Final Parent Class – Tuesday, February 6 – 7:40-8:15 pm or Wednesday, February 7 – 7:25-8PM.

### **GRADE 2 FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, February 4 – after class at the 10:30 Mass – Grade 2 Candle Family Mass for students and families.

Saturday, March 3 – Grade 2 Parent-Student Eucharistic Workshop – 9 AM

Sunday, March 4 – after class at the 10:30 Mass – Grade 2 Pin Family Mass for students and families.

Sunday, March 25 – Grade 2 Student and Parent Class – The Last Supper 9 AM.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! IRISH NIGHT IS COMING!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018  
AFTER THE 5:00 MASS**

**Come and join us for our feast day celebration for St. Patrick! We will be serving a delicious typical Corned Beef and Cabbage meal. Beer and Wine will be available. NO BYOB! We will be entertained by our enthusiastic and fun group "IRISH TO THE LAST DROP" and also "DEE DEE GOLDEN STEP DANCERS! Tickets will be going on sale the beginning of February. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR! TICKETS ARE \$20 PER PERSON! Any questions please email Karen Luciano, Chairperson, at [krluciano429@yahoo.com](mailto:krluciano429@yahoo.com).**

### **RAFFLE FOR IRISH NIGHT:**

**Once again we will be having a Raffle and are looking for donations of any gifts or baskets for our Raffle table. Please contact Karen Luciano at 860-875-2480 if you have any questions or a donation.**

**FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

**Anyone who is in need of a statement of charitable donations for the 2017 calendar year can call the rectory or write "STATEMENT" on the front of your Offertory Envelope or email [StLuke\\_Ellington@comcast.net](mailto:StLuke_Ellington@comcast.net).**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – 2017**

**We are pleased to announce that our Christmas Bazaar made \$10,880.75 after expenses. We thank everyone who contributed to making it such a success.**

**Healing Mass** – 2 PM – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – **Mondays, January 22, February 12 and 26, 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>.

January 21, 2018

**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.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life** will be celebrated on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 10:30 AM in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Father Peter Grover, OMV, Rector of St. Clement Eucharist Shrine in Boston. All are invited.

**Bereavement Support** – If you are in need of consolation after the loss of a loved one, consider attending "SEASONS OF HOPE", a new Bereavement Support group that will meet Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at St. Andrew Church Library, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester. The program, which consists of four, six-week sessions, will explore issues of mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection and faith-sharing. For more information contact Cheryl Laporte at 860-537-4463 or email her at [calaporte48@gmail.com](mailto:calaporte48@gmail.com).