

Fourth Sunday of Lent



**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 4:00 PM**  
**+ DONALD WAUDBY**  
**R/B MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE CRAFTERS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018 7:30 AM**  
**+DONALD WAUDBY**  
**R/B TOM AND DOTTIE CURTISS**

**10:30 AM FOR THE SUCCESS OF IRISH NIGHT**

**1:00 PM – CONFIRMATION MASS**  
**FOR THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND**  
**THEIR FAMILIES**

**6:00 PM**  
**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR THE NEWLY CONFIRMED**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**+DONALD WAUDBY**  
**R/B KATHLEEN & MICHAEL STUPINSKI**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL LAWMAKERS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**+CRUCIANO SAVONA**  
**R/B HIS WIFE MARIA**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 8:00 AM**  
**FOR THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 5:00 PM**  
**TIME CHANGE**  
**+PHYLLIS CAMPISI**  
**R/B SR. GUYTINA AND BROTHERS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 7:30 AM**  
**+DONALD WAUDBY**  
**R/B THE PARKERS**

**10:30 AM LIVING**  
**FOR JOSEPH AND FAMILY**  
**R/B JOSEPH AND MARIA**

**6:00**  
**FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>REGULAR COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$5,716</b>
<b>ON LINE GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 420</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$1,932</b>
<b>ON LINE GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>

**4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

“For God I so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts; that we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God’s temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren’t killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God’s mercy and love for us.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.



**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, Mary Kellner, Msgr. Robert L. Brown and Donald Waudby.

**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, Jack Charbonneau, Julie Chartier, Connie Colosimo, Jeanne Ferruolo, Priscilla Flynn, Charles Frenette, Deacon Rod Gayner, Ronald Guay, Raymond Hanson, Raymond Hayes, Cynthia Johnson, Rita Kane, Tracy Kearcher, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Michael Marquis, Ann Marriott Sitek, 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, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

**Our Lady's Latest Message**

Dear Children!

In this time of grace I am calling all of you to open yourselves and to live the commandments which God has given you, that they may lead you through the Sacraments on the way of conversion. The

world and worldly temptations are testing you, but you, little children, look at God's creatures which He has given to you in beauty and humility and, little children, love God above everything and He will lead you on the way of salvation. Thank you for having responded to my call.

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Recently, the Department of Justice has actively defended religious liberty in court. For example, the solicitor general supported Jack Phillips, the custom cake baker, by arguing that freedom of expression for ourselves requires freedom of expression for others. Also, when the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority rejected a bus advertisement from the Archdiocese of Washington, DC because it was religious, the Department of Justice attorneys filed a brief objecting to WMATA's religious discrimination. Legal motions like these are much needed steps toward safeguarding religious liberty.

**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 March 11, 18, 25 --- 9 – 10:15 AM – Kindergarten, Grade 1-2-3-4-5

Tuesday Class on March 13, 20 and 27– 4:15-5:30 – Grades 4-5

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Tuesday Class - March 13, 20 and 27- 7-8:15 pm – Grades 6-7-8-9.

Wednesday –Class on March 14,21,28– 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, March 11, 18, 25 . 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) Confirmation Mass – Sunday, March 11 at 1 pm. Candidates and Sponsor arrive by 12:30 pm.
- 2) Last class is Tuesday March 13 and 14 and this class is for BOTH the parent and the student.

### **Confirmation 2019 – Grade 8**

- 1) Service hours due no later than March 31, 2018.
- 2) Must attend at least one Youth Group night – if you did not attend on January 28 you **MUST attend on March 25**. We encourage all students to join Youth Ministry and attend monthly meetings.
- 3) Attend Parent and Student Confirmation meeting on either Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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

All lambs due no later than Sunday, March 25.

White tie order forms and payment due no later than March 25.

Flower Donations due by April 22.

First Communion photo order forms with payment due by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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ACA – This weekend we ask for your commitment to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal, **“Standing Together to Build the Future.”** Think about several of the significant occasions in life when we stand...at the Baptism of a baby, at a wedding when the bride enters, when hands are laid upon us at our Confirmation, and at Mass to profess our faith. Standing with others as Disciples of Christ to help others throughout our communities is another important time...a time to rise to make a difference. Your gift to the ACA can help transform lives...allowing our Diocesan ministries to reach out and help make a brighter future for others. Please pledge generously today to help others stand and begin building their futures. You may also visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to make your pledge to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is looking for members to sing for Easter Sunday. If you have a child who loves music, and they are in third grade and up, then consider having them join for this awesome mass. Rehearsals in the Choir Loft are as follows:

Tuesday, March 13 – 6 PM

Tuesday, March 20 – 6 PM

Tuesday, March 27 – 6 PM

Sunday, April 1 – EASTER SUNDAY – MASS AT 10:30 AM.

If you are interested and/or have any questions, please reach out to Tiffany Tran at 860-374-3257 or [tiffytran22@gmail.com](mailto:tiffytran22@gmail.com).

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
STARTS THIS SUNDAY AT 2  
AM.**

**THE SATURDAY VIGIL  
MASS, BEGINNING MARCH  
17, WILL CHANGE TO  
5 PM UNTIL THE FALL.**

### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS!**

**Youth Group – March 25 –**

**Attention all 8-12 graders.  
Pizza dinner and a trip back in  
time.  
We'll meet at 7:00 pm in the  
church hall and finish at 8:30  
pm.**

### Diocese of Norwich News:

Are you separated or divorced and in need of support? The Church is here to help. The Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a Divorce Healing Program entitled **"The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide."** This is a 12-session DVD ministry program with expertise from Catholic psychologists, theologians and spiritual directors. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group will meet from 7-8:30 pm the second

and fourth Mondays of each month beginning April 9 through September 24 at St. Matthew's Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT. Registration is required. To register, call Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

Enders Island – 1 Enders Island, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355 - Palm Sunday Day of Recollection with Mark Gordon – Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 AM. \$50 per person.

Healing Mass – March 12 and 26 – Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT – 2:00 PM.

St. Bridget School, Manchester is putting on "Little Mermaid Jr. on March 22, 23 and 24. [development@saintbridget-school.com](mailto:development@saintbridget-school.com).

March for Mercy – St. Joseph's Church in Willimantic – March 24 from 10 am – 2 pm. Participants are asked to register in advance, the cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Registrations can be received by calling 860-848-2237 ext. 305 or email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)