



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018 5:00 PM
FOR OUR GRADE 2 STUDENTS WHO
RECEIVED FIRST EUCHARIST THIS MORNING

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 7:30 AM
+DONALD WAUDBY
R/B DAVID & MARIE MCFARLIN

10:30 AM
+ROSEMARY CONLAN
R/B LENORA AND JOHN RICE

6:00 PM
+RICHARD M. FAILLACE, JR.
R/B THE GIONET FAMILY

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR ALL WHO HAVE ABANDONED
THE PRACTICE OF THEIR FAITH

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR THOSE WHO NEED GOD'S MERCY

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR THE SICK AND THOSE NEAR DEATH

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 5:00 PM
+THERESA AND RALPH GROSPITCH
R/B HARRY AND JEANNE

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 7:30 AM
+EDWARD WYSOCKI, JR.
R/B LOVE MOM, DAD & FAMILY

10:30 AM
+JOSEPHINE & PETER DECARLI
R/B LENORA & JOHN RICE

6 PM MASS
+VIRGINIA DESANTIS
R/B THE CASTONGUAY FAMILY

PARISH SUPPORT

April 29 – REGULAR	\$4,417.00
ON LINE – REGULAR	\$ 395.00
SEMINARIANS – April 29	\$1,025.00

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”
 JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to “Love one another as I have loved you.” He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.



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, Donald Waudby, Jack Kettle and Thomas Fortier.

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, Wanda Allen, Kayla Avery, Calista Bailey, Ron Barbero, Laura Behrendt, Jody Behrendt, Jack Charbonneau, Georgina 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, Gordon Lohnes, Michael Marquis, Ann Marriott Sitek, Howard Matchett, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Beth Ann Phillips, Ann Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Doug Shorts, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children!

Today I am calling you to live your new life with Jesus. May the Risen One give you strength to always be strong in the trials of life and to be faithful and persevering in prayer; because Jesus saved you by His wounds and

by His Resurrection gave you new life. Pray, little children, and do not lose hope. May joy and peace be in your hearts and witness the joy that you are mine. I am with you and love you all with my motherly love.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

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 all students have received a summer packet; we hope you can find time this summer to review the material with your child. Go to Mass each weekend; pray with them every night or morning. In addition to prayers the packet also includes vocabulary words by grade level. We hope you can take some time over the summer, a half hour here or there, a review while on that long car ride etc. to engage your child in reviewing their religious education. Have a Blessed Summer and we look forward to seeing all our students back in September.

2017 – 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Class – Last Class May 6 – 9 -10:15 AM – Kindergarten, Grade 1-2-3-4-5.

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, May 6 . CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade in St. Luke room in the Parish Center.

Grade 7 – Service Hours

All Grade 7 students are required to do 10 hours of community service. Hours and reflection questions answered were due no later than April 30, 2018. If you have not turned your hours in, drop off to the faith Formation office today or call Nancy to discuss.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GRADE 2 FIRST RECONCILIATION/
FIRST COMMUNION UPCOMING
EVENTS

May 6 – Last Class for all Grade 2 students

May 6 – 10:30 Mass – May Crowning and Grade 2 Family Mass.

New Family & Kindergarten Registration

Welcome! Our Religious Education program starts in Kindergarten and goes through 9th grade. We welcome all current and new families with students in these grades to contact the office for registration information and so we can answer any questions you may have. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are received in Grade 2 and the Sacrament of Confirmation is received in Grade 9. You can reach Nancy or Kim in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or email stlukere@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you and your children!

FATHER TOM SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be offering six (6) "Father Tom Plathottam" scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Scholarship forms are now available on line as well as at the rectory. **Deadline for submission is this Monday, May 7, 2018 by 6:00 PM.**

ST. LUKE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

We will be having the 17th Annual St. Luke's Golf Tournament on Friday, June 1, 2018 at Rolling Meadows Country Club, Ellington. Orange brochures are at both entrances of the church. To sign up to play or to be a sponsor, please contact one of the committee members

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or mail your registration to the address in the brochure. If you don't have a foursome, we welcome you to sign up individually and we will pair you up with other golfers. Lunch and dinner are included.

Prizes are awarded in men's, women's and mixed division. If you're not a golfer and would like to get involved, you can join us for dinner after the golf, become a sponsor, or volunteer at the course on the day of the tournament. Please call Kitty at 860-872-0229 if you have questions about this fun event.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE WILL BE HELD AFTER ALL MASSES ON MAY 19 AND 20

Gardeners– Consider donating your extra plants to the plant sale. Containers are available next to the lawn/garden garage at the back of the parking lot. Plants may be dropped off any time after MAY 17 next to the "Plant Sale" sign in the back parking lot. **Please label** – plant sticks are available in the drop off area. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants for the church property. For questions call Penny Harrington 860-872-3537.

Youth Group Hygiene Kit Update

Special thanks to all of the parishioners whose generous donations to our annual hygiene kit collection this year. Just over 120 kits were created at our April Youth Group Night. The kits contained many items such as hand cloths, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush and paste, and a variety of smaller items. These kits will be donated to Cornerstone on behalf of St. Luke's Church.

USED EYE GLASSES

There is a box at both entrances to the church for the LION'S CLUB EYE CLASS COLLECTION.

HOLY DAY - THE ASCENSION

Thursday, May 10, is the Feast of the Ascension and a HOLYDAY of obligation. Masses are 8 AM and 7 PM.

Catholic Bereavement Support and Education Program

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ centered program is for you. The "Seasons of Hope" Catholic bereavement program by M. Donna MacLeod is used to explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities and faith sharing. Utilizing this program, and with the support of the faith community, we will journey together toward healing and spiritual growth.

The on-going, faith-based bereavement support group meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 in the Adoration Chapel of St. Andrew's Church, located at 128 Norwich Avenue in Colchester. All are welcome. Call Donna Reenstra, 860-537-3514 or Cheryl Laporte, 860-537-4463 for more information. The Wednesday morning bereavement group meets at 10:00 in the Adoration Chapel. For more information on the Wednesday group call Jeanette Girard at 860-334-9893.

CORNERSTONE NEEDS SOUP!

All soups, with the exception of tomato, are needed at the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen – 15 Prospect Street, Rockville - Please help feed The hungry.

Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser – Sunday, May 20, 2018 – Billy Wilson's Restaurant, 57 Broadway, Norwich – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries! Tickets are available – Suggested donation \$10. For tickets or information please contact Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext.235. TO BENEFIT THE BLUE MASS COMMITTEE TO DEFRAY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL MASS HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

NEW OWNERS ANNOUNCED FOR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR GIFT SHOP, 392 SOUTH MAIN STREET, COLCHESTER.

The prayers of Marie and Ed Fusco have been answered! Henry, Shane and Suzanne Bombria will be the future owners of Merciful Saviour Gift Shop, Marie and Ed Fusco will continue to run the shop until May 31. The Bombrias, parishioners of St. Columba Parish in Columbia, will spend the summer renovating and restocking the store.

ENDERS ISLAND – 1 ENDERS ISLAND, MYSTIC, CT – IS OFFERING A SUICIDE PREVENTION SEMINAR WITH DR. ROBERT HARRISON ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2018 AT 6:30 PM. NO COST – PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT 860-536-0565.

ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL, 74 MAIN STREET, MANCHESTER, CT offers students a safe, disciplined and well-rounded environment steeped in Catholic tradition with academic excellence. Pre-school through 8th grade students are challenged academically and physically through a wide variety of sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. They offer art, music, gym, computer and library/reading time. Come for a tour. "Drop in Mondays Open Houses during the school year from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. www.saintbridget-school.com.