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| Regular Collection Sept. 16 | 6,420.38 |
| On Line | \$ 315 |
| National Comb. Collection | \$ 680 |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 5:00 PM
+JULIE RACZKOWSKI – 6 YR. ANNIVERSARY
R/B PAUL AND MARILYN GILBERT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 7:30 AM
+VICTOR COHUN
R/B MARILYN & PAUL GILBERT

10:30 AM
+FAITH & WILBUR LEGGE
R/B THE ROY FAMILY

6:00 PM
+AMY WINSTON – 4TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B KAREN & RAY LUCIANO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 8:00 AM
+VICTOR COHUN
R/B THE DECARLI FAMILY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 5:00 PM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 7:30 AM
+VICTOR COHUN
R/B GLORIA & WILLIAM GREIDER, JR.

10:30 AM
FOR ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

6:00 PM
FOR ALL PRIESTS

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM AND THE
SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 – 8:00 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, Marie Williamson, John Arsenault, Judy Koehler, Mary Kellner, Msgr. Robert L. Brown, Donald Waudby, Jack Kettle, Thomas Fortier, Gordon Lohnes, Amparo Gomba and Victor Cohun.

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, William Cairns, Tina Chamberlin, Jack Charbonneau, Georgina Chartier, Josh De Los Santos, Jeanne Ferruolo, Priscilla Flynn, Charles Frenette, Daphne Gagnon, Deacon Rod Gayner, Margaret Griffin, Ronald Guay, Luisa Guidi, 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,

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Loren Schuiten, Jim Smith, Peter Stuermer, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children! This is a time of grace. Little children, pray more, speak less and permit God to lead you on the way of conversion. I am with you and love you with my motherly love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

FAITH FORMATION

Mrs. Rudek (DRE Grades 4-9) and Mrs. Bocchino (CRE Grades K-3) can be reached at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com. The office is open Sunday 8-10:30 am, Monday 12-4 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 12-8 pm and Thursday 10-4 pm and by appointment. Hours are subject to change so please call ahead.

Religious Education 2018-2019

Welcome to our Faith Formation Families! We are looking forward to a great year in religious education. Call or email the office if you have any questions or concerns during the year. If you still need to register go to our website <http://www.churchofstlukect.com/>. Then call or email and let us know.

2018 – 2019 Class Schedule

Sunday Class 9-10:15 am – September 23 and 30 – Grades K-5

Tuesday Class 4:15-5:30 – September 25 & October 2 – Grades 4-5

Tuesday Class 6:45 – 8 pm – September 25 & October 2 – Grades 6-9

Wednesday Class 6:45-8 pm – September 26 & October 3 – Grades 6-9

Grade 2 – Important Dates

Sunday, September 30 – during class time – Parent/Student Class – at least one parent MUST attend.

Sunday, November 11 – during class time – Parent/Student Class – at least one parent MUST attend.

Sunday, December 2 – Grade 2 Family Mass after class at the 10:30 Mass.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grade 9 – Important Dates

September 23 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm

October 28 – Grade 9 Commitment Family Mass – 6 pm Mass for students and their families; arrive no later than 5:50 pm to the Church. Please sign in.

October 28 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm

November 10 – 9 am – 12 Noon – Parent and Student Confirmation Retreat

November 18 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

December 4 & 5 – Confirmation Packet #2 due in class

December 16 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

Grade 8 – Important Dates

September 23 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm

September 25 and 26 – Parent meeting at 6:45

October 28 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

November 10 – 9am – 12noon – Parent and Student Confirmation Retreat

November 18 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – During the 10:30 Mass

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday September 23 & 30. CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5th Grade in St. Luke’s room in the Parish Center.

ST. LUKE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at St. Luke on Saturday, October 13 at 1 PM in front of his statue with a special

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blessing of your family pet(s). Sign-up sheets will become available at both entrances on the weekend of September 1st/2nd through the weekend of October 6/7. Sign-up sheets will include your name, your pet’s name, and the type of animal you will be bringing.

We ask that your pet(s) be on a leash, crated, or otherwise under control. We are looking forward to seeing you and your pet(s) at this special event. Let’s have a great turnout! This event will be held rain or shine! In case of inclement weather, our event will be held in the church basement.

If you have any questions, please call either Marilyn Gilbert at 860-871-2923 or Dottie Curtiss at 860-875-8574.

ROSARY, REFLECTION & REFRESHMENTS – Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 pm – St. Bernard Church, Rockville.

Join us as we pray the Rosary together for all our families, our nation, and our Church. This

beautiful and powerful prayer service will include lovely music and slides. In praying the Rosary we unite with our blessed Mother to love and honor her beloved Son, Our Lord.

28th Annual Red Mass – Sunday, October 7 at 10:30 am – St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich, for judges, lawyers, paralegals, law students – all involved in administration of justice, public officials, civic leaders and all interested persons are all invited. Bishop Cote will also host the Breakfast Reception at his Residence – Reservation are required.

26th Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel - Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 pm

Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick on Saturday, October 13 at 5 PM. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faith gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession to the Cathedral of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 pm. The Homilist will be Deacon Scott Brown, Deacon Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Cranston, RI. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, ext. 265.

All women of the Diocese of Norwich are cordially invited to attend the 63rd Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic

Women Convention on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT beginning at 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the main celebrant of the noon Mass. The guest speaker will be Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich. To register please send your name, address, church, city, email and phone number to: Judy Pappagallo, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Cost is \$25 per person, includes lunch & materials, choose Chicken or Vegetarian. Make check payable to Norwich Diocesan CCW. Deadline for registrations, September 25, 2018.

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women membership drive begins the weekend of September 28-29 and runs through the month of October. NDCCW invites all women in the diocese to become members of this organization. The Annual dues are \$5.00 per year. Please join by dropping your membership envelope into any offertory basket. Make check payable to NDCCW and put your name and address in the envelope.

The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions.

Bereavement Support Group

Living through grief is not easy but it does not have to be done alone. The St. Bernard/St. Matthew Community will offer a 9-week support program called "New Day" for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The goal of this program is to provide a sense of community where support is given and received.

The "New Day" program is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion and journaling. Although "New Day" is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome.

We will begin this program on October 2, 2018 and it will run until the first week in December. Group meetings will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10:15 – 11:45 am. The groups will be meeting in the Chapel at St. Matthew Church in Tolland. In order to accommodate individual needs, the group size for this program is limited to 9 persons. For further information or to register for the program, please call DEACON RON FREEDMAN – 860-478-4539.

Thank You Letter from St. Bernard Cemetery Committee

During the month of May the St. Bernard Cemetery Committee conducted a survey of the four Catholic parishes in Vernon, Tolland and Ellington (St. Bernard, St. Joseph, St. Luke, and St. Matthew) for the purpose of gathering information to assist us in determining a long term plan to upgrade the St. Bernard cemetery property, extend the useful life of the property and to assure its sound fiscal operation. Surveys were distributed among the four parishes and 20% of those surveys were completed and returned to the Cemetery Committee. Thank you to Father George for allowing us the opportunity to speak with you, and to the parishioners who took the time to respond and share your thoughts with us. Should you be interested, the results of the survey can be found online at saintbernardchurch.org (Our Parish/St. Bernard Cemetery).

St. Bernard Cemetery Committee