

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018 4:00 PM

+JUDY REED

R/B JEANNE AND HARRY GROSPITCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018 7:30 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

10:30 AM

FOR ALL CHILDREN

6:00 PM

**HEALING MASS FOR DORIS POIRIER AND
PAMELA SCHAFF R/B CLIFFORD DALEY**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 – HOLY DAY –
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

8:00 AM

+EDWARD WYSOCKI, JR.

R/B LOVE MOM, DAD & FAMILY

7:00PM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019 8:00 AM

+MARGARET COONEY

R/B PEG AND JIM O'NEILL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019 8:00 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019 4:00 PM

+PAUL RICHARD R/B PAUL & ANITA VINCENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 7:30 AM

+CHRISTINE BOSCARINO

R/B TOM AND DOTTIE CURTISS

10:30 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00 PM

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PARISH SUPPORT

DUE TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE NEXT TWO BULLETIN, THE PARISH SUPPORT AMOUNTS WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN OF JANUARY 13TH.

STEEPLE RENOVATION COLLECTION

EXPECTED EXPENSES \$75,000.00

RECEIVED TO DATE \$42,268.63

(AS OF DECEMBER 16)

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“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

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Please pray for those who have gone to their Heavenly Father!

Angela Albee, Eileen Medeiros and Susan Spellacy.



**EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 – 9:30 AM AND THE
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 –
8:00 pm**

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, Joel Rivera, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Jim Smith, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Joseph Teixeira, Eugene Veillette, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber and Jean Wood.

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Our Lady's Latest Message

Dear Children! This is a time of grace and prayer, a time of waiting and giving. God is giving Himself to you that we may love Him above everything. Therefore, little children, open your hearts and families, so that this waiting may become prayer and love and, especially, giving. I am with you, little children, and encourage you not to give up from what is good, because the fruits are seen and heard of afar. That is why the enemy is angry and uses everything to lead you away from prayer. 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

Please call, email or stop into the office if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your support! New families, please call the office to enroll your children at 860-875-4951. You may register online on our website <http://www.churchofstlukect.com>

2018 – 2019 Class Schedule

**No Religious Education Classes
December 30 January 1 and 2.
Classes resume January 6, 8 and 9,
2019.**

Sunday Class 9-10:15 am -- Class January 6, 13 and 27 - Grades K-5.

Tuesday Class 4:15-5:30 –January 8, 15, 22, 29 - Grades 4-5.

Tuesday Class 6:45 – 8 pm – January 8, 15, 22 and 29th - Grades 6-9.

Wednesday Class 6:45-8 pm Classes January 9, 16, 23 and 30th –Grades 6-9.

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Student Evaluations

Parents: Student evaluations for all students Grades 1-8 have been mailed. Please read and review with your student. Let Nancy or Kim know if you have any questions or concerns. We cannot stress enough the importance of a daily prayer routine and attending Mass each week with your children. Please remember as your children's first teachers of Faith we are here to help and support you. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns etc.

Grade 9 – Important Dates

January 27 and February 24 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

January 7-17 – Confirmation Interviews – must be scheduled in advance.

January 19 – MANDATORY Student Confirmation Retreat – 9-1

January 27 – Confirmation Candle Mass – 10:30 Mass – for candidates, sponsors and families.

Grade 8 – Important Dates

January 27, February 24, March 24 and April 14 – Youth Group Night following the 6 pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

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

There will be no CLW on Sunday December 30. CLW will resume Sunday, January 6, 2019.

**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT –
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 –
“PERSEVERANCE, LOYALTY**

DIOCESAN NEWS

Patriotic Rosary – As we begin the new year, we pray that our elected officials will serve this country ethically and with wisdom. We place our country in God's hands as we pray the Patriotic Rosary. Please join us on Thursday evening, January 3, at 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's Church, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester for an evening of prayer and song.

Monthly Diocesan **Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday,

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January 7 at 8:30 AM. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

RETROUVAILLE

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is

presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the January 18-20 weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org.

CT RTL March For Life Buses

January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right – their right to life. On Friday, January 18, 2019, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 9 PM, buses sponsored by the Connecticut Right to Life Eastern Chapter will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March For Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Bus fare is \$67 per person. If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362. Thank you.