

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019 5:00 PM

+CHRISTIAN HANLON  
R/B ST. LUKE'S ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 7:30 AM

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

10:30AM

+ANTHONY & VIRGINIA BUFFA  
R/B THEIR DAUGHTER TERRI COCUZZO

6:00 PM

FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 8:00 AM

+DAPHNE GAGNON  
R/B NOREEN SMEDY

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 8:00 AM

HEALING MASS FOR MATTHEW CAIRNS  
R/B HIS AUNT JANE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 8:00 AM

IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY  
R/B A FRIEND

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019 8:00 AM

+HENRY THOMAS  
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
R/B JANE, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 8:00 AM

+PAUL MORRIS AND FOR THE HOLY SOULS  
IN PURGATORY R/B NATASHA HAGEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 5:00 PM

+LORRAINE & KENNETH GAYTON & GENE  
PITNEY R/B THE GAYTON FAMILY

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 7:30 AM

+HELEN DECARLI  
R/B THE FAMILY

10:30 AM

+JOSEPH & THERESA D'ADDARIO  
R/B JOHN & LENORA RICE

6:00 PM

+JACK KETTLE  
R/B THE FAMILY

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

REGULAR COLLECTION 3-24	\$4,010
ON LINE GIVING 3-24	\$ 310

**STEEPLE RENOVATION COLLECTION**

EXPECTED EXPENSES	\$75,000.00
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$52,503.63

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"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.



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

Angela Albee, Eileen Medeiros, Susan Spellacy, Matthew Smith, Priscilla Flynn, Christian Hanlon, Michaline Dymon, Daphne Gagnon and Ernest Chouinard.



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

#### **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, Jody Behrendt, Laura Behrendt, Rebecca Berak, Matthew Cairns, Tina Chamberlin, Jack Charbonneau, Georgina Chartier, Josh De Los Santos, Jeanne Ferruolo, Charles Frenette, 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.

#### **Our Lady's Latest Message**

Dear Children! Today, I am calling you to a new life. It is not important how old you are, open your heart to Jesus who will transform you in this time of grace and, like nature, you will be born into a new life in God's love, and you will open your heart to Heaven and the things of Heaven. I am still with you, because God permitted me out of love for you. 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](mailto: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**

Sunday Class 9-10:15 am -- Class March 31, April 14, 28 and May 5.- No Classes April 7 and 21 - Grades K-5.

Tuesday Class 4:15-5:30 – April 2, 16, 23 and 30 - No class on April 9 - Grades 4-5.

Tuesday Class 6:45 – 8 pm – April 2, 16, 23 and 30 - **Last Class for Grade 9 is April 2**

No Class for Grades 6-7-8 on April 9.

Wednesday Class 6:45-8 pm Classes April 3, 17, 24 and May 1 –Grades 6-9.

**Last Class for Grade 9 is April 3.**

Grades 6,7,8 No Class on April 10.

#### **Grade 2 – Important Dates**

Sunday – April 14 and 28 – in class rehearsal for all Grade 2 students.

Wednesday, May 1 – 6:15 pm in the Church – MANDATORY First Eucharist Rehearsal for all 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students.

Sunday, May 5 – First Eucharist and May Crowning of Mary at the 10:30 Mass.

#### **Grade 9 – Important Dates**

March 31 – 1 PM Confirmation Mass – all candidates and sponsors arrive by 12:30 pm.

**April 2 and 3 – Last Confirmation Class for both the student and parent.**

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**Grade 8 – Important Dates**

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**

Join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, March 31, April 14 and 28. CLW will be held during Mass for children ages 4 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in St. Luke’s room in the Parish Center.

**RETIREMENT OF NANCY RUDEK**

Nancy Rudek will be retiring at the end of June. Join me in Thanking Nancy for her years of service to St. Luke Parish and especially our children. Nancy will be missed and we wish her all the best in retirement. When you see her Congratulate and Thank her for her years of service. Upon Nancy’s retirement Kim Bocchino will be Coordinator of Religious Education Grades K-9.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7 PM. PLEASE JOIN US AND ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN EXPERIENCE.**

**SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT – EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT!**  
Come join us for Soup and Sandwich this coming Friday from 5-7 in the church hall. April 5 Menu is Taco Soup/White Bean with Kale. Mexican Wrap. Price Soup & Sandwich \$6.00; Soup Only \$2.50; Sandwich only \$3.50; 1 Qrt Soup to go \$5.00.

**ACA Video/Commitment Weekend**

**Comfort! Support! Strength! Encouragement!** Each of us has the ability to be there for someone. Whether they are in need of spiritual,

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emotional, educational or financial assistance, we can extend our hand to another to make a difference. The goal of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), “**Hand in Hand with All God’s Children.**” Is to provide funds to our Diocesan ministries so they may extend their hands to all our brothers and sisters and enrich their lives by providing food, counseling, spiritual renewal, sacramental preparation, faith events, and seminarian education....to name only a few of the ways our ministries positively impact us all. Your contributions to the ACA allow our ministries to be the hands of Christ. **TODAY**, as you make your commitment to the 2019 ACA, please give generously and join hand in hand with others from our Catholic community to make a difference in the lives of those in need of guidance, love and support. You may also visit [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) to learn more about the ACA and make your pledge.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE!**

**Attention Bakers! The Palm Sunday Bake Sale will take place the weekend of April 13/14. All types of baked goods are needed. Favorites include cakes, breads, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, pies and fudge. Please bake your favorite to contribute! Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, April 13 starting at 2:00 and Sunday prior to the 10:30 Mass.**

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## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

We will be having the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Luke's Golf Tournament on Friday, June 7, 2019 at Rolling Meadows Country Club, in Ellington. Blue 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 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 divisions. 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 Walker at 860-872-0229 if you have any questions about this fun event.

### **REQUESTING MASSES**

**If you would like to request Masses to be said, please email [stluke\\_ellington@comcast.net](mailto:stluke_ellington@comcast.net) with the information. You can also put the request with all the information in the Offertory Basket. By doing this it will eliminate any errors. Thank you for your cooperation. Jane**

**Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 AM. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

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Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**Diocesan Women's Conference** will be on April 6 at Mercy High School in Middletown from 8am to 3 pm to help us shine "LIGHT IN A DARKENED WORLD." Our uplifting day offers enrichment workshops, mass with Bishop Cote, basket raffle, vendors, and much more. Lunch is included in the \$40 registration fee. Go to [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) to register now.

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual WHITE MASS for Healthcare Workers and Caregivers of all Faiths** will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Auditorium featuring Frank Maletz, M.D. who will deliver the David P. Laufer, M.D. and Joan M. Laufer, B.S.N. Lecture. A donation of \$25 per person is requested. To make a reservation, or to reserve a table, call 860-887-9294, ext.100.

**St. Edward Ladies Guild Polish Dinner Night** – Saturday, April 13, 2019 , 5:30 pm – St. Edward Hall 27 Church Street, Stafford Springs, CT – donation \$14 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, April 8. Call Pat at 860-306-9419 or the parish office at 860-684-2705. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**