

saint luke catholic church

westport ct

23 april 2017



Who we are and what we strive for...

In the spirit of our Patron, Saint Luke,
our Parish Mission is:

- ✘ To be a welcoming and hospitable community to all;
- ✘ To enrich the hearts, minds and lives of those who seek to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition;
- ✘ To be faithful in prayer, in spiritual renewal, in stewardship and in compassionate outreach.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT
WWW.STLUKEWESTPORT.COM

Religious Formation Office

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– Ministry to Sick, Elderly and Shut-ins

Pastoral Counseling Services

Dr. Brian J. Kelly, Ph.D. PHONE: 203-373-9753

◇ Individual, Family and Marriage

◇ Certified in Neuro-Feedback Therapy

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am (Choir), 5:30 pm (Youth Singers)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

WEEKDAY MASS: 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday 8:00 am (plus 12:15 pm, Tu & Th in Lent)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4:30 to 5:15 pm, or by appointment

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Please call the Rectory Office; see our website for more information

Dear Saint Luke Parish Family...



PARISH NEWS
DO WE HAVE YOUR
E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Please let us know
at stluke@optonline.net

As we conclude the octave of Easter – the eight days which the Church celebrates with the same joy and solemnity as Easter Sunday itself – I want to make sure that we express our gratitude to some special people who have shared their talents to make our Easter celebrations so wonderful. Since I always manage to omit more than a few deserving names, let's acknowledge these wonderful folks according to their ministries:

Flower and Decoration Committee

Ushers and Greeters

Altar Servers – Lectors – Eucharistic Ministers

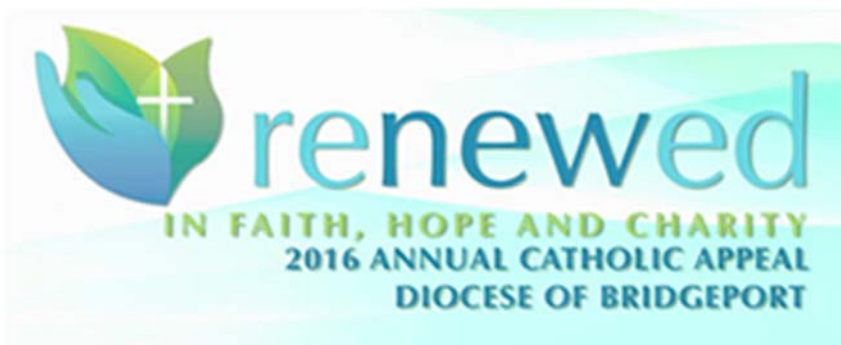
Musicians and Choir Members

Participants in the Living Stations of the Cross

Saint Luke Parish Staff

Thank you each and all for being so dedicated to serving the people of our parish in our prayer together!! And thank you as well to each and every one of you who came to pray with us and participated in the liturgies of these most holy days.

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL | 2017



If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that your means will permit. Be assured that the Lord knows what is in your heart and how you share your gifts. While it is understood that we cannot all give equally, we are still called by the Gospel to give of ourselves in a way that reflects our blessings. Your gift whether large or small matters greatly to the diocese, our parish and to the Lord! Scripture tells us, 'There is more happiness in giving than receiving.'

Thus far, Saint Luke, Westport is credited with 169 gifts worth \$112,217 from 141 donors bringing the parish to 49.87% of its \$225,000 goal. **Please do your fair share for the work of the Church in our Diocese!**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Attanasio, Howard Barnaby, Ceil Berry, Deacon Tim Bolton, Rita Broderick, Joe Campagno, Frank Caruso, Robin Caruso, Monica Cherry, Hans Dannegger, The Davis Family, Marcy Dearth, Edward Flynn, Dorothy Francis, Christie Griffin, Neil Harding, Bernie Izzo, Todd Keenan, Matthew Kokoszka, Lisa LaJiness, Walter Lohotsky, Sr., Jean & Bob Lyon, Shirley Massa, Domenic Mariani, Priscilla Mullen, Nancy Nuzzo, Tess Perry, Joy Peshkin, John Petti, Benjamin Pisick, Larry Price, Joann Rogers, Lynn Santaniello, Paul Schiavone, Grace Sheppard, Bill Slemmer, Sam Smith, Evelyn Sweetnam, Margie Tetreault, Kate Upton

ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

RUTH LIST

Mother of Heidi List Murphy

WILLIAM MCGORRY

Husband of Martha McGorry

New to the area?
Just moved in?

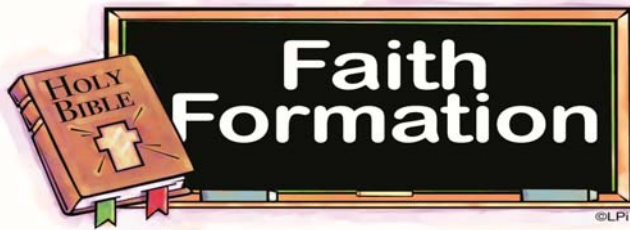


Get life in your new home off to a good start! The priests of the parish would be happy to visit and bless your home and family.

Just call the parish office (227-7245) to arrange a convenient time.

FAMILY HOSPITALITY NOTES

- ✘ A television monitor is available in the hallway for families whose child might be having a restless day that would disturb other worshippers.
- ✘ A **baby-changing table** is located in the handicapped lavatory.



Collection of Rice Bowls – We will continue collecting Rice Bowls this week. Please drop off donations at Religious Formation Office

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified.

Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Sunday Connection-Loyola Press
To learn more go to www.findinggod.com

Upcoming:

- Grade K-8** Last Class of Session
Sunday 4/30, Monday 5/1
Family Mass hosted by Grade 2 & Crowning of Mary
Sunday, May 7th – 9:00 am
- Grade 2** First Eucharist Rehearsal
Monday, April 24th & May 1st
All students – 4:00 pm meet in Church
- First Eucharist
Saturday, May 6th – 10:00 am
- Grade 8** Confirmation Music Rehearsal
Sunday, May 7th
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Meet in Saint Cecilia Room
- Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors
Thursday, May 11th
6:00 pm – meet in Church
- Confirmation
Saturday, May 13th – 5:30 pm
Candidates and sponsors meet in
Community Room – 4:30 pm

Malta House Gala

Come Celebrate! You are invited to celebrate life and to honor The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano at the Malta House Gala Saturday April 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Woodway Country Club, Darien CT. Tickets and information at www.maltahouse.org.

LAURALTON HALL

Lauralton Hall will be offering an Entrance Exam for 7th grade girls on Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 am. Pre-register for the exam online at www.lauraltonhall.org. Any questions, please call our Admissions Office at (203) 877-2786 ext. 144.

Prayer, Study & Special Opportunities

Watch the Bulletin (also available at www.stlukewestport.com) or call for more information on these special offerings:

Fridays Mums' Morning Prayer Time
(Jennifer: 646-918-0281)

Saturdays Men's Coffee Hour and Reflection,
8:30 am (Chris: 203-341-8820)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We have distributed shawls and lap robes to parishioners, family, friends, hospitals and rehab facilities. If you know someone in need please contact the parish office: **203-227-7245.**



We welcome newcomers.
Please join us on April 24.

FIRST FRIDAY LECTURE

The final lecture of the First Friday Lecture series will take place on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 pm in the Community Room. The speaker will be Dr. Fredrick Simmons, the J. Houston Witherspoon Fellow in Theology and the Natural Sciences at the Center for Theological Inquiries in Princeton, New Jersey. His topic will be "Navigating Moral Landmines."

Dr Simmons received a B.A. from Carlton College. A M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University. His scholarship examines the moral implication of Christian Theological commitments and the relationships between ethics, aesthetics and the life sciences.

The lecture will be preceded by a wine and cheese reception at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

Congratulations to Missey Moe-Cook who has recently been certified as a trainer for the "Protecting God's Children" program in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Missey will now work with us at Saint Luke to make sure that all our adult volunteers are properly trained and updated in all matters relating to maintaining a "Safe Environment" in our parish. Please see the Diocesan News column on page 6

PARISH SOUP PANTRY NEEDS

Even though our Lenten season may be "officially" concluded, please continue to remember the needs of the hungry poor. Even though the winter months may be over, the needs of the hungry poor do not end with the warmer seasons; if anything, **the RESPONSE to their needs DECREASES at this time of year.**



Most-needed items include...

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| CEREAL | PASTA SAUCE |
| TUNA | CANNED SALMON |
| FAVA BEANS | PARMALAT MILK |
| LOW SODIUM SOUPS | |

Please watch the expiration dates on items. Board of Health regulations forbid the use of expired items.

Mosaic

Mosaic-Spirituality for Women—Thursdays at 10:00 am. Join in a program of viewing and studying key concepts in Scripture as presented by Dr. Amy Jill-Levin, PhD "Divinity through the GreatCourses" program.



The 2018 Mass Book Has Arrived!

The 2018 Mass Book is now available. Please stop by at the Parish Office and book your Masses for 2018. Please remember that you can book only **one weekend** Mass per month, so that we accommodate as many families as possible who would like to request a Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. Thanks for your understanding.



2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass

On Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 pm at Saint Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the 2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries. This will be the only Wedding Jubilee Mass for 2017. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

To register to attend, please contact the parish office, 203-227-7245 or visit: <http://x.co/diobpt>. Please RSVP before April 24th. For questions please contact Kim Quatela at 203-416-1334 or kquatela@diobpt.org.



YOUTH GROUP



Some faces from Stations



Thank you to all the teens and alumni members for making Stations of the Cross so special. What a wonderful Good Friday we had together!

Weekly Calendar April 23- April 30

Sunday, April 23.....Second Sunday of Easter
 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Church
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Church
 2:30 pm Youth Retreat Community Room

Monday April 24.....
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry.....Robertson Room

Tuesday April 25
 10:30am Faith Forum..... Saint Cecelia Room
 7:00 pm Mendelssohn Choir Church

Wednesday April 26
 9:00 am Community Bible Study Church & Parish Center
 7:00 pm Family Matters.....Robertson Room

Thursday April 27
 10:00 am Mosaics Community Room
 8:00 PM Adult Choir Church

Sunday, April 30.....Third Sunday of Easter
 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Church
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Church



LOOKING AHEAD

*A l-o-n-g view of what's coming up at Saint Luke Parish...
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! JOIN US!!*

- May 6 First Eucharist**
- May 13 Confirmation**
- May 14 Mothers' Day*
- May 29 Memorial Day*

Parish Budget Report

WEEKLY NEEDS\$ 15,821

A crazy-busy week! We'll have complete numbers for you next week along with a previous year comparison.

Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your will.

SAFE, SECURE, AUTOMATIC

Please consider making your offerings by credit card...

We do all the work;

You get the mileage-points and the convenience.

Please call Judy in the parish office for more information: 203-227-7245



Saturday, April 22

5:30 pm Tommy Sarno

Sunday, April 23 Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 am For All our Parishioners
 9:00 am Noel Reitman
 11:00 am Daniel Alvarez
 5:30 pm Thomas & Agnes Gibbons

Monday, April 24

8:00 am Ivo Juresko

Tuesday, April 25 Saint Mark

8:00 am Anne Marie Fanning

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 am Mildred Bisacca

Thursday, April 27

8:00 am All Souls

Friday, April 28

8:00 am Al Dally

Saturday, April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena

8:00 am William Hussey
 5:30 pm James Armstrong

Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Alfred Dally, Jr.
 9:00 am For All our Parishioners
 11:00 am Margaret Kalweit
 5:30 pm Valerie Stetson Adrian

Readings for April 23-30

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
 1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/
 1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

*News from around
 the Diocese*



**Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions
 at Saint Luke**

Missey Moe-Cook will be facilitating two VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) training sessions at our Saint Luke Community Room in the coming months.

- ✦ **Wednesday April 26, 2017** – 6:00-8:30 pm
- ✦ **Wednesday September 20, 2017** – 6:00-8:30 pm

All volunteers serving in the Diocese of Bridgeport who have not yet been trained are required to attend a VIRTUS training program and clear a criminal background check. These safeguards are required for all volunteers, even those who DO NOT have scheduled contact with children. It is everyone's responsibility to help keep the children and our parish safe. Included in these requirements are the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers, members of the Choir, Religious Education Teachers, or even a volunteer at a Parish Event. You are all important to us and you are important to the safety of the children in our parish.

All volunteers need to attend so that we together can "Protect God's Children." Materials will be provided.

Please, if you have not yet attended a VIRTUS course; sign up by visiting www.Virtusonline.com to pre-register. Select FIRST TIME REGISTRANT, BEGIN REGISTRATION and be sure to select BRIDGEPORT DIOCESE as your organization. Attendance is limited to 20 attendees per session at Saint Luke's so be sure to sign up early. Should you have any questions about the VIRTUS training, please reach out to Missey directly at 203-984-1061, or via email at mmm423@optonline.net.

Thank you for your willingness to help us Protect God's Children!

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA



Fr Reggie Norman of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Wilton will be taking a group to Portugal October 9-15 for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to the three children at Fatima.

For further information please contact Fr. Reggie at 203-762-3928 or ourlady229@gmail.com

All are also invited to a Fatima Festival at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Wilton, CT on May 12 and 13. Please call them for further information, 203-762-3928.