

saint luke catholic church westport ct

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.



PRAY FOR PEACE

9-11
2001

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2017

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WWW.STLUKEWESTPORT.COM

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SAINT LUKE RECTORY

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Mr. Joseph Nixon

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SAINT LUKE PARISH CENTER

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Mrs. Jacqueline Frusciante – Coordinator

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Mr. Leon Bernard – Minister of Music

Daniel M. Coffman, Ph.D. – Adult Choir Director

Mrs. Marguerite Hastings – Assistant Organist

Outreach Ministries

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– Coordinator of Pastoral Outreach Activities

Deacon Lance C. Fredricks PHONE: 203-227-7245

– 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...



From Father's Desk



PARISH NEWS
DO WE HAVE YOUR
E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Please let us know
at stluke@optonline.net

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Howard Barnaby, Phyllis Bauer, Lauren Byrne, Chris Clogher, Dr. Edward Gorny, Paige Hammer, Matthew Kokoszka, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Fr. Guido Montanaro, Fr. Marty Nikodem, Paul Schiavone, Gloria Sperlongano, Antoinette and Mary Sposito, Evelyn Sweetnam, Margie Tetreault, Liam Torrio

**ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

MARTIN BASTICK
Son of Margie Mannion

THOMAS (TODD) KEENAN
Husband of Sheila Keenan



FIRST BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SEAN McMONAGLE
&
MICHELLE WALSH

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.



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

This second Sunday of September is our annual **“WELCOME BACK WEEKEND”** as we begin our new parish year.

A special welcome to all our **Religious Formation Students and families, catechists and aides**, as well as our **Adult Choir**.

The highlight of the weekend: **Our PARISH PICNIC**: Great food, ice cream truck, inflatables, photo booth, “Churchill” water/foam slide and lawn games. **New this year: TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

Our Youth Group will once again present the **ALS Ice Bucket Challenge** in honor of our parishioner **Paul Lahiff**

**EARLY NOTICE for the 2017
PRIESTS’ CONVOCATION**

Once every three years, the priests of our diocese are required to attend a three day time of prayer, reflection, and community-building. We’ll be away October 16-18. **There will be NO Masses on those days, nor at 5:30 pm on Sunday the 15th.**

The Diocese charges each parish **\$1,600 per priest** to cover room, meals, hotel gratuities, literature and printing, speakers’ travel and fees. This charge also includes a proportional share to make it possible for our retired priests to attend.

The Diocese invites any parishioners who would be so inclined to make a “scholarship” contribution **directly to the parish** in gratitude for the ministry of their priests.

Watch for more details....

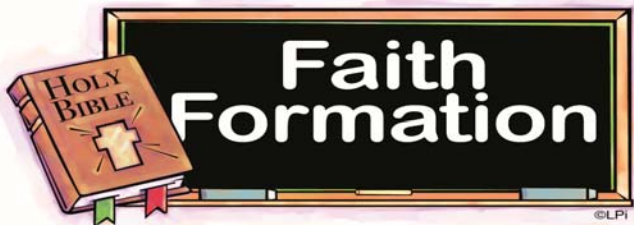
ATTENTION SINGERS!!!

Our adult choir has begun its fall season with our first service this weekend at the 11:00 am Mass. We are always eager for new members to join us. We sing a wide variety of pieces in a number of genres. The ability to read music is not at all required, but is helpful.



We invite anyone interested to come to our first rehearsal. Please come and see how we serve and praise the Lord, and also have a lot of fun in the process. We meet Thursdays at 8:00 pm in the sanctuary and sing until 9:30 pm, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am and usually sing for the 11 :00 am Mass. We also sing the very popular Christmas Concert. No audition is required.

If you love to sing, we sincerely want you to join us. Please contact Leon Bernard, our Organist and Minister of Music or Daniel Coffman, our Choir Director, both at 203-227-7245, to say that you are looking forward to singing with us.



Sunday, September 10, 2017

Today we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**. The Church will focus on the theme "Living as Missionary Disciples." This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It's also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Together let us pray for all those who have volunteered to share their faith and bring the light of Christ into our community:

Catechists

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| Jill Dillon | Austin Murray |
| Theresa Green | Jordan Razza |
| Linda Hopper | Kat Rodrigo |
| Jennifer Horkovich | Paul Rossi |
| Bob Horkovich | Mark Sargent |
| Jack Lauter | William Spencer |
| Christian Mannino | Patricia Valencia |
| Stephanie Mergenthaler | |

Aides/Subs

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| Carolyn Doan | Ellie Spangler |
| Ashley Ehrlich Minervini | Tracey Vizzo |
| Jessica Purcell | Emma Wong |
| Colette Rabacs | |

Children's Liturgy



of the Word

At the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses we encourage young children to go out for their own Liturgy of the Word. During this time they hear the readings and have a homily on their own level. Parents are encouraged to go along with their child if the child does not want to go alone. You do not have to be parishioners; this liturgy is open to all. Also if you are interested in sharing in this ministry, please contact Judy at the Parish Office, 203-227-7245.

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Flu shots will be given on Sunday, October 1st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Robertson Room. Those receiving the vaccine are advised to wear short sleeves or clothes with loose fitting sleeves.

You must be 18 years or older to receive the vaccine.

Insurance accepted by VNS with no charge to the insured are: Medicare, Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Connecticare, Harvard Pilgrim, and Healthy CT. Insurance cards will be required at the time the vaccine is given. VNS will bill your insurance as we have in the past.

For those with insurance other than the above, payment will be required at the time of the vaccination and we will in turn provide you with a receipt to submit directly to your carrier to allow for reimbursement.

Please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway. We will be able to accommodate some walk-ins. For more information call Diana Schluter at 203-255-6002.

There are 2 different doses available, \$40 for the quadrivalent or \$67 for the high dose that is recommended for those who are 65 years and older; both are covered by the above-listed insurance.



Our next session for parents who are preparing for the Baptism of their child will be TODAY, **Sunday, September 10** at 1:15 pm in the Robertson Room.



**Baubles
Bangles
& Beads**

...are the items we seek for our

Shabby Chic Boutique

Part of our Harvest Fair
November 11-12

Our boutique is an upscale shop selling jewelry and fashionable accessories. Our inventory consists of stylish pre-owned merchandise.

The Boutique accepts Jewelry, Scarves, Perfumes, Candles, Purses, Sets of Crystal Stem Ware & Unused Gifts.

Items may be dropped off in front of the Classroom 12 door. Call Judy Wanat (203-259-4673) for information.

Proceeds from this event go to various charities.

AUTUMN ADULT FORMATION

FAITH FORUM

The 24th year of Faith Forum will begin on September 12 at 10:30 am.

This year we will read and discuss a book by Michael Casey. He is an author and Benedictine monk from Australia who writes on the wisdom of the Rule of Saint Benedict for today’s world. Faith Forum has read two of his books in the past and they were chosen as being among the most influential of the almost 100 books read since Faith Forum began.

Faith Forum has always fostered lively discussion on current issues of faith along with discussion of the books being read.

Come join us and bring a friend as we learn together in a friendly and fun environment.

The New Testament Study Group

Beginning on September 15, and meeting on the subsequent first and third Fridays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, this group will use *The Writings of the New Testament* by Luke Timothy Johnson to study the New Testament in-depth at a leisurely pace that will allow each participant to deepen their understanding of our faith.

All are welcome!

Family Matters

This group will meet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month beginning September 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

It will familiarize participants with the life work of Murray Bowen, MD, who developed the most comprehensive theory of Family Functioning that exists. Deacon Kelly studied under Dr. Bowen and has published articles and book chapters on Natural Systems Theory or “Bowen Theory” as it is often called. The basic idea of the course is to present the facts that make up the theory so that participants may gain insight into the wide range of issues dealing with life on earth and within each family from across the life cycle of many generations. Many of the meetings will feature DVD presentation.

Please feel free to call Deacon Brian for more information on any of these offerings; the contact information appears on the cover of this bulletin.

All are welcome!

Mosaic

Mosaic-Spirituality for Women—Thursdays at 10:00 am. We will continue to study the Old Testament using the Video lectures of Dr. Amy-Jill Levine including the Prophets; the Babylonian Exile; Wisdom Literature; Life in the Diaspora and Apocalyptic Literature.



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 | |
| CANNED GRAVY | |

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

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 will resume tomorrow, September 11.

We welcome newcomers.

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

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We need helping hands for our upcoming 60th anniversary events:

- **Friday Night October 20 – 50’s-60s THROW-BACK EVENT** for ADULTS in our **Community Room** at 7:00 pm (music, dance, foods to nibble from these years)
- **Saturday October, 21– Saint Luke Parish 60th Anniversary Special Mass** at 5:30 pm
- **Sunday, October 22– Kids’ Celebration** in honor of Saint Luke

YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendars for this special Mass
 Sunday, September 24th at 5:30pm
 Open to ALL AGES



**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MASS
 HOSTED
 BY YOUTH GROUP!**

**SUNDAY 09/24 5:30PM MASS
 6:30PM FOOD & GAMES**

- BLESSING FOR ALL FALL ATHLETES – WEAR YOUR SPORTS JERSEY!
- SUPER DUPER WEENIE TRUCK IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER MASS.
- ALL AGES WELCOME
- **FOOD SIGN UP REQUIRED:** SEND EMAIL WITH NUMBER EATING TO SLYGROUP@OPTONLINE.NET
 (\$10.00 FOR CHOICE OF HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, FRENCH FRIES AND DRINK)

Upcoming events for SLY:

- 09/17 SLY board meeting and begin making the visual for the gravy train...Saint Luke's will be collecting 500 canned gravy items for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission's **Great ThanksGiving Project**
- 09/23 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC
- 09/24 Teen Mass with special blessing of fall athletes (all ages welcome). **Super Duper Weenie** truck & games after Mass.
You must register for food!!
- 10/07 White Water Rafting
- 10/15 Coastal Clean Up at Sherwood Island



Want to join our high school youth group or help this coming year?
 Send an email to slygroup@optonline.net.

Weekly Calendar Sept. 10- Sept 17

Sunday, September 10..... Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Church
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Church

Monday, September 11
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry.....Robertson Room

Tuesday September 12
 10:30 am Faith Forum..... St. Cecelia Room

Wednesday September 13
 9:30 am Community Bible Study

Thursday September 14
 10:00 am Mosaics Community Room
 8:00 pm Adult Choir..... Church

Friday September 15
 1:00 pm Bible StudyRobertson Room

Sunday, September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 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!!

SEPTEMBER 20	VIRTUS TRAINING
OCTOBER 10	NEW HORIZONS LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 15-18	TRIENNIAL PRIESTS' CONVOCATION (NO 5:30 Mass on October 15)
OCTOBER 20	SAINT LUKE 60th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Parish Budget Report

WEEKLY NEEDS\$ 15,821

Sunday September 3

Regular Collection	6,575
Allowance for Credit Cards	3,326
Total	9,901

Catholic University 1,754

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, September 9****St. Peter Claver**

5:30 pm Robert Myer

Sunday, September 10 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am Felipe Silva

9:00 am Maria Romeo

11:00 am The Allen Family

5:30 pm Tor All our Parishioners

Monday, September 11**8:00 am In Memory of 9-11-2001****Tuesday, September 12**

8:00 am Jack Gibbons

Wednesday, September 13**St. John Chrysostom**

8:00 am Marguerite Ferreira

Thursday, September 14 **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 am All Souls

Friday, September 15**Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00 am Ulysses Knotts

Saturday, September 16**Sts Cornelius & Cyprian**

8:00 am Kelly Allen

5:30 pm Cathy Dundon

Sunday, September 17 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am For All our Parishioners

9:00 am Connie Cookson

11:00 am Yasuko Callaghan

5:30 pm Dottie Nazzaro

Readings for Week of Sept. 10

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn :25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

*News from around
the Diocese*

Join Bishop Caggiano on September 23 for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for the dedication of an outdoor shrine. The shrine is dedicated to young people and continues our celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to the children of Fatima.

Those who wish to travel to and from the event on the same day can meet a bus in Bridgeport, Monroe, or Stamford. The cost for this option is \$60 and registration can be completed at

www.thefaceofprayer.com

or by emailing institute@diobpt.org.

Those who wish to travel and stay overnight can do so by traveling with Little Flower Tours and Travel Company. The cost for the overnight package is \$299 per person. That information is also available online at the addresses above.

You may also call 203-416-1670.

Project Rachel

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? Call our confidential phone line to find out about our upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing for women, men and siblings at 203.895.3554 or 203.416.1619. You can also email us at projectrachel@diobpt.org.

God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

Upcoming Siblings Retreat

Have you or someone you know lost a sibling to abortion? You are not alone! There are countless people who have lost a sibling to abortion. The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting a retreat weekend specifically for siblings from September 22 to 24. To find out more information call the Project Rachel confidential phone line at 203.895.3554 or contact Entering Canaan at entering-canaan17@gmail.com.