

saint luke catholic church

westport ct

28 JANUARY 2018



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.

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Lay Members of the Parish Corporation (“Trustees”)

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Mrs. Joanne Landino

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Mr. Edmund Bagnulo – Pro-Tem

Parish Finance Council Chair

Mr. Joseph Nixon

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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)

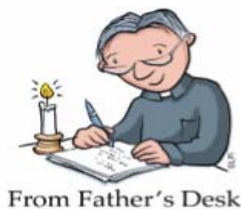
Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

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

Bud Adams, Father John Baran, Howard Barnaby, Neil Croarkin, Matt Dacey, Clair Ford, Tracy Genovese, Kara Guinan, Jennifer Gwilliam, Mary Henrikson, Sheila Hickey, Carmine Iannuzzi, Kaden Keehan, Matthew Kokoszka, Alex Lezitt, Bob Massa, Rosalee McGuinness, Fr. Marty Nikodem, Chuck O'Connor, Katherine Padula, Steve Reilly, Carol Robinson, Joanne Rogers, Paul Schiavone, Evelyn Sweetnam, Margie Tetreault, Liam Torrio, Jennifer Wayne, Pat Wettach, Dr. John Williams

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

BRYAN GALLACE
JOAN ALBERTSON

We are delighted to welcome our Bishop Frank Cagiano to celebrate with us the closing of our 60th Anniversary Year. We chose this day as our milestone marker in recognition of the fact that the original by-laws of the Parish as a Corporation in the State of Connecticut were adopted on 28 January 1958. We'll commemorate that event with a brief ceremony adopting the newly-revised by-laws. A festive brunch reception will follow in the Community Room.

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Delphine Devore, age 16, and her Dad Steven who sings in our choir, are off to Rome, Croatia, Slovenia and Algeria this week where she will compete in international fencing competitions on three levels, Junior Cadet, Senior Cadet, and for the international Fencing Team. She hopes to make the Olympic Team for the next summer Olympics.

You can follow her on You Tube "A Rising Star" that tells the story of her hard work. She has been fencing for 9 years and travels by train to NYC to practice for FOUR HOURS every single night! We at Saint Luke Parish salute another star athlete!!

INTERNATIONAL DINNER UPDATE: WE'RE A "GO"!!!

The International Dinner is a perfect Mardi-Gras type of social event for adults in the tradition of the old time parish "pre-Lenten" dances, a chance to get together for some celebration before we enter into Lent. It will take place February 10 at 6:30 PM

In short, the International Dinner provides an opportunity to share our various national heritages and to sample the cuisines of many nations. As with last year, because of space limitations in the Parish Center, we're going to limit ourselves to eight cuisines. Any group of friends/neighbors/parishioners can take on the task of presenting a cuisine. That task involves devising a complete menu (main course, accompaniments and dessert - appetizer optional) that represents the foods of a particular country. The menu items chosen must be capable of being served in small, sample size portions. The presenters are also responsible for decorating their serving table and providing a door prize in keeping with the national theme. (All expenses are reimbursed.) Other tasks that can be taken on by small groups which are not cooking

are those of staffing the beverage tables and decorating the Community Room with a Mardi Gras theme.

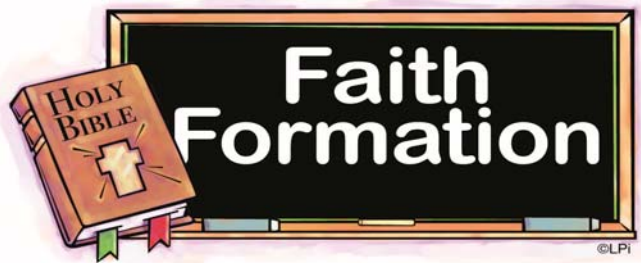
SIX cuisines have been claimed thus far:

- Egyptian Sister Maureen & Maggie Diviney
Hungarian Mons Andy
India Father Thomas
Indonesia Judy Torska
Italy Jacqueline Frusciante
Philippines Ana Rsa

If you (and your friends/family) would like to present a cuisine, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IMMEDIATELY for more information.

TICKETS at \$30 per person (wine, beer, and soft drinks included) where else can you get such value??? Visiting 8 restaurants in one night??? - go on sale THIS WEEKEND! (Check the website too!)





THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day, in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Sunday, Connection-LoyolaPress
To learn more go to www.findinggod.com

Upcoming:

- Grades K-8** Family Mass hosted by Grade 4
Sunday, February 4th – 9:00 am
Winter Recess
No classes in session 2/18-2/26/18
Classes will resume on Sunday, March 4th
- Grade 2** Seder with Sister Maureen
Sunday, March 11th
10:00 am – Community Room



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.

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.

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 worshipers.
- ❖ A **baby-changing table** is located in the handicapped lavatory.

“All Saints Catholic School: A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

Today, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of what makes Catholic education exceptional and what we offer the families in our community.

Come see what makes All Saints Catholic School exceptional at one of our open houses this week: Sunday, January 28th 12-2pm, Monday, and Tues. January 29 and 30 from 8:30am-10am. 139 West Rocks Road, Norwalk. For more information, visit www.allsaintsnorwalk.com.

LENTEN TALK ON INDIAN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

Please join us for an evening of reflection on Indian Christian Spirituality presented by our own Father Thomas Lakra preceded by a Lenten Dinner prepared by Renowned Chef Sister Maureen Saturday, February 24th at 6:30pm in the Community Room.

RSVP : email Jeanne Stewart jfennells@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 203.227.7245

THINGS LITURGICAL

With the passing of time, our roster of **Altar Society** members has diminished in number. These good folks work behind the scenes once a week to keep the sacristy and the sanctuary in good and clean order to be worthy of the sacred rituals that we celebrate. This ministry is open to anyone willing to do a number of light cleaning tasks on a rotating basis.

But while we're on the topic, let me emphasize that **the work of the liturgy belongs to all the people of God** – and that means needing **YOU** every bit as much as much as the priest! If we truly believe that the celebration of the Mass is the defining heart of who we are as Church, then we ALL bear responsibility for it. The people of God must be welcomed by Hospitality Ministers and fed by Word and Eucharist through the commitment of Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist; their gifts for the support of the parish and the poor must be reverently received by those who take up the collection each week. We are all sent forth on mission for the Kingdom of God at the end of every Mass.

Most importantly of all, it is YOUR voice and participation that make the liturgy come alive when you **SPEAK UP** for the responses and **SING OUT** your praise of God in the hymns and acclamations.

Please consider offering your God-given gifts for the ministries of the Sacred Liturgy here at Saint Luke. Nothing I know of will bring you closer to the living Christ than being intimately involved in his great prayer of praise and thanksgiving to his AND OUR heavenly Father. Please call the Rectory for more information on how to become a life-giving part of our prayer together!

CANDLE STAND ATTENDANTS NEEDED

Would you be willing to give one hour of your week on a rotating basis with our other "Candoliers" to help keep our votive candle stand neat and in top shape? It's easy and can even be a wonderful meditative exercise. Please call the Rectory for more info: 203.227.7245.

Malta House

"You are invited to join Good Counsel Malta House in our Open House on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:00pm". Thank you for your most kind hospitality and especially, for supporting life. Thank you, and God bless you.

Joan E. Howard

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!



PARISH SOUP PANTRY NEEDS

Please continue to remember the needs of the hungry poor. As the winter months come upon us, the needs of the hungry poor will increase.

Most-needed items include...

- CEREAL**
- TUNA**
- FAVA BEANS**
- LOW SODIUM SOUPS**
- CANNED GRAVY**
- PASTA SAUCE**
- CANNED SALMON**
- PARMALAT MILK**

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. 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.



Prayer, Study & Special Opportunities

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

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

YOUTH GROUP



Last Sunday, members of our youth group partnered with Linda Hopper's 7th grade class to make scarves for the warm-up project.

The scarves are headed to Bridgeport to be put around the park near the Rescue Mission with a tag that says, "This scarf is not lost, please take it if you need one". This project was new to our group last year and we decided to add the handmade scarves. Thanks to all who contributed or helped. Shout out to youth group mom, Lisa Leshner, for preparing the patterns, donating some fleece and working side by side with the volunteers to make for such a fun, successful service project!

They are super cute!



Mrs. Hopper's 7th graders, a couple 8th grade super stars and some youth group members made 50 scarves last Sunday!



Weekly Calendar January 28 - February 4

Sunday, January 28	Fourth Sunday, in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the WordChurch	
11:00 am 60th Anniversary MassChurch	
12:00 pm 60th Anniversary Celebration..... Community Room	
Monday, January 29	
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry.....Robertson Room	
Tuesday, January 30	
10:30 am Faith Forum..... Saint Cecelia Room	
7:00 pm Mendelssohn Choir.....Church	
Wednesday, January 31	
9:00 am Community Bible S2220study Parish Center	
Thursday, February 1	
10:00 am Mosaic..... Community Room	
8:00 pm Adult Choir RehearsalChud	
Friday, February 2	
1:00 pm Bible StudyRobertson Room	
Saturday, February 3	
1:00 pm Men's.....Robertson Room	
Sunday, February 4	Fifth Sunday, in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Family MassChurch	
10:00 am Free Blood Pressure ScreeningRobertson Room	
10:00 am Monthly Coffee Hour..... Community Room	
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the WordChurch	
12:00 pm Free Blood Pressure ScreeningRobertson Room	
12:00 pm Monthly Coffee Hour..... Community Room	
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration until...	
4:30 pm Benediction	



LOOKING AHEAD...

A l-o-n-g view of what's coming up at Saint Luke Parish...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! JOIN US!!

- FEBRUARY 10 International Dinner
 - FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
 - FEBRUARY 17 SWEETHEARTS' MASS
- Note change of date.

Parish Budget Report

WEEKLY NEEDS\$ 15,821

Sunday, January 21	
Regular Collection	6,648
Allowance for Credit Cards.....	3,326
Total	9,974

Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your will.

**Saturday, January 27**

5:30 pm Harry Nossek

Sunday, January 28 4th Sunday, of Ordinary Time

7:30 am For All our Parishioners

9:00 am Pamela Stautberg Moffett

**11:00 am Mass with Bishop Frank concluding
our 60th Anniversary Year
Annual Corporation Meeting**

5:30 pm Jack Gibbons

Monday, January 29

8:00 am Edith Cameron

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am Peg Nesbitt

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 am

St. John Bosco**Thursday, February 1**

8:00 am Steve Juresko

Friday, February 2

8:00 am Tess Perry

Presentation of the Lord**Saturday, February 3**

8:00 am All Souls

5:30 pm Carol Bradshaw

Sunday, February 4 5th Sunday, in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For All our Parishioners

9:00 am Joseph Guarnieri

11:00 am Daniel Falvey, Adele Immerso, Jean
Marie McLaughlin, Michael O'Connor,
and Antonio Cippollone

5:30 pm Magdalena Gach

News from around the Diocese

**2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord
we gratefully acknowledge Your mercy
and we place our trust in You.

Your Gospel proclaims the Good News to all,
radiant with Your glory
and inviting us to rejoice.

Your love and guidance fill our hearts with joy.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to respond to the
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal,

Joy in Christ, Our Gift To Share.

Bless us with generosity that in love we may freely
share our gifts with others.

Bless us with understanding that we may recognize
that everything we have is a gift from God.

Bless us with wisdom that we may wisely use
the gifts God has given us.

Bless us with a true sense of joy,
the fruit of generous and grateful giving.

May Mary, Mother of God, be with us to inspire,
guide and protect us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Readings for the Week of January 28

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1- 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

