

saint Luke catholic church westport ct

18 march 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.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT
WWW.STLUKEWESTPORT.COM

Religious Formation Office

PHONE: 203-226-0729 • FAX: 203-226-5446

SAINT LUKE PARISH CENTER

49 N. TURKEY HILL ROAD, WESTPORT, CT 06880

Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mrs. Jacqueline Frusciante – Coordinator

Parish Office E-MAIL: stluke@optonline.net

PHONE: 203-227-7245 • FAX: 203-226-8063

SAINT LUKE RECTORY

84 LONG LOTS ROAD, WESTPORT, CT 06880

Office Hours: M to F, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monsignor Andrew G. Varga, D.Min. – Pastor

e-mail: mshrvarga@diobpt.org

Reverend Thomas Lakra – Parochial Vicar

e-mail: thomaslakra@gmail.com

Dr. Brian J. Kelly, Ph.D. – Deacon

e-mail: brian9887@att.net

Mr. Lance C. Fredricks – Deacon

e-mail: westportdeacon@aol.com

Mrs. Judy Torska – Parish Secretary

Mrs. Nancy Nuzzo – Office Assistant (M & W)

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation (“Trustees”)

Mr. Edmund Bagnulo

Mrs. Joanne Landino

Pastoral Advisory Council Chair

Mr. Edmund Bagnulo, Pro-Tem

Parish Finance Council Chair

Mr. Joseph Nixon

Youth Ministry Office PHONE: 203-222-0205

Ms. Debbie Toner, Youth Minister

e-mail: SLYGroup@optonline.net

Music Ministry Staff PHONE: 203-227-7245

Mr. Leon Bernard – Minister of Music

Mrs. Marguerite Hastings – Assistant Organist

Outreach Ministries

e-mail: stluke-outreach@optonline.net

Sr. Maureen Fleming, SSND PHONE: 203-222-0478

– 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)

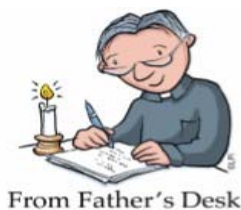
Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

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

Bud Adams, Father John Baran, Howard Barnaby, Mary Lou Bennett, Patricia Bigge, Leah Boland, Thomas Chestaro, Neil Croarkin, William Crowther, Matt Dacey, Monsignor Stephen DiGiovanni, Claire Ford, Charlie French, Tracy Genovese, Jennifer Gwilliam, Mary Henrikson, Carmine Iannuzzi, Barbara Kaplow, Kaden Keehan, Matthew Kokoszka, Paul LaHiff, Greg Landau, Alex Lezitt, Lisa Mangini, Bob Massa, Rosalee McGuinness, Adelaid McGuinness, Chuck O'Connor, Lisa O'Rourke, Katherine Padula, Chris Poullas, Steve Reilly, Carol Robinson, Joanne Rogers, Paul Schiavone, Evelyn Sweetnam, Margie Tetreault, Liam Torrio, Jennifer Wayne, Lorry Weinstein, Pat Wettach, Dr. John Williams

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

DR. PAUL SPIEKERMANN
Father of Dr. Luke Spiekermann

Fr. MARTY NIKODEM

MAXINE HINKLE
Friend of Neil Croarkin



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.

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.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO A TWO-NIGHT REFLECTION

COUCH POTATO TO SUPERHERO IN 40 DAYS!

WANT TO BE A SUPERHERO?

GET OFF THE COUCH AND PUT YOUR CAPE ON!

COUCH POTATO OR SUPERHERO? FAN OR FOLLOWER? ARE YOU SATISFIED WATCHING THE ACTION OR ARE YOU CALLED TO SOMETHING GREATER? COME REFLECT THIS LENT ON YOUR PERSONAL CALL OF CHRIST!

PRESENTER: COLLEEN KELLY-RAYNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 & MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

7:00 PM

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

49 N TURKEY HILL RD. WESTPORT, CT 06880

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL JACQUELINE FRUSCIANTE AT 203-226-0729

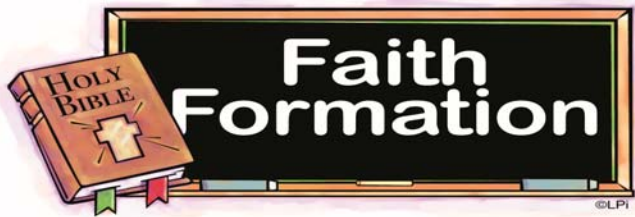


Colleen has worked in ministry for over 25 years. Colleen has found that her unique retreats have changed the way many families look at their faith. Known for her comedic timing and vast knowledge of the church, she has a gift for looking at today's culture and seeing a new vision. Come laugh, cry, and experience a new way to look at your faith that you will not soon forget.

– Lenten Best Practices –

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all of the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - *John 12:20-33*

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Sunday Connection-LoyolaPress

To learn more go to www.findinggod.com

Upcoming

Grade 2 First Eucharist Rehearsal
Monday, April 2nd, 23rd, & 30th
4:00 pm – Church

Grades K -8 Easter Break
Sunday, April 1st and Monday, April 2nd
No classes in session

Spring Recess
4/8 – 4/16/18 Classes resume
on Sunday, April, 22nd

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.

LAURALTON HALL

LAURALTON HALL will host **Discover Lauralton** on Sunday, April 8 from 1:00-3:30pm for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade girls, and their parents. Register by March 28 at www.lauraltonhall.org/discover. For further information, please call (203) 877-2786 ext. 115.



EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

Please join us Sunday March 25 from 8:00 am-11:00 am for our annual Easter Bunny Breakfast in the Community Room. Tickets, \$5.00 adults, \$3:00 Children over 3 and under 10 sold at the door. Pancakes and sausage grilled up by the men of the parish with an egg hunt sponsored by our youth group.at 11:15



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

**Kevin and Andrea Neubauer
& family**

Thank you for joining us!

NEW HORIZONS

On Tuesday April 3rd, New Horizons, our Senior Group here at Saint Luke Parish will hold our annual membership breakfast. We will begin with Mass at 8:00 am in the Church and then convene in the Community Room for a delicious breakfast catered by Sr. Maureen.

All parishioners 55 and older are most cordially invited to join us. Our programs include the four phases of commitment Msgr. Andy outlined for us: spiritual, intellectual, social and service. For these purposes we meet 4 times a year for friendship, Lunch and programs, Annual dues are \$ 15.00 and can be sent to Joe Boggio, 48 Westfair Dr., Westport, CT 06880. Although there is no charge for breakfast a free will offering would be appreciated. TO assist in planning for breakfast please RSVP to Joe Boggio, (203)292-5978

Easter Basket Project

Lent is here, and it's time to start planning for the annual Easter Basket project. This great Saint Luke tradition of assembling food baskets and potted plants for our less fortunate Westport neighbors is possible each year because of volunteers who make service to our community part of their Lenten journey. We are looking for volunteers to help with shopping, packing the baskets and deliveries. Please e-mail Chuck and Andrea Katter (aktr@aol.com) or call 203-451-2997 if you would like to volunteer, or if you know someone who would benefit from a basket or plant.



Caroline House

Please Join us for Caroline House Starry Night Gala, Friday, April 6, 6:30 – 11:00 pm at The Inn at Longshore, Westport.

Caroline House is honoring Cindi Bigelow, President & CEO of Bigelow Tea for her many contributions to the Caroline House mission. Tickets are \$195. For more information please visit www.thecarolinehouse.org or



Parish Trip to Fairfield University

Sr. Maureen is taking a group to Fairfield University on Thursday April 19 to see the art exhibition “The Holy Name, Art of the Gesu: Bernini and His Age.” This will be at the Fairfield University’s Bellarmine Hall Galleries. This is a major international loan exhibition featuring masterpieces from the Gesu itself. If you wish to join the group please contact Sr. Maureen at 203-222-0478 or schotzi@aol.com.

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)



SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The people who cook for the soup kitchen need volunteers especially the 2nd Wednesday of each month. It is a good group of people who make a difference and the time commitment is one day a month. If interested please contact Kathi Moran at 203-226-8586 orkwm@moranmail.com.

FAIRFIELD PREP

\$25,000 Tuition Raffle For Any School

Fairfield College Preparatory School is proud to again present our \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The Prize can be used for any K-12 schools, colleges or universities or to pay back college loans. The prize is to be paid in institution that holds your school loans. Schools must be located and accredited in the U.S. Only **1000 tickets** will be available at \$100 per ticket. (500 tickets must be sold to proceed. If fewer than 500 tickets are sold, the raffle will be cancelled and ticket purchasers will receive a full refund). Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Scholarship Fund at Fairfield Prep. The drawing will be held at the Spring Event on Saturday May 5, 2018 promptly at 10:15 pm. in the Student Life Center at Fairfield Prep. For More Information, please contact the Development Office at (203) 254-4237 or development@fairfieldprep.org.



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.

YOUTH GROUP



“May we remember to spread love, inclusion, sportsmanship and tolerance in our community.”

Full Court for Kindness 2018



Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday 7:30 pm

Simple costumes, lights, music, narration and prayer responses help you visualize and experience the Stations of the Cross.



“Living stations is so impactful and it has been part of our Easter tradition every year. I highly recommend it. Thank you St. Luke’s teens for such a special Good Friday.”

Weekly Calendar March 18-March 25

Sunday, March 18	Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Children’s Liturgy of the WordChurch
11:00 am	Children’s Liturgy of the WordChurch
7:00 pm	Lenten RetreatChurch
Monday March 19	
1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Robertson Room
7:00 pm	Lenten RetreatChurch
Tuesday, March 20	
10:30 am	Faith Forum Saint Cecelia Room
7:00 pm	Mendelssohn ChoirChurch
Wednesday March 21	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study Parish Center
Thursday, March 22	
10:00 am	Mosaic Community Room
7:30 pm	Adult Choir RehearsalChurch
<i>Note change of time</i>	
Saturday, March 24	
8:30 am	Men’s Group Robertson Room
6:30 pm	Easter Basket Project Community Room
Sunday, March 25	
Palm Sunday	
8:00 am	Easter Bunny Breakfast Community Room
9:00 am	Children’s Liturgy of the WordChurch
11:00 am	Children’s Liturgy of the WordChurch



LOOKING AHEAD...

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! JOIN US!!

March 24	Easter Basket Project PACKING
March 25	Easter Bunny Breakfast
	Easter Basket Project DELIVERY
March 26	COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES – 5:00 & 7:30 pm

Parish Budget Report

WEEKLY NEEDS\$ 15,821

Sunday, March 11	
Regular Collection.....	5,511
Allowance for Credit Cards	3,309
Total.....	8,820
Catholic Relief Services.....	3,003
<i>Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your will.</i>	

**Saturday, March 17**

5:30 pm Patricia Katter

Sunday, March 18**5th Sunday of Lent**

7:30 am For All our Parishioners

9:00 am Peter Richiski, Sr. & Peter Richiski, Jr.

11:00 am Richard Coran

5:30 pm Eugene Boyle

Monday, March 19**St. Joseph**

8:00 am Ann V Gonczy

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 am All Souls

12:15 pm JoAnn Powers

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 am Saint Luke Prayer Partners

Thursday, March 22

8:00 am Ray DiLieto

12:15 pm Ann V. Gonczy

Friday, March 23

8:00 am Thomas Covino

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am All Souls

5:30 pm Barbara Graham Adams

Sunday, March 25**Palm Sunday**

7:30 am For All our Parishioners

9:00 am Louis Carson

11:00 am Matt Weiss

5:30 pm Peter & Emma Euba

2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert

On Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 pm at Saint Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass. The Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries. As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. To register, please contact the parish office or go to <https://www.formationreimagined.org/>. Space is limited, please RSVP by April 18.



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 March 18

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39