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Dear Saint Luke Parish Family...



From Father's Desk

Triduum means "three days," usually referring to Christ's resurrection from the dead "on the third day." The Easter Triduum refers to the three days beginning with sundown on Holy Thursday and ending with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Reckoning days from sundown to sundown is still evident in both Jewish and Christian practice.

The Easter *Triduum* celebrates *one continuous feast spread over three days*. That feast centers on the commemoration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

Holy Thursday brings the end of Lent. The Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Within the context of the Mass, we are given the opportunity to pray for and be of service to one another following the model of Christ himself.

Good Friday is the most sober day of the entire Church year. We gather together and prostrate ourselves as servants in humble submission before the world and the glorious cross of Christ.

Holy Saturday is a day of quiet waiting and preparation for the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil begins with a very special service of light – the light of God's glory. As the light of Christ enters the world we listen to the story of creation, the sacrifice of Abraham and our passing through the Red Sea. Our joy and anticipation grow as we hear the prophet's invitation to come back to the waters of our baptismal rebirth. Our joy at the resurrection is reflected in the Alleluia verse preceding the proclamation of the Gospel of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is Risen! Following the welcoming of our new Catholics, we renew our own Baptismal promises and in the Eucharist, we seal our joy at the promise of life eternal.

Make an effort this year to enter fully with us into the one continuous feast of the Easter Triduum!

– 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.



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, Allison Gazzero, 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

BARBARA FARQUHAR

Wife of Richard Farquhar

ANDREW JOHN GILBRIDE



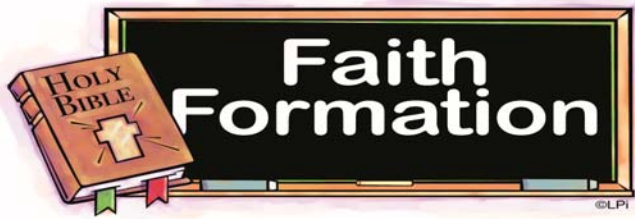
New to the area?

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



Collection of Rice Bowls – We will begin collecting Rice Bowls this week; please give donations to your teacher or drop off at the Religious Formation Office

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL: *Mark 14:1--15:47*
Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be

shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

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

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.

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

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT OUR SEMINARIANS

The first annual Rector’s Dinner will be held on April 28 at Trinity Catholic High School , Stamford CT. Honoree: Monsignor Thomas Powers, Vicar General. Speaker: Bishop Frank Caggiano. Tickets: \$150.00. Proceeds to support St. John Fisher Seminary. Information and tickets: StJohnFisherSeminary.org or contact twilmot@diobpt.org or (203)322-5331.

Mosaic

Mosaic-Spirituality for Women–Thursdays at 10:00 am. We will study the New Testament using the Video lectures of Dr. Amy-Jill Levine .



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 or kwm@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 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.

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.



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 25-April 1

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| Sunday, March 25 | Palm Sunday |
| 8:00 am | Easter Bunny Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | Children’s Liturgy of the WordChurch |
| 11:00 am | Children’s Liturgy of the WordChurch |
| Monday March 26 | |
| 1:00 pm | Prayer Shawl MinistryRobertson Room |
| 5:00pm | ReconciliationChurch |
| 7:30pm | ReconciliationChurch |
| 7:30pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal St. Cecelia Room |
| Tuesday, March 27 | |
| 10:30 am | Faith Forum Saint Cecelia Room |
| 7:00 pm | Mendelssohn Choir.....Church |
| Wednesday March 28 | |
| 9:00 am | Community Bible Study Parish Center |
| Saturday, March 31 | |
| 8:30 am | Men’s GroupRobertson Room |
| Sunday, April 1 | Easter Sunday |
| <i>No Children’s Liturgy of the Word</i> | |



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

- April 6 **FIRST FRIDAY SPEAKER SERIES**
Wine and Cheese at 7:00 pm
Lecture at 7:30 pm
- April 14 Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
- May 5 First Communion
- May 12 Confirmation

Parish Budget Report

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| WEEKLY NEEDS\$ | 15,821 |
| Sunday, March 18 | |
| Regular Collection..... | 6,726 |
| Allowance for Credit Cards | 3,309 |
| Total..... | 10,355 |
| <i>Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your will.</i> | |

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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, March 24**

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

Monday, March 26

8:00 am Robert Reynolds

5:00 pm Communal Penance Service**7:30 pm Communal Penance Service****Tuesday, March 27**

8:00 am All Souls

12:15 pm Edith Cameron

Wednesday, March 28

8:00 am Ann Cogliano

The Paschal Triduum

Thursday, March 29**Holy Thursday**

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No Mass)

7:30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper****Friday March 30****Good Friday**

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No Mass)

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross**Saturday, March 31**

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No Mass)

1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 pm **Easter Vigil****Sunday, April 1****Easter Sunday**

7:30 am Mass

9:00 am Mass with Children's Choir

11:00 am Mass with Adult Choir

11:15 am Mass

No Mass at 5:30 pm

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 April 1

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
[24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or
Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
[1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11
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Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk
24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21
[21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
[1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31