

# saint luke catholic church

## westport ct

easter – 1 april 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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[WWW.STLUKEWESTPORT.COM](http://WWW.STLUKEWESTPORT.COM)



### *Religious Formation Office*

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### *Parish Office*

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Lay Members of the Parish Corporation (“Trustees”)

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Pastoral Advisory Council Chair

Mr. Edmund Bagnulo, Pro-Tem

Parish Finance Council Chair

Mr. Joseph Nixon

### *Youth Ministry Office*

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### *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](mailto: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, 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

***Christ is Risen!  
Truly He is Risen!***

***By his death, he has conquered death,  
giving us all eternal life!  
Alleluia!***

Easter is a season of fifty days, not just one Sunday or a week. In Christian tradition, this season is the most important time of the year for people who believe in the message and work of Jesus.

Easter begins on that unique Saturday night that is the Vigil of Easter. It continues on through the weeks and Sundays of the season, embracing Ascension Thursday in its 40<sup>th</sup> day and climaxing on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, the Sunday of Pentecost.

We are told that these 50 days of Easter are the highlight of the Christian year. We are told that these are 50 days for celebrating, rejoicing, spreading the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus and the news of his promises to all people.

***Fifty days of celebrating!*** Fifty days of rejoicing in the new life of Jesus, a new life that he promises to each of us. That is what we are told. Can we possibly do it? Can we continue this celebration of the risen Jesus beyond Easter Sunday or Monday? Into our lives of work and play and faith, every day of the year?

May the joy of the Risen Lord and the new life that he has won for us be vibrant and vigorous in your hearts and lives throughout this season and throughout the year! Alleluia!!

**ANOINTING MASS** – We will celebrate our quarterly Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick this Saturday, April 7, at the 5:30 pm Mass. We invite all our parishioners who are seriously or chronically ill as well as those who will be facing surgery or important medical procedures in the near future to avail yourselves of this beautiful sacrament. Please call the rectory to register for the celebration.



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

**BARBARA FARQUHAR**  
*Wife of Richard Farquhar*

**MICHAEL DELLI CARPINI, SR.**

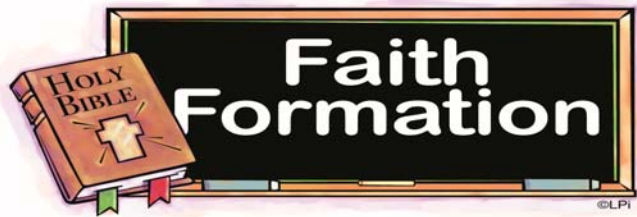


***New to the area?  
Just moved in?***

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.



*Wishing you all the blessings of  
God's Love.....Happy Easter!*

**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 20:1-9*  
*Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.*

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disci-

ple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday Connection-Loyola Press**  
To learn more go to [www.findinggod.com](http://www.findinggod.com)

## **Upcoming**

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

**Grades K -8 Easter Break**  
Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and their parents. Register by March 28 at [www.lauraltonhall.org/discover](http://www.lauraltonhall.org/discover). For further information, please call (203) 877-2786 ext. 115.

## **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.

**NEW HORIZONS**

This 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.



**Shabby Chic Boutique**

The Shabby Chic ladies are **on vacation** from March 1 until August 1. **Donations will be accepted when we return.** Thank you for your past support. See you in the fall!  
Judy Wanat, 203-259-4673

**FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT OUR SEMINARIANS**

The first annual Rector’s Dinner will be held on April 28, 2018 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 .



**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.

**NORWALK HOSPITAL CANCER WALK**

The Norwalk Hospital Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> this year at Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk at 10:30AM. We will be walking from Saint Luke as a team. The team is “Saint Luke Church Westport Cancer Survivor’s Team”. If we raise \$1,250 by April 6<sup>th</sup> our team name will be on the T-shirts this year. Get on the link below to join us or to donate.

[http://support.wchn.org/site/TR/Events/NHWalkRunGeneral?team\\_id=2843&pg=team&fr\\_id=1140](http://support.wchn.org/site/TR/Events/NHWalkRunGeneral?team_id=2843&pg=team&fr_id=1140)



**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](mailto: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 jnstitution 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](mailto: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

The teens amaze me with their willingness to love and serve. This year 28 teens spent their Good Friday together preparing and offering Living Stations. We will share pictures next week. What a wonderful example of love and a perfect way to prepare for Easter.

**Wishing everyone a joyous Easter!**



## Weekly Calendar April April 9

<u>Sunday, April 1</u>	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
<i>No Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>	
<u>Monday April 2</u>	
<i>Offices closed</i>	
1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry ..... Robertson Room
<u>Tuesday, April 3</u>	
8:30 am	New Horizons Breakfast ..... Community Room
10:30 am	Faith Forum..... Saint Cecelia Room
7:00 pm	Mendelssohn Choir ..... Church
<u>Wednesday April 4</u>	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study..... Parish Center
<u>Thursday, April 5</u>	
10:00 am	Mosaic..... Community Room
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal..... Church
<u>Friday April 6</u>	
1:00 pm	Bible Study..... Robertson Room
<u>Saturday, April 7</u>	
8:30 am	Men's Group ..... Robertson Room
<u>Sunday, April 8</u>	<u>Second Sunday of Easter</u>
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!!*

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

WEEKLY NEEDS\$ .....	15,821
<i>Sunday, March 25</i>	
Regular Collection.....	
Allowance for Credit Cards .....	3,309
Total.....	

Because of the Early Transmission of the bulletin, March 25 collection will be reported next week.

*Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your will.*



*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.



**Saturday, March 31**

8:30 pm **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**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**

**Monday, April 2**

8:00 am Janet Toole

**Tuesday, April 3**

8:00 am All Souls

**Wednesday, April 4**

8:00 am Carol Bradshaw

**Thursday, April 5**

8:00 am Mary & Nicholas Colucci

**Friday April 6**

8:00 am Jane & Joseph Bassani

**Saturday April 7**

8:00 am Nellie Losee  
 5:30 pm Lori Valentino

**Sunday, April 8** **Second Sunday of Easter**

7:30 am John P. & Ann Croke  
 9:00 am Anna Alves  
 11:00 am Antonie Cipollone  
 5:30 pm For All our Parishioners

**Readings for the Week of April 8**

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 33:4-5, 18-22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-7, 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 118:1-4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-  
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Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21 [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 20:19-3

**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...

<b>CEREAL</b>	<b>PASTA SAUCE</b>
<b>TUNA</b>	<b>CANNED SALMON</b>
<b>FAVA BEANS</b>	<b>PARMALAT MILK</b>
<b>LOW SODIUM SOUPS</b>	
<b>CANNED GRAVY</b>	

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