

saint luke catholic church

westport ct

8 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.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT
WWW.STLUKEWESTPORT.COM



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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

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Mr. Joseph Nixon

Youth Ministry Office

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– 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

As we conclude the octave of Easter – the eight days which the Church celebrates with the same joy and solemnity as Easter Sunday itself – I want to make sure that we express our gratitude to some special people who have shared their talents to make our Easter celebrations so wonderful. Since I always manage to omit more than a few deserving names, let's acknowledge all these wonderful folks according to their ministries:

Flower and Decoration Committee

Ushers and Greeters

Altar Sewers

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

Musicians and Choir Members

Participants in the Living Stations of the Cross

Saint Luke Parish Staff

Thank you each and all for being so dedicated to serving the people of our parish in our prayer together!! And thank you as well to each and every one of you who came to pray with us and participated in the liturgies of these holy days.

The 2019 Mass Book Has Arrived!

The 2019 Mass Book is now available. Please stop by at the Parish Office and book your Masses for 2019. Please remember that you can only book **one** weekend Mass per month, so that we accommodate as many families as possible who would like to request a Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. Thanks for your understanding.



**The "Holy Hens" Need
Chicken tenders!!" —**

helpers who as individuals or families, sign up for one day per week for the basic care of letting the ladies out in the morning; refreshing their feed and water; gathering the eggs; and coming back to close them in for the night.

Our very own "Chicken Lady" — **Sarah Tunney** — will be happy to teach you all that you need to know! Contact her at...**(203) 415-5420** or sarahtunney@sbcglobal.net!

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

FR. JOHN BARAN

FR. ANDREW MARUS

ELLEN CAVAIUOLO
Mother of Patricia Palsa

MICHAEL DELLI CARPINI Sr.

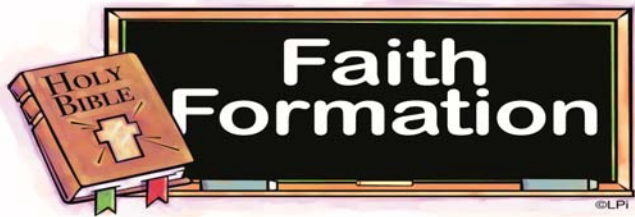
LAUREL UNDERWOOD

DAVID ANTHONY BAVIELLO
Brother of Christopher Baviello



FIRST BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**BRIAN BLAIR
&
ALEXANDRA MAHONEY**



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 20:19-31*
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified

and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

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

Upcoming

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

Grades K -8 Spring Recess 4/8 – 4/16/18
Classes resume on Sunday, April 22

BIG THANK YOU!



To the Horkovich family, Danielle Rossoni, and our pancake flippers, John Belpedio, Jack Mullen and Billy Senia for making the Easter Bunny breakfast a great success. Thanks also to our Easter Bunny and all those who helped with this effort. – you know who you are – and we give thanks to God for YOU!!!



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Egene Laguerre

Thank you for joining us!

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.

Fairfield University

The Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University is happy to announce the **12th Annual Commonwealth Lecture, “The Commonwealth Tradition”**, given by Paul Baumann, editor of Commonwealth Magazine. This lecture will be held in the Dolan School of Business Dining Room Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information about the lecture please contact Mary Crimmins, 203-254-4000 ext. 2097 or mcrimmins@fairfield.edu.

NORWALK HOSPITAL CANCER WALK

The Norwalk Hospital Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, May 5th this year at Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk at 10:30 am. 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 6th 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

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The people who cook for the soup kitchen need volunteers especially for 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.



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

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 to the 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.

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.

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.

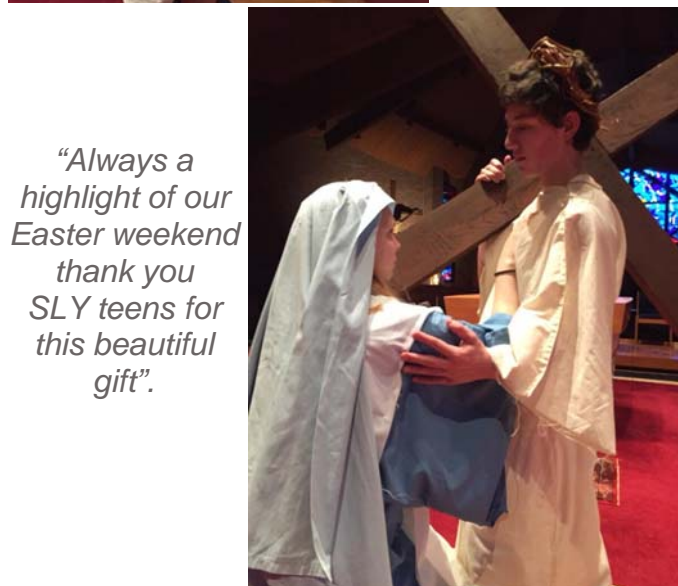


YOUTH GROUP

Special thanks to **Laura Reid** for sharing the day with our teens to continue the tradition of offering Living Stations of the Cross. Please visit the youth group board for more photos and a list of the 28 participants who helped on Good Friday. May we continue the Easter journey with Joy, Love, Compassion, and Hope.



“Good Friday’s Living Stations was a beautiful, thoughtful prayer.”



“Always a highlight of our Easter weekend thank you SLY teens for this beautiful gift”.

- 04/19 Mission trip team Meeting and Dinner
- 04/21 **Bread Of Life food Drive - one week**
- 04/22 Earth Day themed fundraiser
- 04/27 BOLD food deliveries
- 04/28 BOLD FOOD DRIVE - Sorting Saturday
- 04/29 Teen Mass/Meeting/Dinner

Weekly Calendar April 8 April 15

Sunday, April 8	Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word.....	Church
11:00 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word.....	Church
Monday April 9	
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	Robertson Room
Tuesday, April 10	
10:30 am Faith Forum.....	Saint Cecelia Room
7:00 pm Mendelssohn Choir	Church
Wednesday April 11	
9:00 am Community Bible Study.....	Parish Center
Thursday, April 12	
10:00 am Mosaic.....	Community Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Church
Friday April 13	
1:00 pm Bible Study.....	Robertson Room
Saturday, April 14	
8:30 am Men’s Group	Robertson Room
5:30 pm Anointing Mass	Church
Sunday, April 15	Third Sunday of Easter
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!!

- May 5 First Communion
- May 12 Confirmation

Parish Budget Report

WEEKLY NEEDS\$	15,821
<i>Sunday, March 25</i>	
Regular Collection.....	8,721
Allowance for Credit Cards	3,309
Total.....	12,030
Flower Collection	2,205

Due to a revised system for processing our collections, information on the Easter collection will be available in next week’s bulletin.

Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your will.



Saturday, April 7

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

Monday, April 9 Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am David Anthony Durkot

Tuesday, April 10

8:00 am Intentions of Mateo Mackenzie-Rojas

Wednesday, April 11

8:00 am All Souls

Thursday, April 12

8:00 am Ray DiLieto

Friday April 13

8:00 am

Saturday April 14

8:00 am Robert Buzga

5:30 pm Cathy Lozyniak Alexander

Sunday, April 15 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Michael Ribnicky

9:00 am Richard Colucci

11:00 am Alberta Duyan

5:30 pm For All our Parishioners

**Readings for
the Week of April 8**

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

*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.

Hallelujah!



**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.