

saint luke catholic church

westport ct

1st 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



Religious Formation Office

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SAINT LUKE RECTORY

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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

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Mrs. Marguerite Hastings – Assistant Organist

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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, Howard Barnaby, Mary Lou Bennett, Patricia Bigge, Leah Boland, Craig Carnahan, Thomas Chestaro, Neil Croarkin, William Crowther, Matt Dacey, Monsignor Stephen DiGiovanni, Claire Ford, Charlie French, Allison Gazerro, Tracy Genovese, Mary Henrikson, Sharnette Joyner, Barbara Kaplow, Kaden Keehan, Matthew Kokoszka, Paul LaHiff, Greg Landau, Alex Lezitt, Lisa Mangini, Bob Massa, Rosalee McGuiness, Adelaide McGuinness, Chuck O'Connor, Lisa O'Rourke, Alexander Padilla, 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

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. There are also many openings in the 2018 book.

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.

JOY IN CHRIST: OUR GIFT TO SHARE

DIocese of BRIDGEPORT

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018

Thus far, Saint Luke, Westport is credited with 135 gifts worth \$129,317 from 126 donors bringing the parish to 57.47% of its \$225,000 goal. **Please do your fair share for the work of the Church in our Diocese.**

If you have not yet responded to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that your means will permit. Be assured that the Lord knows what is in your heart and how you share your gifts. While it is understood that we cannot all give equally, we are still called by the Gospel to give of ourselves in a way that reflects our blessings. Your gift whether large or small matters greatly to the diocese, our parish and to the Lord! Scripture tells us "There is more happiness in giving than receiving."

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

JEAN FELIA

Longtime Parishioner

JENNIFER GWILLIAM THOMAS

Daughter of Irmgard & Alfred Gwilliam



SECOND BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BRIAN BLAIR

&

ALEXANDRA MAHONEY

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

WILLIAM MILLER STURGES

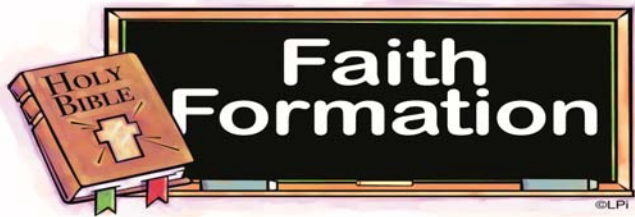
Son of Jonathan & Jennifer Sturges



**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!



Collection of Rice Bowls – We will continue collecting Rice Bowls this week. Please drop off donations at Religious Formation Office.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- *Luke 24:35-48*
Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus

shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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

Upcoming

Grade 2	First Eucharist Rehearsal
	Monday, April 23 rd , & 30 th
	4:00 pm – Church
Grades K -8	Spring Recess
	4/8 – 4/16/18
	Classes resume on Sunday, April, 22nd

LAURALTON HALL

...will be offering an **Entrance Exam** for 7th grade girls on Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 a.m. Pre-register for the exam online at www.lauraltonhall.org. Any questions, please call our Admissions Office at (203) 877-2786 ext. 115.



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.

NEW HORIZONS SPRING LUNCHEON

The New Horizons will hold their spring luncheon and program on Tuesday May 8 at 11:30 am. We will gather in the Community Room for a delicious lunch prepared by our own Chef, Sr. Maureen. Dr. Edward Pinto, noted cardiologist and a member of the New Horizons will be our guest speaker. It promises to be an entertaining and very informative talk.

The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00. Please make your check payable to Saint Luke Church and send it to Joe Boggio, 46 Westfair Drive, Westport, CT 06880. **Reservations due by May 4th.**

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating spring together. This is a wonderful opportunity. Please be sure to bring your friends.



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
WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE

Sr. Maureen is taking a group to Fairfield University on Thursday April 26 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 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!



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.

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.

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.

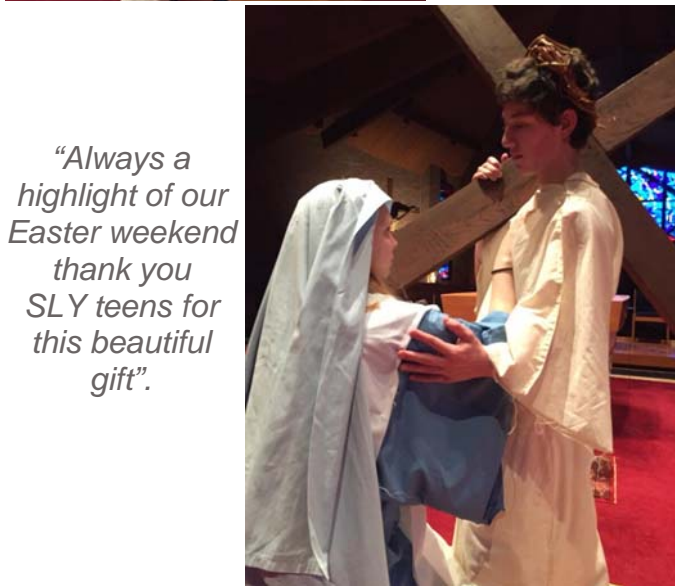


YOUTH GROUP

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 15 April 22

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
Monday April 16	
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	Robertson Room
Tuesday, April 17	
10:30 am Faith Forum.....	Saint Cecelia Room
7:00 pm Mendelssohn Choir	Church
Thursday, April 19	
10:00 am Mosaic.....	Community Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Church
Friday April 20	
1:00 pm Bible Study.....	Robertson Room
Saturday, April 21	
8:30 am Men’s Group	Robertson Room
Sunday, April 22	Fourth 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 8 New Horizons Spring Luncheon
- May 12 MOTHERS’ DAY
- Confirmation

Parish Budget Report

WEEKLY NEEDS\$ 15,821

Sunday, April 1

Regular Sunday Collection..... 10,316
 Allowance for Credit Cards 3,309
 Total..... 13,625

EASTER Collection..... 22,131

Sunday April 8

Regular Collection..... 4,957
 Allowance for Credit Cards 3,309
 Total..... 8,266
 Monthly Collection..... 1,421

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.



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.

Saturday, April 14

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

Monday, April 16

8:00 am Mary Butler

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 am Joseph Palmiotto

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 am Johanna Guarnieri Schifano

Thursday, April 19

8:00 am All Souls

Friday, April 20

8:00 am George Katter

Saturday, April 21

8:00 am Intentions of Saint Luke Men's Group

5:30 pm Arline Savage

Sunday, April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am For All our Parishioners

9:00 am Julia Polizzio

11:00 am Daniel Alvarez

5:30 pm Gloria Hudson

Readings for the Week of April 15

- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18