

# saint luke catholic church

## westport ct



27 march 2022



### *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.SAINTLUKEWESTPORT.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTLUKEWESTPORT.ORG)

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Mr. Peter Anstett – [peter@anstett.org](mailto:peter@anstett.org)

Parish Finance Council Chair

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### *Pastoral Counseling Services*

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◇ 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, 5:30 pm

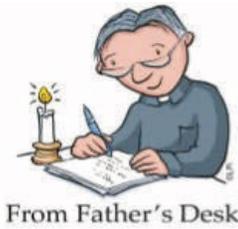
**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

**WEEKDAY MASS:** 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday 8:00 am

**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...



**PARISH NEWS**  
**LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!**

Simply text [slwestport](tel:slwestport)  
to the number **84576** or go to  
[flocknote.com/SaintLukeWestport](http://flocknote.com/SaintLukeWestport)



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Robert Aurrichio, Margie Camina, Maria Casale, Karen Clarke, Al DiLardi, Dorothy Francis, Jay Francis, Kay Gallagher, Debbie Greer, Matthew Kokoska, Christina Muller, Elaine Pignuola, Barbara Pisarro, Eric Ratajczak, Matthew Raymond, Maria SaCouto, Dr. Anthony Santomauro, Jean Schiavone, Ann Sposito, Marie Stapkowski, Jean Steinschneider, Caroline Trifoletti, John Watkins, Marie Veno, Aggie Veno, Princess Williams, all those who suffer from the Corona Virus, and...intentions of Cynthia LoCascio

*we pray for those who put their lives in jeopardy on our behalf, service men and women, police, fire fighters, EMTs, and first responders*

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

**THOMAS HOWARD**  
*Husband of Julie Howard*

**ANTHONY BYRNE**

**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.

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



Get life in your new home off to a good start! Fr. Kumar would be happy to visit and bless your home and your family. Just call the office (227-7245) to arrange a convenient time.

Dear Parish Family,

**“Gratitude is the song of the soul” – unknown author**

By the grace of God and your support the funeral arrangements of Monsignor Andy came together beautifully well and everything went well. Both the vigil Mass and the funeral Mass were beautiful tributes to Monsignor Andy. Btw... I hope he liked it.

I want to thank everyone of you for making the funeral services beautiful. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you, all the leaders and members of all ministries of our parish.

Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Andy and the consolation of his sister's family. May we resolve to continue to do our part to make this parish family a warm, welcoming and inclusive community that embodies God's generosity, care and compassion.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you and your families!

With lots of love and prayers,

Father Kumar  
Temporary Administrator

## EASTER BASKET PROJECT

We will be conducting a “hybrid” Easter Basket Project again this year, proceeding cautiously as the Town of Westport gradually gets back to normal. We will be



providing Stop & Shop gift cards to recipients along with potted flowers. We welcome donations which can be sent to the parish office via check made payable to St. Luke Church with a memo “Easter Basket Project”.

And if you’re available to help with the deliveries on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> please email Chuck Katter at [charles.w.katter@gmail.com](mailto:charles.w.katter@gmail.com)

## Mosaic

Thursday Mornings at 10:00 am in the Saint Luke Community Room.

Join with other women to study how to live our lives “from the inside out” by using spiritual tools– reading and praying the scriptures, balancing contemplation and commitments, finding the cloister, the calm center of spiritual life. We will use Joan Chittister’s Book– The Monastery of the Heart for our reflection.



## GRAB AND GO MEALS

As February ends our team is happy to have made and delivered 500 Grab and Go



Meals this month to the homeless and food insecure served by Thomas Merton Center, Bridgeport and New Covenant Center, Stamford. Both organizations are key programs of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County.

The total made and delivered by our team since October 2020 when we started is 8500.

As Lent starts we welcome new members to join us in this important work.

For information:

[jeannestewart423@gmail.com](mailto:jeannestewart423@gmail.com)

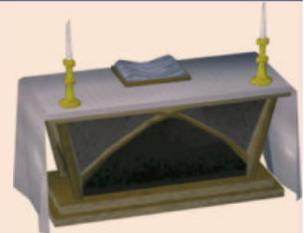
## LENTEN BOOK TABLE

We have set up the annual Lenten book table in the gathering space. Payment for the books are made in the envelopes provided. Would you kindly keep them for Sister Maureen to pick up. Thank you so much. All the proceeds benefit the Matthew 25 Fund as always. Winnie and Henry



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Now that things are starting towards normal we need volunteers to help us with some church housekeeping. This is a good way to be of service to God and your fellow Parishioners. We need some people to clean the altar linens. We have a couple of “linen people” but we need more as some of the previous people are not available to do them anymore. We would like, *if possible a couple of younger ladies to join in to take us into the future. Men are also welcome to perform this service.* If interested please call the Parish office, 203-227-7245 or email us at [stluke@optonline.net](mailto:stluke@optonline.net).



## A Reminder and Invitation to parishioners and guests who may have limited mobility...

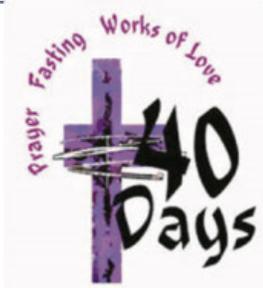
We want to make it as easy as possible for you to participate fully in the Mass, especially in receiving communion.

We suggest that the best way to facilitate this is that you choose a place in the front pew on either side or in the areas with the blue chairs to right or left of the sanctuary. The side seating option seems to be the most convenient place for those of you who use wheelchairs, and serves as a visual reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers.

If it is difficult for you to make your way to these areas, please notify one of the ushers, who will then convey your request to one of the Eucharistic Ministers. We’re so happy to have you with us in our prayer!

*Also... please remember that gluten-free hosts can be available for you by request to the priest before Mass.*





Gospel Reading – Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any

focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. (Sunday Connection – Loyola Press)



**LOAVES  
&  
FISH**

# YOUTH GROUP

## Living Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY

PRESENTED BY YOUTH GROUP

7:30pm (please be seated by 7:15pm)



Grades 8 thru 12 are welcome to participate in Living Stations - the rehearsal schedule is on the flyer below. We need participants and narrators. Contact Deb Toner to sign up [DToner@saintlukewestport.org](mailto:DToner@saintlukewestport.org)



## LIVING STATIONS GOOD FRIDAY

Sign up to participate with us. We rehearse and perform Living Stations all on Good Friday. NO memorization required. Costumes provided.



10:00am- 1:00 morning rehearsal  
4:15pm dress rehearsal followed by pizza  
7:30pm performance

SIMPLE COSTUMES

LIGHTS

MUSIC

NARRATION

*"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 team for such a special Good Friday!"*

Friday 04/15  
7:30pm

Sign up by email  
[DToner@saintlukewestport.org](mailto:DToner@saintlukewestport.org)

## CANDY NEEDED FOR THE EGG HUNT

Bins will be in the hall and gathering space beginning this weekend. The hunt is Palm Sunday (04/10) at 11:15am, Kids should bring their own baskets. We fill over 1000 eggs so we need LOTS of candy. If you or your family members would like to help fill eggs meet us Wednesday, 04/06 after school, in the community room. Thank you!!!

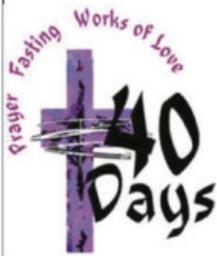


Please join us  
For Saint Luke's annual  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am

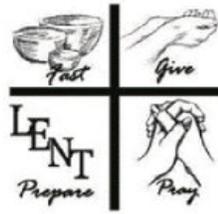
Any questions please email Tracey Vizzo @ [izzybella908@yahoo.com](mailto:izzybella908@yahoo.com)



**PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY**



Please join us each Monday in Lent for fellowship & reflection led by our parish clergy & staff



**Mondays: March 7, 4, 21, 28 & April 4**

**Time: 8:45 – 9:15 am** (after 8 am mass)



Coffee & Light Breakfast Served

**FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH**

To all women of the parish....you are invited to a Feminine Genius Brunch on Divine Mercy Saturday, April 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Italian Center in Stamford Connecticut, This brunch borrows its name after those amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women-receptivity, sensitivity, generosity and maternity– all of which make up the Feminine genius!! In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr Virginia, a Sister of Life, will give a talk on Mercy, Love’s Second Name. A special Mass for women will be celebrated by Bishop Caggiano before the event at 8:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 1184 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Come discover God’s plan for your ultimate flourishing! Invite a friend, mother or daughter (in-law) RSVP by April 19th, at <https://feminine-geniusw-brunch-ct.eventbrite.com>.

**DO YOU KNOW?**

We have a group of needle workers who meet here at Saint Luke Church. The Fairfield County chapter of the Embroiderer’s Guild meet on the fourth Monday of the month . If you are interested in joining them to learn new needle-work skills, practice old ones and have camaraderie with like-minded needle workers call the parish office. Or if you would like more information about this group or becoming a member please email us at: [fccega@yahoo.com](mailto:fccega@yahoo.com).



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

March 27, 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

God’s love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would “sell our souls” in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God’s unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don’t always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don’t need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they’re home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we “think” we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I’m supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn’t it? This is not God’s justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God’s justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ’s ambassadors.

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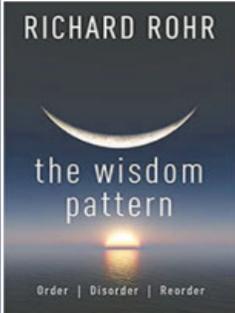
**IGNATION PRAYER GROUP**



Beginning February 9 Deacon Brian Kelly will be hosting an Ignation Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom. To access look up Zoom and the meeting number is: 881 4394 4880. All are welcome to share in this wonderful experience. For further information please contact Deacon Brian Kelly at [bjk111640@gmail.com](mailto:bjk111640@gmail.com).

***Interested in the Catholic Faith?***

Do you have questions about what Catholics believe and how Catholics practice their faith? Do you or a relative, neighbor or friend have an interest in the Catholic Church? Saint Luke Parish provides an ongoing process for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church. Please know that you or they can contact Sister Maureen Fleming at 222-0478, for more information. We are happy to welcome Inquirers at any time of the year.



**SAINT LUKE BOOK STUDY GROUP**

Our Saint Luke Book Study Group is discussing the book "The Wisdom Pattern" by Richard Rohr this year. The sessions are held every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm. The next session will be March 31, 2022.

Kindly contact Fr. Kumar at 203-227-7245 or email: [frudaya@gmail.com](mailto:frudaya@gmail.com).

**FAITH FORUM**



Faith Forum is in its 28th year. It meets on Zoom at 9:30 am. This year participants will be expected to purchase a copy of the 1968 Dutch Catechism. It was the first catechism for adults, published just after Vatican II, it was written to stimulate and foster thought and discussion. Copies are obtainable from Amazon and others. Meeting code 864 3852 6680, Admission Code 206 082.

**Bible Study**

Bible Study on Zoom Monday Evenings at 7:30 pm Via Zoom. Meeting code: 846 6638 1270, Admission Code: 348 744

Last year we had about 20 people participate. Some from places like Texas, Maryland, Virginia, and Massachusetts. We are studying the Prophets. All are welcome so if you have friends or relatives who might be interested just ask them to let me know by email at [bjk111640@gmail.com](mailto:bjk111640@gmail.com).

**Family Matters**

Family Matters will meet on the third Thursday of each month. This group will study Family functioning by looking at relationship patterns that prove to be beneficial and productive. The meetings will be on Zoom at 7:30 pm. If interested contact Deacon Brian at [bjk111640@gmail.com](mailto:bjk111640@gmail.com)



**Hunger doesn't take a vacation...**

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

*"When I was hungry, you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me."*

– Matthew 25:35-37

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| <b>PASTA SAUCE</b>        | <b>PARMALAT MILK</b>    |
| <b>INSTANT POTATOES</b>   | <b>CANNED TUNA</b>      |
| <b>CEREAL</b>             | <b>LOW SODIUM SOUPS</b> |
| <b>CANNED HAM</b>         | <b>PEANUT BUTTER</b>    |
| <b>BISQUICK</b>           | <b>CANNED FRUITS</b>    |
| <b>CANNED GREEN BEANS</b> | <b>CANNED CORN</b>      |
| <b>FRUIT JUICES</b>       |                         |

*Gift Certificates are always welcome!*

*Please bring one of these items to church with you on ANY WEEKEND. Please watch the expiration dates on items.* Board of Health regulations forbid the use of expired items.



## BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright Needs Volunteers!  
Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, Caring and practical support

Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant

woman to give birth and the RIGHT of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright near you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed.

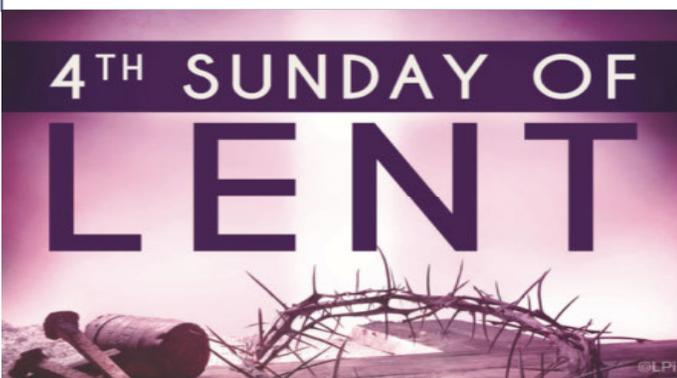
Birthright **needs gently worn** maternity and baby clothing. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you for drop off.

## A NEW LENTEN OFFERING!!

### Gratitudes & Petitions during Lent

#### Gratitudes & Petitions Rosary and Novena

Please join us every Saturday morning at 8:30 to offer your Gratitudes & Petitions with a Rosary & Novena now through April 30th. Bring a friend and share community as in prayer we give thanks for our many blessings and ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession in our needs. Our gatherings last no more than 30 minutes and it has been beautiful to pray with so many of our community—please come join us! If you can't make it to church, email your gratitudes & petitions to Maria O'Kelly at [mokelly@optonline.net](mailto:mokelly@optonline.net) or Mary Heery @ [mbheery@gmail.com](mailto:mbheery@gmail.com) and we will offer them either aloud in prayer or silently in our hearts—kindly let us know your preference as we wish to respect your confidentiality. Any questions? Call/text Mary at 203-886-7626 or Maria at 203-246-9806. Hope to see you there!!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that “the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, “Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?”

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Candle Stand Attendants Needed

Because people's situations change, we are again in need of people to help with cleaning our candle stand. If you are interested please call the parish office, 203-227-7245 or email us at [stluke@optonline.net](mailto:stluke@optonline.net)

**THANK YOU!!**





## News from around the Diocese



We thank our parishioners who have already shared their thoughts at the listening sessions for the Synod on Synodality. It has been enlightening and encouraging to hear the experiences of our parishioners on their faith journey, as well as their hopes and vision for the future of the Church. So far, the thoughts shared here at St. Luke have covered a wide range of topics and include:

the possibility of married clergy and women deacons/priests

- a desire for more inclusiveness for the LGBTQ community
- a call for more compassion and emphasis on social justice
- a concern for our youth and how to bring families back to church

the importance of Spirit-filled homilies and ministries

Sharing on any and all topics is welcome, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to offer your insights for the positive growth and flourishing of our community and the whole church. The Holy Spirit guides us when we share our hearts with each other—don't let this opportunity pass you by! We have completed our Zoom and Group Listening Sessions and now invite you to contact one of us directly if you would like to participate in a one-on-one session. Our contact info is below. You can also email your thoughts on your journey with the church or any questions you may have to [stlukesynod@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesynod@gmail.com) or drop your input in

writing on paper in the drop box available in the gathering space. All shared thoughts will be collected, compiled and given to Bishop Caggiano who will then present them through a process to the Pope. We look forward to hearing from each of you and to sharing your thoughts with Pope Francis!

St. Luke Synod Delegates

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### SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

**Learn Catholic Theology This Summer With Saint Joseph's Seminary!**

- Take classes In-person or online
- Expand your understanding of the Catholic Faith
- Affordable tuition
- Faithful to the Magisterium
- Conveniently scheduled classes

**More information:** [www.dunwoodie.edu/summercourses](http://www.dunwoodie.edu/summercourses)

**Email:** [sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu)

### VIRTUS TRAINING

All volunteers serving in the Diocese of Bridgeport - that have not yet been trained - are required to attend a VIRTUS training program and clear a criminal background check. These safeguards are required for all volunteers, even those who DO NOT have scheduled contact with children. It is everyone's responsibility to help keep the children and our parish safe. Included in these requirements are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, members of the Choir, Religious Education Teachers, and volunteers at all various Parish Events. Everyone plays a role in protecting the children in our parish.

All volunteers need to attend so that together we can all "Protect God's Children." Materials will be provided. Please, if you have not yet attended a VIRTUS course, please sign up by visiting [www.Virtusonline.com](http://www.Virtusonline.com) to pre-register. Select FIRST TIME REGISTRANT, BEGIN REGISTRATION and be sure to select BRIDGEPORT DIOCESE as your organization.

Thank you for your willingness to help us Protect God's Children.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



### Saturday, March 26

5:30 pm Joan Rona

### Sunday, March 27

4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Richard D'Antonio

9:00 am Claudia Monaco

11:00 am Jean Caldwell

5:30 pm For All our Parishioners

### Monday, March 28

8:00 am Ann Cogliano

### Tuesday, March 29

8:00 am Intentions of Caitlin & Owen

### Wednesday, March 30

8:00 am All Souls

### Thursday, March 31

8:00 am Antoinette Santora

### Friday, April 1

8:00 am David Anthony Durkot

### Saturday, April 2

8:00 am Intentions of Jonathan Vogt

5:30 pm Carl Liba

### Sunday, April 3

5th Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Intentions of Karen Vogt

9:00 am For All our Parishioners

11:00 am Nicholas Rossi Sr.

5:30 pm Robert Gangi

## LENTEN OFFERINGS

**Mondays:** Lenten reflection: 8:45 Community Room

**Tuesdays:** Bible Study: 7:30 PM Zoom

**Wednesdays:** Ignation Prayer Group: 7:00 pm Zoom

**Thursdays:** Mosaic Spirituality: 10:00 am Room 7/8

**Saint Luke Book Study: March 24: 7:00 pm Zoom**

**Fridays:** Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 Morning Mass

**Saturdays:** Gratitude, Petitions, Rosary, Novena 8:30 am

## Parish Budget Report

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED ..... 14,327

*Weekend of March 20 2022*

Church Collection ..... 2,917

Allowance for Credit Cards ..... 2,734

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## Readings for the Week of March 27

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2

Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn  
5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and  
23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn  
7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
[3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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