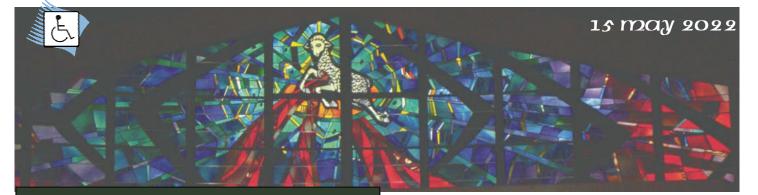
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Who we are and what we strive for... In the spirit of our Patron, Saint Luke, our Parish Mission is:

- To be a welcoming and hospitable community to all; ж
- 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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Mrs. Jean Coleman - Office Assistant

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Ms. Debbie Toner, Youth Minister e-mail: SLYGroup@optonline.net

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Mr. Leon Bernard - Minister of Music Mrs. Marguerite Hastings - Assistant Organist

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e-mail: stluke-outreach@optonline.net Sr. Maureen Fleming, SSND PHONE: 203-222-0478 - Coordinator of Pastoral Outreach Activities

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, 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...



Live your life and Love your life

A friend of mine sent this message to me and I thought it was interesting and so I am sharing it with you.

Our spiritual maturity is very much connected to our mental maturity. And the following are some of the characteristics of maturity of mind.

1. Correcting ourselves without trying to correct others.

2. Accepting others with their short comings.

3. Understanding the opinions of others from their perspectives.

4. Learning to leave things that are to be avoided in life.

5. Leaving the expectations from others. (Expect less and give more)

- 6. Doing whatever we do with peace of mind.
- 7. Avoiding to prove our intelligence to others.

8. Avoiding the state of mind that others should accept our actions.

9. Avoiding the comparisons of ourselves with others.

10. Trying to keep peace of mind without worrying about anything.

11. Understanding the difference between what we need and what we want.

12. Reaching the state of mind that happiness is not connected with material things.

Our life will be simpler and happier if only we practice 7 or 8 of the above 12.

Try it ... you might like it...

Fr. Kumar

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Robert Aurrichio, Margie Camina, Maria Casale, Karen Clarke, Carolyn Craig, Albert Devejian, Al DiLardi, Jay Francis, Nancy Garvey. Debbie Greer, Matthew Kokoska, Christina Muller, Elaine Pignuola, Barbara Pisarro, Eric Ratajczak, Matthew Raymond, Dr. Anthony Santomauro, Jean Schiavone, John Sexton, Ann Sposito, Marie Stapkowski, Jean Steinschneider, Caroline Trifoletti, Marie Veno, Aggie Veno, Dr. John Williams, Princess Williams, all those who suffer from the Corona Virus,

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

GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

LARRY AIKEN Former Parishioner

JOHN HANRAHAN

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

MCKENNA SHEA LYNCH SOLANA GAYLE LYNCH Children of Timothy & Kaitlyn Lynch

NOELLE DAVINA HYATT Daughter of Andrew & Tracy Hyatt



Andrew & Tracy Hyatt & Family

Lauren & Jonathan Good & Family Thank you for joining us!



READERS, USHERS, DONATION COUNTERS, CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD CATE-CHISTS, HELP WITH PARISH EVENTS, COM-MITTEES, and many other positions.

Please call the Parish office at 203-227-7245 or email us at stluke@optonline.net.

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

cially in receiving communion.

We suggest that the best way to facilitate this is that you choose a place in the front

We want to make it as easy as possible for

you to participate fully in the Mass, espe-

pew on either side or in the areas with the blue chairs to the 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.

Rosary Group

Many thanks to all who participated in our Rosary and Novena throughout March and April. We will continue to pray the rosary every Saturday morning at 8:30 following morning Mass. You are invited to come join in prayer as we give thanks for our many bless-



ings and ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession in our needs. If you can't make it to church, email your gratitudes & petitions to Maria O'Kelly

at <u>mokelly@optonline.net</u> and they will be offered in prayer. Any questions? Call/text Maria at 203-246-9806. Hope to see you there!



Caroline House Honors Jean Fredricks

On June 30 at Saint Luke Church in the Community room, we will be honoring and saying good bye to Jean Fredricks, our Pre School Director. She has been an integral part of Caroline House for 22 years. We hope you can join us as we wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

For More information or to purchase tickets contact Caroline House or email : Immmcrthy@thecarolinehouse.org.

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 **THANK YOU!!**



GRAB AND GO MEALS

We have to share with you how grateful and enthusiastic the staff of both New



Covenant Center and Thomas Merton Center (both organizations of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Bridgeport) are when we deliver 100 Grab and Go Meals five times a month. They know the need is great. Join us. Make 25 sandwiches at home once a month, add a snack and water. Meet us at St Luke. (Easy) contact:

Jeannestewart423@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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On April 29th we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Frank Caggiano. What a wonderful and inspirational ceremony. May our newly confirmed continue to grow in faith and by the power of the holy spirit, embrace their roles as mature disciples of Jesus Christ.



On May 7th we welcomed the First Communicants to the Table of the Lord.





On Sunday May 8th Our First Communicants hosted the Family Mass and the Crowning of the Blessed Mother.



Quinn Cordella crowned the Blessed Mother.

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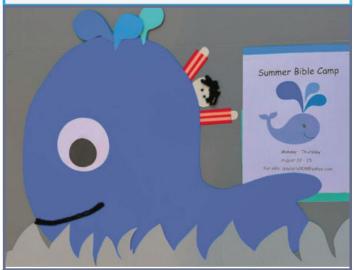
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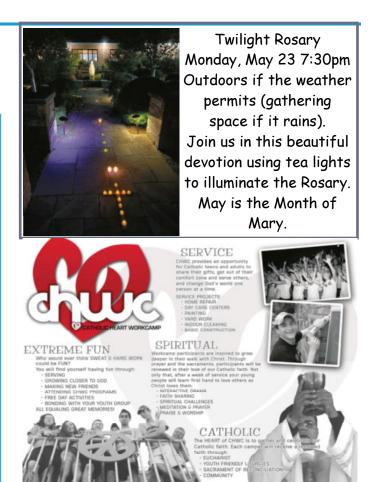
Summer Bible Camp August 22-25 9:00-Noon

Join our youth ministry and family life teams for a super cool underwater themed camp for ages pre-k through grade 4. Each day the kids will rotate through outdoor games (and a water slide), themed crafts and snacks, visit our sea star theater with music and bible themed skits. We are even planning for an on site marine touch tank! The kids will love this exciting and fun ocean theme.

Cost is \$125 for the one child with a \$10 discount for additional children.



Email our Family Life Coordinator, Tracey Vizzo, at Izzybella908@yahoo.com to pre-register or to volunteer at this year's summer Bible camp. It promises to be a "whale of a good time".



URGENT NEED FOR CHAPERONE for our teen guys...

Catholic Heart provides a wonderful week long opportunity for the teens to grow in their Catholic faith, serve others and meet other Catholic teens. This year we are headed to Knoxville, TN from June 26-July 2 and befitting to the theme of "upside down" we have lost our chaperone for our guys. With less than 7 weeks to the trip, we have an urgent need to find a male chaperone who is over 21. The chaperones fully participate in the week of service. We sleep in classrooms at a Catholic High School and go off to a worksite each day to work alongside teens from other groups. I am hopeful that someone will come forward as we are unable to go if we can't find another adult. The chaperone trip is paid, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our Outreach Ministry who gifted SLY the funds from the proceeds of the Harvest Fair. Please call Deb Toner for more information at (203) 981-8817.

"Gods' ways are not our ways, they are better. Join us this summer to further discover what Gods' upside down approach to life looks like."

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction. Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



The 2023 Mass Book Has Arrived!

The 2023 Mass Book is now available. Please stop by at the Parish

Office and book your Masses for 2023. There is only one name or family per Mass and they are booked on a first come first serve basis. *Please note also that there are still many Masses open for 2022.*

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.

New to the area? Just moved in?



Get life in your new home off to a good start! Fr. Ku-

mar would be happy to visit and bless your home and your family. Just call the office (227-7245) to arrange a convenient time.

VIRTUS TRAINING

All volunteers serving in the Diocese of Bridgeport - that have not yet been trained - are required to attend a VIR-TUS 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 to preregister. 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.

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IGNATION PRAYER GROUP

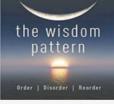
Deacon Brian Kelly will be hosting an Ignation Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom. To access look up Zoom and the meeting number is: 881 4394 4880. All are welcome to share in this wonderful experience. For



further information please contact Deacon Brian Kelly at <u>bjk111640@gmail.com</u>.

RICHARD ROHR

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.

Kindly contact Fr. Kumar at 203-227-7245 or email: frudaya@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

PASTA SAUCE INSTANT POTATOES CEREAL L CANNED HAM BISQUICK CANNED GREEN BEANS FRUIT JUICES

PARMALAT MILK CANNED TUNA LOW SODIUM SOUPS PEANUT BUTTER CANNED FRUITS CANNED CORN

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.

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.

FAITH FORUM

Faith Forum is in its 28th year. It meets on Zoom at 9:30 am Tuesdays. Beginning April 5, Faith Forum will be having a 4 or 5 week session on the Sacraments



on zoom. Please contact Deacon Brian Kelly at 203-373-9753 or <u>bjk111640@gmail.com</u> if you wish to participate.



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 <u>bjk111640@gmail.com</u>.

People of Hope

The Institute for Catholic Formation will host a 31-day formation event in May. More than 70 workshops will be offered throughout the week (day and evening) in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The Rosary will be recited each night.

More information can be found at:

Formationreimagined.org



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God is trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don't have to do this on your own*.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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THANK YOU!!! A huge thank you to the various ministries of St. Luke for so generously giving of their time to share their thoughts with us for the Synod on Synodality. Our thanks go to the Men's Group, all involved with Religious Education including our youth and catechists, Fr. Kumar's Book Club, Sister Maureen's Outreach Ministries, and the many parishioners who participated in the group listening sessions in person or on zoom as well as those who offered their thoughts via email or one-on-one. Special thanks also go to Deacon Brian Kelly who helped prepare us for this undertaking by offering an insightful and constructive "how to" tutorial on our approach to the listening sessions, for the guidance of Deacon Steve Hodson who is leading the Synodal process for the entire Diocese, to Fr. Kumar for his encouragement and to Sister Maureen for offering her wisdom and sharing her experience to help get this project off the ground. For us, the process was as informative, enlightening and enriching as the outcome! It was wonderful to hear the experiences of our parishioners on their faith journey, as well as their hopes and vision for the future of the Church. The final summary of your collected input in these sessions has been shared with Deacon Steve who will then summarize the input from all the parishes of the diocese and present them to Bishop Frank. The input from our diocese will be added to that of the entire country and be brought to Rome to be presented to Pope Francis. Seen in this larger picture, our contribution to this massive undertaking may seem small but it has already produced positive results-most notably in the strengthening and forming of new relationships and a renewed prayer life in our parish. Thanks again for your time and for sharing your thoughts with us-please know that you are appreciated and your thoughts matter!

With best regards from your St. Luke Synod Delegates,

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Dear Parish Family,

The 2022 Bishop's Appeal provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, **A Bridge Home**, highlights hope, renewal and evangelization in our Diocese and invests in services that continue to engage those in their faith and build a strong bridge to so many who are struggling. I am sure you have received your appeal mailing. Please take time to read the information and prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to the campaign.

This year our parish goal is \$185,500.00. Your gifts big and small will go a long way in supporting the different ministries of our diocese. So, please consider supporting the bishop's appeal 2022 and help achieve our goal. Every dollar contributed above our goal comes back to help fund the operational and maintenance needs of OUR PARISH, of which there are many.

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

Father Kumar

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 14 5:30 pm Charles Carvalconte

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 155th Sund7:30 amJoseph A Vogt9:00 amFor All our Parishioners11:00 amJames O'Donoghue5:30 pmMaria Maiorano

Monday, May 16 8:00 am Peter Vilenski

Tuesday, May 17 8:00 am Andrew Varga

Wednesday, May 18 8:00 am All Souls

Thursday, May 19 8:00 am Rev. John P. Baran

Friday, May 20 8:00 am Msgr. Andy Varga

Saturday, May 21 8:00 am Patricia Walsh 5:30 pm Carl Liba

Sunday, May 226th Sunday of Easter7:30 amFor All our Parishioners

9:00 amGloria Volpe11:00 amAnn Lucartiello5:30 pmCaitlin Flynn



Parish Budget Report

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED	
Weekend of May 8, 2022	
Church Collection	
Allowance for Credit Cards	
Mail-Ins	1,140
PayPal	
TOTAL	
Monthly	515

Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your estate planning.

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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

Readings for the Week of May 15

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9 -11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12 -17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



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