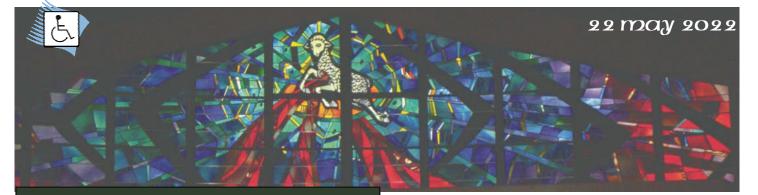
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Who we are and what we strive for... In the spirit of our Patron, Saint Luke, our Parish Mission is:

- 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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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...



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.

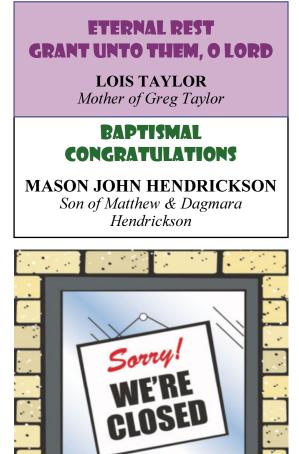
Try it ... you might like it...

Fr. Kumar

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Robert Aurrichio, Stanley Bryk, Margie Camina, Maria Casale, Karen Clarke, Carolyn Craig, Albert Devejian, Al DiLardi, Jay Francis, Nancy Garvey. Debbie Greer, Matthew Kokoska, Christina Muller, Elaine Pignuola, 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



OI Pi The Parish offices will be closed Monday May 30 in honor of Memorial Day.. We will return on May 31. Remember our fallen Troops.

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

SAVE THE DATE ! Welcome Mass For Our New Parishioners

We never had a chance to formally welcome the many new families that have joined our Parish in recent months and years.

So, we have planned a Family Mass to welcome all new families on **Sunday**, **June 5th at 9:00 AM followed by Coffee and...**

Kindly save the date and join us. We joyfully look forward to seeing you.

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



blessings 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!

NEW FAMILIES COFFEE

Sunday, June 5 after the 9:00 am Mass we will be having a coffee welcoming all the families who have joined us since 2019.



Please join us. If you have joined us and have not formally registered please let us know so we can include you in our Flocknotes and parish activities.



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!!**



New to the area? Just moved in?

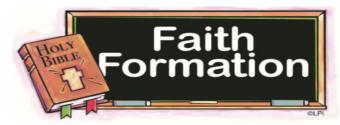
Get life in your new home off to a good start! Fr. Ku-

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



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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Gospel Reading – Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

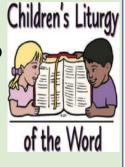
Background on the Gospel Reading

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear. These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace. Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to

an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We have resumed the Children's Liturgy at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses except for Sundays when they have the Family Mass. All children 4 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



For those new to the parish, for the Children's Liturgy we take children out of church before the readings so they can hear the Gospel and a homily on their own level. They return to the church after the Prayers of the Faithful, during the Preparation of the Gifts. All children are welcome, even non parishioners.

If you have any questions, you can call Judy at the parish office, 203-227-7245 or e-mail us at stluke@optonline.net.

We are looking for people to help with this wonderful ministry. If you are interested please call the parish office, 203-227-7245 or email us at stluke@optonline.net. Training and resources are provided.



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.

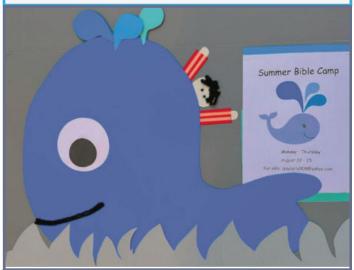
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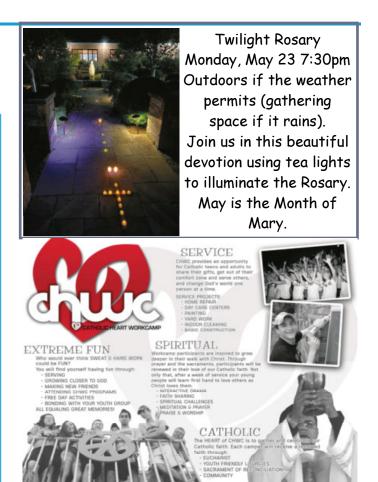
Summer Bible Camp August 22-25 9:00-Noon

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."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation. Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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 VIR-TUS course, please sign up by visiting www.Virtusonline.com to pre-register. Select FIRST TIME REGISTRANT, BEGIN REGISTRA-TION and be sure to select BRIDGEPORT DIO-CESE as your organization.

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

St. Joan of Arc | May 30

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiegne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.

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IGNATION PRAYER GROUP

Deacon Brian Kelly will be hosting an Ignation Prayer Group . We are taking a hiatus until June 6 then will be meeting on Mondays. 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.



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."

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

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

- Matthew 25:35-37

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.



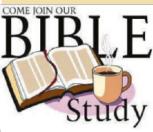
The 2023 Mass Book Has Arrived!

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

fice 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.*

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.



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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Call Today! Reach out to Robin Ungaro at 203-747-5671.



Sunday June 5 we are having a coffee to welcome new families who have joined us in the last 3 years and we can use help for this, (setting up, serving, shopping etc.) Please contact the Parish office, 203-227-7245 or stluke@optonline.net.

WE CAN ALSO USE READERS, USHERS, **GREETERS, DONATION COUNTERS, CHIL-**DRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD CATE-CHISTS, HELP WITH PARISH EVENTS SUCH AS OTHER COFFEES, COMMITTEES, and many other positions are also needed. Please call the Parish office at 203-227-7245 or email us at stluke@optonline.net. **CANTORING, INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE** CHOIR. Please Contact Leon Bernard **COMMUNICATIONS:** Please contact Paul Rossi or the Parish office, 203-227-7245 CATECHISTS, CLASSROOM AIDES, VOLUN-TEERS Please contact Jacqueline Frusciante, 203-226-0729 **GRAB & GO MEALS** Please contact Jeanne Stewart: Jeannestewart423@gmail.com **PARISH OUTREACH & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRIES** Please contact Sr. Maureen Fleming, 203-222-0478. **FLOWERS & DECORATION** Please contact Judy Wanat or Laura Bryk



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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 21 5:30 pm Carl Liba

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 226th Sunday o7:30 amFor All our Parishioners9:00 amGloria Volpe11:00 amAnn Lucartiello5:30 pmCaitlin Flynn

Monday, May 23 8:00 am Kathleen Boyle

Tuesday, May 24 8:00 am Cynthia Dugas

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 am Intentions of Jean Steinschneider 7:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mioli

Thursday, May 26Ascension of the Lord8:00 amAngela (Diana) Finnigan12:15 pmIntentions of Caitlin & Owen7:30 pmAll Souls

Friday, May 27 8:00 am Msgr. Andy Varga

Saturday, May 28

8:00 am Intentions of Richard J. Vogt 5:30 pm Maria Alves

Sunday, May 22

7th Sunday of Easter

7:30 am John Hanulik9:00 am For All our Parishioners11:00 am Kevin Dunphy5:30 pm Ryan Kraynak



Parish Budget Report

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED	. 14,327
Weekend of May 15, 2022	
Church Collection	3,125
Allowance for Credit Cards	2,797
Mail-Ins	470
PayPal	505

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 22

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 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12. 13. 14/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26



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