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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.

**Parish Office** E-MAIL: stluke@optonline.net PHONE: 203-227-7245 • FAX: 203-226-8063 SAINT LUKE RECTORY 84 LONG LOTS ROAD, WESTPORT, CT 06880 Office Hours: M to F, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm **Reverend Kumar Xavariapitchai Parichial Administrator** e-mail: frudaya@gmail.com Dr. Brian J. Kelly, Ph.D.- Deacon e-mail: brian9887@att.net Mr. Stephen J. Hodson - Deacon e-mail: dnhodson@diobpt.org Judy Torska – Parish Secretary Mary Blake – Receptionist (M & W) Lay Members of the Parish Corporation ("Trustees")

Mr. Edmund Bagnulo Mrs. Joanne Landino **Pastoral Advisory Council Chair** Mr. Peter Anstett – peter@anstett.org

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### **Religious Formation Office**

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Mrs. Jean Coleman - Office Assistant

#### **Youth Ministry Office** PHONE: 203-222-0205

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

#### **Outreach** Ministries

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...



**Dear Parish Family,** 

Happy Memorial Day Weekend to all of you! In the midst of our first cookouts of the season and all



the other things that we attend to this weekend, let's not forget the reason for the holiday as we honor all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives in service to our

country. Let us pray also for all those who serve today, who daily place themselves in harm's way on our behalf for the cause of protecting our freedom. May God protect them and bring them all safely home.

With lots of love and prayers,

### **Father Kumar**



Keeping in mind the recent surge in COVID cases, we are sorry to announce that we are postponing our New Parishioner Mass and coffee. When things calm down we will let vou know the new date.



### 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, Isabel Mauro, Christina Muller, Elaine Pignuola, Stanley Prackup, 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



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

Our Parish offices will be closing at 4pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day



#### **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.

#### GRAB AND GO MEALS

We have to share with you how grateful and enthusiastic the staff of both New Covenant Center and Thomas Mer-



Jeannestewart423@gmail.com

### **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!



## 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.* 

#### 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 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.

#### 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!!** 





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**



Gospel Reading – Seventh Sunday of Easter John 17:20-26 Jesus prays for his disciples. Background on the Gospel Reading On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested.

Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus' signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs (2:11, 4:53, 6:69, 9:38) and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel (20:30-31). Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him. And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well Gospel Reading – Seventh Sunday of Easter John 17:20-26 Jesus prays for his disciples. Background on the Gospel Reading On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus'

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#### **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.



of the Word

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.

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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".

*Pray together, stay together.* This past Monday we had our first outdoor rosary of the season. We gather together to pray for joyful blessings and shared sorrows. The Twilight Rosary is an interactive prayer using tea lights and glow sticks. When complete, the rosary is illuminated and it's simply beautiful. Check the bulletin or Flocknote communication for the June date and time. We welcome you to join us for this beautiful devotion.



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE May 29, 2022

#### 7th Sunday of Easter

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, selffocused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what? "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one. ©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.

### **FAITH FORUM**

Faith Forum will be on Hiatus until the week of June 4 Please contact Deacon Brian Kelly at 203-



373-9753 or <u>bjk111640@gmail.com</u> if you wish to participate.

### **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>.





#### ADVERTISING AD SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR BULLETIN! ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, REALTORS, PRO-FESSIONALS...

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

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

If you are homebound or in the hospital and would like to receive the sacrament of the sick please contact Sr. Maureen or call the Parish office, 203-227-7245. Though it used to be called Last Rites, the thinking now is that it is a healing Sacrament and can be administered for any illness.



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

### 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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News from around the Diacese





### **Project Rachel**

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? You are not alone! For help, resources or to find out about our upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing call Maureen at 203.416.1619 or email at projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

#### July 9, 2022 – Day of Prayer and Healing

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? You do not have to suffer alone! Join us on Saturday, July 9, 2022 for a Day of Prayer and Healing. Come experience the healing peace of Christ! For more information or to register, call Maureen at 203.416.1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!



#### **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.

Through your generosity, we have achieved 84% of our assigned goal of \$185,500.00. We encourage you to make your pledge gift, if you have not made one yet, by the end of this month. Your gifts big and small will go a long way in supporting different ministriesof our diocese. Every dollar contributed above our goal comes back to Saint Luke to help us fund the operational and maintenance needs of OUR PARISH. of which there are many. So please consider supporting the bishop's appeal 2022 and helpachieve our goal. To donate go to diobpt.org or contact Pam Ritman at the depelopment office 203-416-1479 or prittman@diobpt.org.

**Father Kumar** 

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 28 5:30 pm Maria Alves

Sunday, May 297th Sunday of Easter7:30 amJohn Hanulik9:00 amFor All our Parishioners11:00 amKevin Dunphy5:30 pmRyan Kraynak

Monday, May 8:00 am Mr. &Mrs. Felice Sariello

Tuesday, May 31The Visitation8:00 amIntentions of George & George Jr.

Wednesday, June 1<br/>8:00 amSt. Justin Martyr<br/>Steinschneider

Thursday, June 2 8:00 am Anthony Byrne

Friday, June 3 8:00 am All Souls

Saturday, June 4 8:00 am Msgr. Andy Varga 5:30 pm Hilary Califano

#### Sunday, June 5

#### <u>Pente</u>cost

7:30 am For All our Parishioners 9:00 am Msgr. Andy Varga 11:00 am James H. Ryan 5:30 pm Noreen Tarde



### Parish Budget Report

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED	14,327
Weekend of May 22, 2022	
Church Collection	. 2,614
Allowance for Credit Cards	.2,797
Mail-Ins	
PayPal	495
TOTAL	. 6,166

Please remember Saint Luke Parish in your estate planning.

### Readings for the Week of May 29

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 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19 -20ab/Jn 21:15-19 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



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