

MARCH 1, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MAR. 2 - 8

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Hildegard Pearl	The Fagan Family
Tues. 7:30 AM	Dorothy Kahmann	Larry & Maureen Modzelewski
Wed. 7:30 AM	Ronald Cohen	Parents, Roy & Fran
11:00 AM	Edward Rajkowski	Claire & Jack Burns
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Daniel Smith	Angela Giglio
Fri. 7:30 AM	John & Maggie Huetz (Living) ~ 50th Wedding Anniversary	Family
11:00 AM	Tim & Mary Mangan	The Mangan Family
Sat. 8:30 AM	Dorothy Celfo	Joseph Celfo, Linda Celfo Angiuoli & Anne Celfo Silverman
4:00 PM	Edward & Veronica Muldoon	The Muldoon Family
5:30 PM	Michele Vilardo	Marlene Petti
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Jack & Vito Tuzzio	Sister, Camille
10:00 AM	Mario Liguori	Doris Yozzo
12:00 PM	Bella & Frank La Pera	Fran & Joe La Pera

Communal Lenten Penance Services

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Mon., March 23, 7:00PM
 St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wed., March 25,
 12:00PM
 St. Justin, T.R. ~ Fri., March 27, 7:00PM
 St. Luke, T.R. ~ Tues., March 31, 7:00PM



Stations of the Cross at St. Luke Church Each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm

This Lenten Season, we will have Traditional Stations of the Cross, Stations of the Cross for Busy People, Stations through the Eyes of Mary and Stations of the Cross Vincentian-style. Below is the schedule for Stations of the Cross. We encourage all of you to join together in this wonderful devotion during Lent.

March 6th: Traditional Stations of the Cross
 March 13th: Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Mary
 March 20th: Traditional Stations of the Cross
 March 27th: Stations of the Cross Vincentian-style
 April 3rd: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Mary Grodnicki Dorothy Halvey
 Dorothy Stern

Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Mary Grodnicki

As you are aware, Fr. Bob's mother, Mrs. Mary Grodnicki, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015. Following are the details for her funeral which will be held on **Monday, March 2:**

10:00 am-11:00 am: Visitation in the Narthex
 11:00 am: Funeral Mass, with burial in Trenton immediately following.

It is asked that in lieu of flowers or masses, a donation be made in Mrs. Grodnicki's name to the Altar Fund at St. Luke Church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS March 8, 2015

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

Readings may be found at:
<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Rosary Altar Society Mass at 8:30AM. Recitation of the Rosary at **8:10AM** before Mass. All members are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are invited to join us in honoring our Blessed Mother.

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every **Sunday, 10:00AM** in Parish Center.

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Gamblers Anonymous Meeting every Sunday at **5:45PM** in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, every Sunday at **7:00PM** in the Parish Center. (**Closed Meeting**)

Monday, Mar. 2 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM, every Monday in the Parish Center.

Monday, Mar. 2 - St. Luke Pre-Baptism Class for expectant and new parents, **7:30PM, in the Church.** Please call the Parish Office to register, 732-286-2222.

Tuesday, Mar. 3 - Nar Anon Meeting, 7:00PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, Mar. 3 - Alcoholics Anonymous Toms River Tuesday Night Friendly Group, 8:00PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center. (**Open Meeting**) For additional info call Jim at 732-552-8865.

Thursday, Mar. 5 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM, every Thursday in the Parish Center.

Friday, Mar. 6 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every Friday evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

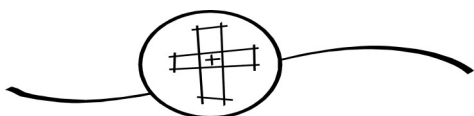
Friday, Mar. 6 - Pax Youth Group, 7:00-9:00PM, in the Parish Center. 7th & 8th Graders are invited to join. Check out our web site: www.paxteens.com.

Tuesday, Mar. 10 - Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 1:00PM recitation of the Rosary, to honor our Blessed Mother, in the Parish Center followed by a general meeting and social. All Rosarians are encouraged to attend and all ladies in our parish are invited to join. (**Note: No meeting in February.**)

Thursday, Mar. 12 - St. Luke Bereavement Support Group ~ Any Loss, 7:30PM in the Parish Center. (Meetings are every other Thursday for 9 sessions ending June 4.) For information call Ann Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

Tuesday, Mar. 17 - Rosary Makers, 1:30PM in the Parish Center, meets 3rd Tuesday monthly to make Rosaries for the missions and local nursing homes. Instructions and materials provided.

Wednesday, Mar. 18 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00AM-12:00 noon, meets once a month in the Parish Center. Create shawls and lap throws to give to the bereaved, the infirmed and the lonely.



Religious Education News

As we approach the final days before the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation, we ask you to please keep our young people in your prayers.

Practice for Confirmation – Monday, March 2, 2015, 4-6 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation - Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 4 pm

First Communion Fun Day - Saturday, March 21, 2015: Group A - 9:30 am, Group B - 1pm.

SAFETY MONITORS NEEDED!

We are still in need of people to monitor the parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. Can you give an hour of your time for the safety of our children? Due to construction, the parking lot must be monitored to ensure that the drivers follow the traffic guidelines and proper safety procedures. Please call the PREP office at 732-505-0108 for more information. Thank you!



St. Luke Altar Flowers



To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-286-2222. Requests should be made two weeks in advance. **There will be no flowers placed in the church during lent until Easter, April 5.**

Funeral Planning Booklets

...are available in the Narthex. This booklet allows you to record your final wishes for your funeral for when the time comes. Also, **Advance Health Directives** are available in the Narthex



Reminder: Daylight savings time begins next weekend, Sunday, March 8. Please turn your clocks ahead one hour after midnight next Saturday night.

Collections for Feb. 21 & 22, 2015

Total: \$11,774.00 *

Please **do not** tape or staple your weekly collection envelopes.

If you would like to contribute by credit card or auto-debit, **FaithDirect**, forms are available in the Narthex or by signing up at www.faithdirect.net.

Thank you for your generous support.

* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.

Holy Week Schedule

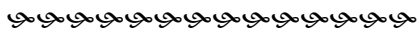
Holy Thursday, April 2 ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm “The Mass of the Lord’s Supper” with
Adoration in Chapel until midnight.

Good Friday, April 3 ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer;
3:00pm Sacred Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 4 ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer
11:00am Blessing of Easter Food

8:15pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5 ~ Masses at 7:00am, 8:30am,
10:00am, & 12:00pm



Lenten Obligations

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics during Lent which began on Ash Wednesday, February 18:

1. The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above.
4. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).
5. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics.
6. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year—often called the “Easter duty”—for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 22nd to Trinity Sunday, May 31st. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.



NOTICE:

Many people have mentioned that they read a Mass time for St. Luke from a website other than our official website: www.stlukestomsriver.org. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of these other sites and too often their information is incorrect. Our website contains all the information one needs to know about what is going on at St. Luke — especially our calendar of events. Additionally, important notices on weather closings, or happenings that we feel our parishioners may want to know for the time between Sunday and Saturday, are also on the site, and we will have additional features for the Season of Lent. Check it out! www.stlukestomsriver.org



St. Vincent de Paul Society

We are most grateful to all of the generous parishioners who contributed to SVdP in the Ash Wednesday Mass collections. Thanks to all of you who joined our fundraising trip to Atlantic City last Tuesday – we plan to have another AC Trip in April. **Save The Date** – Breakfast at Applebees, 8 to 10AM May 25, 2015.

The Food Pantry is accepting donations of Turkeys and Hams for Easter from 10AM to 12:30PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We Are Here To Help

For those in need of financial assistance, please contact us at **(732) 244-3916**. Calls will be returned promptly.

The **Food Pantry** distributes food to those in need, within our parish boundaries regardless of religious affiliation, on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10AM to 12:45PM**. Please bring current identification and proof of residence.

How You Can Help

Use the envelopes available in the Church pews and in the Narthex to make financial contributions. Contributions of food for the pantry may be placed in the large wooden box in the Narthex.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
COFFEE, TEA
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

***Thank You for Helping Us To Help The Needy.
God Bless!***

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf>



Please Pray for the Sick

Benjamin Aprea, Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Doris Taylor, Rev. George Macho, Deacon Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Michael Agro, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Pat LaRocca, Nina Parisi, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Margaret Boland, Kathleen Mc Fadden, Anthony Mazzeo, Martin Sullivan, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Barbara Walsh, Greg Chadwick, Yolanda Salvatore, Rita Sheehan, Susan Mauro, Steven Haas, Larry Reagan, Maryanne Molner, Douglas Owen, Bob De Nardo, Janice Ulker, Arthur Muldoon, Edna Dima, Zander Kaminoff, Connie Banares, Bernard Nisenholtz, Jack Geiran, Bishop David O’Connell, Charles Sciascia, Catherine Byrnes, Patricia Canessa, Doreen Molinari, Jodi Heitmann, Connie Palino, Arlene De Jura., JoAnn Maione, Jerry Mc Vicar, Richard Bator, Jerry Abate, John Petito, Mary Ottrando, Ryan Snyder (child), Frank Sasso, Kym Pierro, Anita Menafra, Louise Svarczkopf, Claire Hanson, Phil DiBello, Domenica Nicole Pontoriero (Infant), Margaret Clinton.

"Irish Celebration"
Friday, March 6, 2015 ~ 7:00PM
St. Dominic Parish Center
250 Old Squan Road, Brick, NJ

This dynamic concert features the finest Irish song, dance, music & laughter, starring vocalist Tony Kenny, Star of Jury's Irish Cabaret, with the Trinity Dublin Band and the Dublin City Dancers. Tickets are \$30.00, includes complimentary beverages during intermission. Call 732-840-1410 x 47 for tickets.

**Have You Drifted Away?
Come Home to the Catholic Church**

Catholics Returning Home is a five week series of relaxed but directed informal sessions that help you renew your relationship with God. Is there something missing in your life? Have you told yourself, "I want to go back to Church but I have been away for so long and just can't bring myself to..." God is calling you...to walk through life with Him. Answer His call and say "Yes!!!" Why not take that first step today? Come to *Catholics Returning Home* and feel complete and find that piece of the puzzle that's been missing. You do not need to attend every session but it is encouraged. Our next session begins Tuesday, February 24 and every Tuesday through March 24 at 7:30pm at the St. Aloysius Church Parish Office, 935 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson. For more information call Bill at 917-751-5962 or the Parish Office at 732-370-0500. Also, on the website at www.saintaloyusiusonline.org.

Quote of the Week:

"The Gospel of the healing of the leper tells us, if we want to be true disciples of Jesus, we are called to become, united to Him, instruments of his merciful love, overcoming every kind of marginalization. In order to become 'imitators of Christ' in the face of a poor or sick person, we must not be afraid to look him in the eye and to draw near with tenderness and compassion, and to touch him and embrace him. I have often asked this of people who help others, to do so looking them in the eye, not to be afraid to touch them; that this gesture of help may also be a gesture of communication: we too need to be welcomed by them. A gesture of tenderness, a gesture of compassion...Let us ask you: when you help others, do you look them in the eye? Do you embrace them without being afraid to touch them? Do you embrace them with tenderness? Think about this: how do you help? From a distance or with tenderness, with closeness? If evil is contagious, so is goodness. Therefore, there needs to be ever more abundant goodness in us. Let us be infected by goodness and let us spread goodness!"

- Pope Francis 2/15/2015

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have launched the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal last weekend. Many of you have received your pledge card in the mail. If you haven't or if you misplaced your pledge card, you may pick one up in the Bulletin Carts. We ask that everyone prayerfully consider a gift to the Appeal to help fund the good works of our Diocese and Parishes. Once again, the St. Luke goal is \$89,000. We thank you for your continuing generosity in reaching our goal and in all that you do for our parish. God Bless You!

Rice Bowl

Hungering for a Bountiful Earth This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. We read the story of Melvin, struggling to support his family. Think about how will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it? Let us pray for farmers around the world who work to improve their harvests while preserving natural resources, that they may support their families through the fruits of the land and for our community of faith, that we do our part to preserve our natural environment and be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

Literacy New Jersey-Ocean County Programs

This organization is dedicated to improving the lives of adults through literacy. They work with learners over the age of 18 who are categorized as low-level literate or as non-English speaking. The organization is looking to form conversation groups consisting of friends and members of the St. Luke Community. If you or someone you know would like to improve your ability to read, write, and speak English, help is just a phone call away. Additionally, the organization welcomes volunteers to help in their mission. To volunteer as a student or a tutor, please call LNJ-OC at 732-864-9646.

**A Concert to Benefit the Expansion of
The St. Joseph Church Food Pantry**

Ronan Tynan

**A Famous Irish Tenor Performs on
Thursday, March 19, 2015 ~ 7:00PM
St. Joseph Church**

685 Hooper Avenue, Toms River

**\$100 for Premium Seating; \$55 for General
Admission; \$25 for Balcony Seating**

**Buy Tickets at
www.RonanTynaninConcert.eventbrite.com**