

MAY 24, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MAY 25 - 31

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon., Memorial Day:		
9:00 AM	For those men & women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.	
Tues. 7:30 AM	George Welsch	The Dowling Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Thomas Boyle	Wife, Helen
11:00 AM	Patricia Rasmussen	The Russoniello Family
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Josephine Cassidente	The Jackiewicz, Pierce, Webb, Morrison, & Grefsky Families
Fri. 7:30 AM	Peter Gilmartin	Mary Keating
11:00 AM	Rev. Robert O'Leary	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Sat. 8:30 AM	Frank Tuzzio	Daughter, Camille
4:00 PM	Otto Marracello Sr.	Children & Grandchildren
5:30 PM	Stanislaw Sekula	Dorothy & Michael Sobieski
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Russell Cook	Lois & Andrew Gross
10:00 AM	Nicola Caputo	Wife, Rosa
12:00 PM	Thomas Ruggiero	Wife, Terry & Family



Memorial Day Mass Schedule

**Monday, May 25, 2015 ~ 9:00AM
(No 7:30AM Mass)**

Note: The Parish and Religious Education offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.



***St. Luke Altar Flowers
May 23 - May 29, 2015***



In Front of Altar: ***In Memory of Carmen Lapid***
Req. by the Lapid & Hamada Family

In Front of the Blessed Mother: ***For Our Confirmandi***

In Front of St. Joseph: ***For Our Holy Father,
Priests & Deacons***

In Front of St. Jude: ***For Missing Children***

In Front of St. Luke: ***For the Faithful***

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.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Eileen Gurliaccio Josephine Karlton
Rosaria Caleca Theresa Farisco
Robert S. Coffee Jr.*

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, Margaret Boland, Kathleen Mc Fadden, Anthony Mazzeo, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Janice Ulker, Arthur Muldoon, Edna Dima, Connie Banares, Bernard Nisenholtz, Bishop David O'Connell, Arlene De Jura, JoAnn Maione, 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, Eileen Dandorf, Veronica Gully, Pat Alfano, Fr. Peter Funesti, Joann Salek, Barbara Meidhof, Frank Corbally, Joseph Italiano, John Cirignano, Marguerite Dorney, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Maryann Lentini, Matty Turner (infant), Joan Terranova, Steven Kasper, Theresa Kasper, Kenneth Foerstein, Mary Ann Napatano, Steven Haas, Leonard Maselli, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Connie Plaino, Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Patricia Sevoss, Gloria Rafanelli, Gina Pelillo, Kathy Kelly, Catherine Brady, Guy Buck, Gail Cook, Natalie Biller, Evelyn Dowling, Jean Burke, Joseph in Uganda, Margaret Kohnenkamp.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 31, 2015

1st Reading: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17
Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

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

The Origins of Memorial Day

This Monday, we as a nation will celebrate Memorial Day with picnics, family and sales at the mall, but it wasn't always so....

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic: "The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the latest rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land" .

In December 2000, Congress passed a resolution for the "National Moment of Remembrance". Then President Bill Clinton offered the following:

"In this time of unprecedented success and prosperity throughout our land, I ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal "National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day. This memorial observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms." The National Moment of Remembrance asks that at 3 pm, local time, ALL AMERICANS 'voluntarily and informally observe in their own way of Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps".

A Prayer for Memorial Day

By: Education for Justice

***On this Memorial Day
Grant peace to the souls
Of all those soldiers who died in war.
We remember the tears and grief of their families,
The pain of mothers, wives, husbands and children
Who lost precious loved ones.***

***To build a meaningful memorial to them,
We ask God to give us the will
To work for peace around the world
So no more sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers, nor mothers
Are slaughtered by the guns and bombs of war.***

***We ask Mary, who held the lifeless body of her son
And was pierced by the sorrow of his suffering and death,
To grant us the compassion and wisdom to affirm life
And honor the dead through forgiveness and peace making.***

***May God have mercy on the souls of the departed.
Grant them peace, O Lord.***

***May we have mercy on the living.
Grant us peace, O Lord.***

***In Your name we pray.
Amen***

Parish Meetings

Friday, May 29 - 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

Monday, June 1 - 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.

Thursday, June 4 - 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.

Sunday, June 7 - 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.

Tuesday, June 16 - 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. (No Meetings in July & August.)

Wednesday, June 17 - 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.



***Congratulations to
Rev. Alphonse Stephenson
on your 40th Anniversary of Ordination
and our prayers & support for the
Cecelia Foundation which assists
promising young musicians
with scholarships and instruments..***

SERVICE MEETINGS:

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays, 10:00AM in Parish Center.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays, 7:00PM in the Parish Center. (Closed Meeting)

Alcoholics Anonymous, Tuesdays, 8:00PM, in the Parish Center. (Open Meeting) For additional info call Jim at 732-552-8865.

Al-Anon Meeting, Mondays, 11:00AM, in the Parish Center.

Al-Anon Meeting, Thursdays, 7:30PM, in the Parish Center. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

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

Nar-Anon Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:30PM, in the Parish Center.

Gamblers Anonymous, Sundays, 5:45PM, in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Religious Education News

Our "Pennies from Heaven" campaign to benefit The Center in Asbury Park has been very successful. We are pleased to announce that for the months of April and May, our families donated \$331.02. This brings the total amount collected for the school year to \$1,886.03! Thank you for your support and generosity!

Our Level 7 students also collected "Quarters for Water" totaling \$91.94 for Yamba Uganda. This money will be sent to Father Vincent in Africa and used for water for the clinic.

Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day; the PREP office will be closed. Please keep our fallen heroes and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Please be advised that the PREP office will also be **closed on Wednesday, May 27, 2015**. We will be attending a much needed retreat.

Registration for School Year 2015-2016:

Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors: Packets were mailed out to the families currently enrolled in St. Luke PREP. Children entering first grade should also begin Religious Education class. You may register your child(ren) for PREP classes either by mail or in person from **May 4 through August 3, 2015**.

The PREP Office is located in the Parish Center and open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Any questions? Call 732-505-0108.



Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Grace May Fitzpatrick ~ Daughter of
Robert & Brianna Fitzpatrick
Jayne Tanner Sorensen ~ Son of
Joshua & Kimberly Sorensen
Emma Raine Korenthal ~ Daughter of
Russell & Brooke Korenthal
Deklan Mark Korenthal ~ Son of
Russell & Brooke Korenthal
Henry Preston Yannariello ~ Son of
John & Lauren Yannariello



Collections for:

May 16 & 17, 2015: \$17,656.00 *
Holy Day, May 14: 4,543.00 *

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.**

Quote of the Week:

Addressing parents whose children had been baptized in the last year, Pope Francis said, "...children cry, they are noisy, they don't stop moving. But it really irritates me when I see a child crying in church and someone says they must go out. God's voice is in a child's tears: they must never be kicked out of church."

IN 2014 YOU DID TAKE A BABY BOTTLE...



Homes helping Single Mothers and Babies Since 1985.

AND...

will you do it again to continue to give the homeless, pregnant mothers of Good Counsel a safe and secure home? The weekend of **June 13th and 14th**, Good Counsel Homes will not only be sharing the story of Good Counsel at our parish but is happy to tell you what your past support has enabled us to do! The Riverside home, open for 4 years now, has given birth to 44 babies!! You will be asked to take a baby bottle home with you, and fill it with change, dollars, checks - whatever your means allow and return it within 2 weeks! Thank you for your support and prayers for our mothers who have chosen to give their baby life. JoAnn DiNoia at joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org.

Needed ~ Associate Editor for *The Monitor*

The Diocese of Trenton's newspaper, *The Monitor*, seeks a full-time associate editor. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic; hold a bachelor's degree in journalism, communications or related field; have five years working experience in a related position, preferably with a newspaper or magazine; be able to work nights and weekends as required and travel to all parts of the Diocese as assigned.

Please submit your resume, three clippings with candidate's byline, as well as two professional references and one personal reference to:

Angela Gitto
Associate Director of Human Resources'
Diocese of Trenton
P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147

Or Email: Agitto@DioceseofTrenton.org



St. Vincent de Paul Society

"In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor.... Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income." - *Pope Francis*

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:
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BAR SOAP,
MAC & CHEESE
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

*Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy
God Bless!
<https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf>*

St. Luke Church will be hosting a new seminar based upon the book:

"Redefining Retirement as A Spiritual Journey"

If you are going to be retiring or newly retired, this will be of interest to you.

Presenter: Barry Burke

Dates and further details will be announced.

The Rosary Altar Society Year End Luncheon Tuesday, June 9

All Rosarians and those wishing to join the Rosary Altar Society are encouraged to attend.

Recitation of the rosary will be at 12 noon in the church with a luncheon to follow in the Narthex.

A hot buffet will be catered by Mulberry Street.

Tickets are \$15 payable to St. Luke Rosary Altar Society. Please have checks in to the parish office **by June 2.**