

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ NOV. 23 - 29, 2015

| <u>Day</u>                       | <u>Intention</u>   | <u>Requested By</u>                |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Mon. 7:30 AM                     | Richard Magerkurth   | Julia Magerkurth                   |
| Tues. 7:30 AM                    | Vincent De Simone  | Mother, Grace De Simone            |
| Wed. 7:30 AM                     | Ana Sardo  | Daughter, Maria Sardo-Lopes        |
| 11:00 AM                         | Joe Pescatore, Thinking of You                                       | With Love, Wife, Carmela Pescatore |
| <b>Thurs., Thanksgiving Day:</b> |  |                                    |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>                   | <b>For God's Peace in our hearts, families, nations &amp; world.</b> |                                    |
| Fri. 7:30 AM                     | Phyllis Petto  | Bob & Louis Petto                  |
| 11:00 AM                         | Loving Memory of Daniel Cajohn                                       | Debbie & Steve Weingroff           |
| Sat. 8:30 AM                     | Alex Gallinaro   | Lynne Gallinaro                    |
| 4:00 PM                          | Loving Memory of<br>BJ Waterhouse Shelton                            | Her Mother & Family                |
| 5:30 PM                          | Donald Garrell   | Nan & Ed Olszewski                 |
| Sun. 7:00 AM                     | St. Luke Parishioners  |                                    |
| 8:30 AM                          | Paul Di Blasi  | Wife, Terry                        |
| 10:00 AM                         | James Bruno  | Wife, Patricia Bruno               |
| 12:00 PM                         | Janice Weitzell & Kathleen Murphy                                    | Brother, Joe & Family              |



### **Thanksgiving Day Mass Time**

**Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 ~  
9:00AM**

(There **will not** be a 7:30 AM Mass)

**Note:** The Parish & CCD Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 26 & Friday, Nov. 27.



### **St. Luke Altar Flowers**

**November 21 - November 27, 2015**



In Front of Altar:

***In Memory of Joseph & Louise Paci***  
*Req. by Son, Jim & Marie Paci*

***In Memory of Nicholas D'Ambrosio***  
*Req. by Wife, Dolores & Children*

***I Miss You Jack***  
*Req. by Loving Wife, Nancy Bartlett*



### **Pray for the Recently Deceased**

*Leon J. Pulsinelle                      Angela Vaiana*  
*Joseph A. Tomasulo Jr.                Rosanna D'Adamo*

### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Benjamin Aprea, Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Doris Taylor, Deacon Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Michael Agro, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Pat LaRocca, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Bishop David O'Connell, Anita Menafrá, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Claire Hansen, Marjorie Jannelli, Gary Brennan, Helen Brennan, Gloria Rafanelli, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Steve Christiansen, Arlene Farawell, Arthur Muldoon, Roselle Derequito, Larry Gallo, Lil Schneller, Bob Schneller, Sofia Rott, Enes Holsten, Joseph Italiano, Vincent Brady, Catherine Byrnes, Larry Reagan, Virginia Heywood (child), Robert Harraden, Margaret Longenberger, Joann Salek, Laura Petrolino, Phil DiBello, Bill Smith, Joe Morriello, Maryanne Molner, Anne Pittaro, Victoria Johnson, James Joseph White, Maureen Driscoll, Lisa Penna, Jacquelyn Lombardo, John Mc Manus, Pamela Mc Cabe, Tina Pilot, Phyllis Scarpello, Shirley Foco, John Higgins, Dolores Buck, Ralph Nolfi, Denise Schmitt, Jeannette Wolcott, Kathleen Langon, Helen Dudek, Paula O'Neill, Judy Savastano, Ederlina Lozada, Mary Ann Lucia.



### **Holy Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis has proclaimed "A Holy Year of Mercy" to commence on December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. The Motto for this Holy Year is "Merciful like the Father" and it is intended to 'serve as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**November 29, 2015**

1st Reading:     Jeremiah 33:14-16  
2nd Reading:    1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2  
Gospel:           Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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

## **WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS**

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions.

This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

### **Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:**

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

I was shocked and alarmed but there were no instructions on how to stop downloading this into our system (soul). So I have come up with a few ways that may help:

How to not download this virus into your soul:

- Stay away from God
- Make anything and everything more important than Jesus
- While waiting for Christ's return, do not:
  - Prepare in Peace,
  - Prepare in Hope,
  - Prepare in Joy,
  - Prepare in Love.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

***Happy Advent!!!!***

**Advent begins November 29th**

### St. Luke Pre-Baptism Classes...

for expectant and new parents are held on the first Monday of each month at **7:30PM**. Please call the Parish Office to register, 732-286-2222.

**The next class:  
Monday, December 7**

### Pax Youth Group

7th & 8th Graders are invited to join; games, activities, hang out & pizza while getting closer to God! Check out our web site: [www.paxteens.com](http://www.paxteens.com)

**The next meeting:  
Friday, December 18  
at 7:00-9:00PM  
in the Parish Center.**

## Religious Education News

**Reminder:** This is Level 1 & Basics of Faith Mass Weekend. Please write your name on the bulletin and have it signed by someone in church ministry; then turn in this signed bulletin at your next class. Thank you!

**Happy Thanksgiving!** PREP Classes will not be held on Tuesday-Thursday, November 24-25, 2015.

At this time, we have filled our need for Desk Aides, but are still in need of Substitute Teachers. Please call 732-505-0108 for more information or to volunteer.

### Rosary Makers

Meet on the 3rd Tuesday monthly, at **1:30pm** to make Rosaries for the missions and local nursing homes. Instructions and materials provided.

**Next meeting:  
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016  
(No meetings in Nov. & Dec.)**

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, **10:00am-12:00pm** to create shawls and lap throws to give to the bereaved, the infirmed and the lonely.

**Next meeting:  
Wed., December 16**



### RCIA

Have you or someone you know not been baptized but would like to explore the desire to become Catholic? Have you or someone you know been baptized but have not completed one or both of the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) but desires to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church? **Contact us at 732-286-2222 x 311.**

### St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

The bereavement support group for any loss meets at **7:30pm every other Thursday** for 7 sessions, ending December 3rd. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

**The next meeting: December 3, 2015 (final meeting)**

### St. Luke Rosary Altar Society ATTENTION ROSARIANS:

**Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on:  
December 8, 2015 at 12:00noon**

If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$15.00, checks made payable to St. Luke Rosary Altar Society, **due on or before December 1, 2015**. You may drop off your checks to the Parish Office. For more information, call Julia Magerkurth at 732-886-6635 or Teresa Crowley at 732-886-0136.

### SERVICE MEETINGS:

**Women's Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays, 10:00AM** in Madonna Room

**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 Madonna Room

**Al-Anon Meeting, Thursdays, 7:30PM**, in Madonna Room. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

**Parent Al-Anon Meeting, Fridays, 7:00PM**, in Madonna Room. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

**Nar-Anon , Mondays, 7:30PM-9:00PM**, in Madonna Room

**Nar-Anon Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:30PM**, in Madonna Room

**Gamblers Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM** in Madonna Room

**Gamblers Anonymous, Sundays, 5:45PM**, in Madonna Room. (Open Meeting)

**Parents of Disabled Children Support, 7:00PM, 3rd Thursday** of each month.



### "Poinsettia Angels" ...

will be available for dedication at the weekend Masses only beginning Saturday, **November 21st through Sunday, December 6th**. Donations are \$15 and \$25.

### Collections for Nov. 14 & 15, 2015

**Total: \$18,611.00 \***  
**Faith Direct for November: \$10,893.00**

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](http://www.faithdirect.net).

**Thank you for your generous support.**

\* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.

### Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Kristofer Xavier Blackburn ~ Son of  
Atalia Herrera and Kristofer Blackburn  
Dean Patrick Corson ~ Son of  
James and Melissa Corson  
Marcus Augustus Del Mundo ~ Son of  
Amah Lea Alava and Mark Del Mundo  
Anthony Rocco Giorella ~ Son of  
Carmine and Tracy Giorella  
Vincent Arellano Mandanas ~ Son of  
Victor and Richeileen Mandanas

#### Save The Date!

#### Yamba Uganda's Bead and Craft Sale

Beautiful and Unique  
Christmas Gifts. Give the  
gift that keeps on giving!  
Help us make a difference  
in the lives of the poor  
women & children that  
Yamba helps in Africa.  
**December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2015**

#### Yoga & Sprituality Class

The Yoga & Spirituality  
Class is offering an eve-  
ning program for Advent  
on **December 9th at  
6:00PM** in the St. Luke  
Parish Center. This is a  
make up class for a  
missed session in  
November and  
is open to all

#### Quote of the Week:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters: As the extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy approaches, today we consider the great open door of God’s mercy, symbolized by the Holy Doors which will open in Churches throughout the world. The recent Synod of Bishops on the Family encouraged families in a particular way to enter this door of mercy and to open the doors of their hearts to others. Jesus tells us that he stands knocking at our door, asking that we open it to him (Rev 3:20). How important it is for us to be good doorkeepers, capable of opening our doors and making our homes places of encounter and welcome, especially to our brothers and sisters in need! Jesus also tells us that he himself is the door (Jn 10:9) which leads to salvation; if we pass through him, we will find lasting security and freedom. As guardians of that door, we in the Church are called to be welcoming to all who seek to enter the fold of the Good Shepherd. May the doors of our Christian homes be signs and symbols of the door of God’s mercy, a door ever open to all who knock and desire to meet Jesus.”

- Pope Francis, General Audience 11/18/2015

#### MINISTRY HOTLINE

732-286-2222 x 310

#### St. Luke Church has joined Investors Bank’s Care2Share Affinity Program.

For every account you link to the Church of St. Luke, Investors Bank will donate monies based upon the average balance of the linked deposits. Additional Information can be obtained at any Investors Bank branch, at [www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share](http://www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share) or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222 x 306.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this context, we can understand Jesus' command to his disciples: "You yourselves give them something to eat!" (Mk 6:37): it means working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor, as well as small daily acts of solidarity in meeting the real needs which we encounter. - *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. **NOTE: The Pantry will be closed Wed., Nov. 25 and Fri., Nov. 27.**

#### 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. **Please do not leave refrigerated/frozen food donations in the wooden box in the narthex – deliver them to the pantry during their normal hours.**

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: COFFEE, LAUNDRY  
DETERGENT, SMALL TURKEY BREAST**

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

<https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf0>



#### GIVING TREE & PUDGE'S TREE

Our Giving Tree and Pudge's Tree are in the Narthex! We ask that if you take a tag, you honor the Gift Request that is on that tag. We ask you to return the **UNWRAPPED gift** with the tag (it is our only way of getting gifts where they belong) **BY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>** (so we can get gifts ready for distribution). But most of all **THANK YOU** for your continuing generosity and the smiles and love you bring to young and not as young and all God's creation through it.

Wrapping of gifts will take place on December 13th at 2:30PM in the Parish Center.