

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JAN. 18 - 24, 2016

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	9:00 AM	Lina Coluccelli	Gloria Marchio
Tues.	7:30 AM	Patricia Torpey	Joanne Hall
Wed.	7:30 AM	Richard Magerkurth	Theresa Dougherty
	11:00 AM	Mary & Bill Casey (Living) ~ 50th Wedding Anniversary	Kathryn Sweeney
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Agnes P. Provost	Joseph & Helena Truglio
Fri.	7:30 AM	Fr. George Macho	The Macho Family
	11:00 AM	Steven Franciosi	Al & Carol Palmieri & Dana
Sat.	8:30 AM	William Hemberger	Fr. Bob & the St. Luke Staff
	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Ruby & Ruggier Families	Martin & Barbara Ruby
	5:30 PM	Stanislaw Sekula	Dorothy & Michael Sobieski
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	George Schierer	Lisa Flatley
	10:00 AM	Bernardino Lopez	Daughter, Carmen Morris
	12:00 PM	Vincent Marino	Eleanor & Jim Venturini



Holy Year of Mercy

Holy Doors of Mercy have been opened in churches throughout the Diocese of Trenton as places of pilgrimages. Visiting these sites and following certain conditions (prayers and conditions can be found on our website and on the table in the Narthex) offers a chance to receive a plenary indulgence. The Parishes Bishop O'Connell has designated are:.

Mercer County

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton
Divine Mercy, Trenton
St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square
St. George, Titusville

Burlington County

St. Katharine Drexel, Burlington

Monmouth County

St. Mary, Middletown
St. Mary, Colts Neck
Holy Cross, Rumson
St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold
St. Catherine, Middletown

Ocean County

St. Peter, Point Pleasant Beach
St. Barnabas, Bayville
St. Aloysius, Jackson

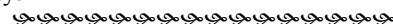
We will also be continuing our series for the Year of Mercy.

Martin Luther King Day

January 18, 2016

Mass Time: 9:00AM (No 7:30AM Mass)

Please Note: The Parish Office & Religious Ed Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Richard Magerkurth Felix "Phil" Mortara
Enrico Aure

Please Pray for the Sick

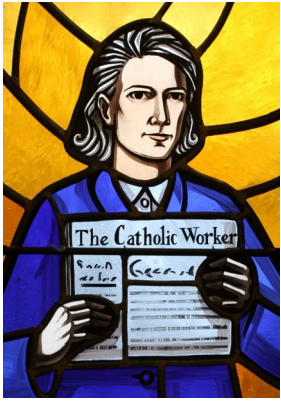
Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Deacon Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Michael Agro, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Pat LaRocca, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Claire Hansen, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Lil Schneller, Bob Schneller, Enes Holsten, Joseph Italiano, Vincent Brady, Virginia Heywood (child), 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, Ralph Nolfi, Denise Schmitt, Kathleen Langon, Helen Dudek, Paula O'Neill, Mary Ann Lucia, Gloria Rafanelli, Anne Repko, Thomas Repko, Charlie Rott, Stan Marszalek, Sister Marion Hicks, Donald Korba, Samantha Mahoney, Kimberly Alexander, Patricia Wolfgang -Spavold, Barbara Meidhof, Dean (Dino) Dourlaris, Maryanne Molner, Art Muldoon, Linda Schillari, William Chimick, Renee Sa-har, Jane Dwyer.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 24, 2016

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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



The Dorothy Day Story

Dorothy Day was born on November 8, 1897, and died on November 29, 1980. Daughter of a journalist, she also chose journalism as a profession. As a young woman, Dorothy became involved in several love affairs, entered into a brief marriage, and also gave birth to a child out of wedlock. She also had an abortion for which she later deeply repented.

During World War I, she became a Socialist and was influenced by the Communist Party, believing this was the best way to help the poor. But after the birth of her daughter, Tamar, she became a Catholic and came under the influence of Peter Maurin, with whom she formed the Catholic Worker Movement. She embraced voluntary poverty, raised her daughter, devoted her life to the care of the poor, and struggled to remove both the causes and symptoms of poverty in society.

On November 9, 1997, Cardinal John O'Connor delivered a homily about sanctity and Dorothy Day on the occasion of the one-hundredth anniversary of her birth. We quote here some of the comments that he made:

Dorothy Day died before I became archbishop of New York, or I would have called on her immediately upon my arrival. Few people have had such an impact on my life, even though we never met.

A number of new books are appearing now, because of the centenary of her birth, but I still find her own book on St. Thérèse of Lisieux to reveal as much about Dorothy Day as anything else that I have read. Most particularly she seems clearly to recognize that Thérèse's "little way" was the way of suffering, and to understand with Thérèse that all suffering united with that of Christ on the Cross is of inestimable value for souls.

I wish every woman who has suffered an abortion would come to know Dorothy Day. Her story was so typical. Made pregnant by a man who insisted she have an abortion, who then abandoned her anyway, she suffered terribly for what she had done, and later pleaded with others not to do the same. But later, too, after becoming a Catholic, she learned the love and mercy of the Lord, and knew she never had to worry about His forgiveness. This is why I have never condemned a woman who has had an abortion; I weep with her and ask her to remember Dorothy Day's sorrow but to know always God's loving mercy and forgiveness.

Not everyone who knew Dorothy at a distance is aware of her meetings with Mother Teresa of Calcutta, or of the esteem in which Mother Teresa held her. A new book by Jim Forest, *Love is the Measure*, includes a portion of a Mother Teresa letter written for Dorothy Day's seventy-fifth birthday: Mother Teresa wrote to her, "So much love—so much sacrifice—all for Him alone. You have been such a beautiful branch on the Vine, Jesus, and allowed His Father, the Vine dresser, to prune you so often and so much. You have accepted all with great love. . . ."

I wish I had known Dorothy Day personally. I feel that I know her because of her goodness. But surely, if any woman ever loved God and her neighbor, it was Dorothy Day!

Pray that we do what we should do. (*Catholic New York* [November 13, 1997]: 13-14)

The Vatican has begun proceedings that may lead to her canonization. She went down many blind alleys before she found the road that Christ was pointing out to her all the time.

As the archbishop of New York City, Cardinal John O'Connor pointed out in his endorsement of her cause for sainthood that she "anticipated the teachings of John Paul II" in her uncompromising devotion both to the Church and to the cause of social justice. The Cardinal said he considered her a model for everyone, "but especially for women who have had or are considering abortion."

Dorothy Day's life was dedicated to seeking holiness, defending life, and promoting social justice and peace. In valuing human life, she came to reject the violence of abortion and to abhor war and crushing poverty. Her story seems most suitable for our reflection on the Fifth Commandment.

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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, February 1st**

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center. **The Rosary will be recited at 1:00** followed by a meeting and social. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

**Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 8th
(No meeting in Jan. & Feb.)**



Religious Education News

This is Level 1 Mass Weekend. Please **write your name on the front of the bulletin**, have it signed by someone in church ministry and turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

St Luke PREP is having a WINTER JACKET COLLECTION. Please bring your slightly used winter coats and jackets. Donations will be collected at all PREP classes for the month of January. Any questions? Call 732-505-0108.

There is **NO CLASS** and the PREP Office is closed on Monday, **January 18, 2016** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

During the month of January, the diocesan mandated program "Protecting God's Children—Teaching Touching Safety" Lessons 3 & 4 will be presented on the following dates: Level 2 - January 20, Level 7 - January 26, and Level 8 - January 27, 2016. Levels 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have their presentation the week of April 4 - 7, 2016.

Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **February 21st**. After Mass all are invited to gather in the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship. Please join us to meet new friends or renew old acquaintances.



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. 19th**

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:
Wednesday, Jan. 20th**



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 for Men, Sundays, 8:30AM-9:30AM; for more information call Mort Levy 732-600-6783.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Mondays, 7:00PM, "Sacrifice Group", in Parish Center.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Wednesdays, 6:00PM, in Parish Center.

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)

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

**The next meeting: Friday, January 29, 2016
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

We have just completed our Fall session, and although we will not begin a new session yet, you are not alone. If you need information concerning bereavement or have any questions, please contact Anna Ascione-Hardman at 732-244-8557.

Collections for Jan. 9 & 10, 2016

Total: \$19,481.00 *

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.

Thank you for your generous support.

* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.

Quote of the Week:

...”The Lord proclaims Himself abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. How beautiful is this definition of God! Here we find everything. Because God is great and powerful, but this greatness and power are shown in loving us, so small and incapable as we are. The word ‘to love’ as used here indicates affection, grace, goodness. It is the love that takes the first step, that does not depend upon human merits but on an immense gratuity. It is the divine solicitude that nothing can stop, not even sin, as it goes beyond sin, conquering evil and forgiving it. A faithfulness without limits: here is the last word of God’s revelation to Moses. God’s faithfulness never ceases because the Lord...never sleeps, but rather keeps watch over us continually to bring us to life.”

- Pope Francis General Audience, 1/13/2016

St. Justin Church

Annual Roller Skating Night

Saturday, January 30, 2016 ~ 5:00-7:00PM

At Jackson Skating Center

2270 W. County Line Road, Jackson

St. Luke parishioners are invited. The rink is closed to the general public so only friends from St. Luke, St. Joseph and St. Justin will be there that evening. Download a registration form from www.stjustin.org and drop it off at the St. Justin Parish Office, 975 Fischer Blvd., Toms River, by **January 25th**. Any questions, call Sue Keogh, 908-591-4271 or the parish office at 732-270-3980.

WE NEED YOU . . .

As Extraordinary Ministers to serve at the Nursing Homes, the Homebound and at Mass.

We will begin training on a monthly basis.

“You are God’s hands and feet. You have been called.”

MINISTRY HOTLINE

732-286-2222 x 6218

2015 Collection Statements

A record of your contributions to St. Luke Church is kept based on your envelope number. Statements with your total 2015 weekly donations for IRS will be issued upon request to the Parish Office, 732-286-2222. You will receive your requested statement at the end of January.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St Luke Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is registered on Amazon Smile as a non profit organization. For anything that you buy through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the charity of your choice — in this case, St. Luke Conference. You can shop Amazon as you always do except go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1482577> that will take you to our Amazon account.

For those interested in the Society and its work, please join us in the Augustine Room this Tuesday, Jan. 19th, at 6:30PM for fellowship followed by our meeting.

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. *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 AND DETERGENT**

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

<https://www.stlukeconference.org>



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 6220.**

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 or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222 x 6200.