

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEB. 29 - MAR. 6, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	William P. O'Mara	Josephine & Mildred Piscitelli
Tues. 7:30 AM	Daniel Hladney	Brother, Robert
Wed. 7:30 AM	Peter J. Opdyke Sr.	Polly & Jay Cariaso
11:00 AM	Joe, Happy Birthday in Heaven	Wife, Carmela Pescatore
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Gail Landolfi	Husband, Bob & Sons, Rob & Jon
Fri. 7:30 AM	Christine Romeo	Bob & Kay Romeo
11:00 AM	Ed Rajkowski	Wife, Mary Lou
Sat. 8:30 AM	Rev. Robert O'Leary	Terry & Sal Rizzo-Cascio
4:00 PM	Rosanna D'Adamo	Dottie & Ralph Chaump
5:30 PM	Bella & Frank La Pera	Laura Tomasulo
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
10:00 AM	Edward Oltarzewski	Fred & Maria Oltarzewski
12:00 PM	Joseph Modzelewski	Larry & Maureen Modzelewski



### **Holy Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis has proclaimed "A Holy Year of Mercy" which commenced 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."

*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.*

*In addition, various parishes will be hosting a Holy Hour for the Year of Mercy. This Holy Hour will consist of Scripture reading, silent prayer, music, intercessions and personal testimonies.*

*In Ocean County (all times are 7:00 pm):*

*March 8 St. Peter, Point Pleasant Beach  
June 14 St. Joseph, Toms River*

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

This Lenten Season, we will have a wonderful mix of Traditional and Contemporary Stations of the Cross. We will seek to engage all of your senses using video and musical accompaniment as well as guided reflection. Below is the schedule for Stations of the Cross. We encourage all parishioners to experience this wonderful devotion this Lent.

March 4 ~ Traditional  
March 11 ~ Vincentian Spirituality  
March 18 ~ Journey of Decision -A Way of the Cross  
March 25 ~ Traditional - Good Friday Reflection

### **Communal Lenten Penance Services**

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Monday, March 14, 7:00PM  
St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wed., Mar. 16, 12:00PM  
St. Justin, T.R. ~ Friday, March 18, 7:00PM  
**St. Luke, T.R. ~ Tuesday, March 22, 7:00PM**



### **Annual Catholic Appeal**

We have launched the Annual Catholic Appeal. This year our goal is once again \$89,000. In 2015, we surpassed that goal with the generosity of 547 families out of 5205 families. This resulted in our parish receiving a 15% rebate which will help support our vital ministries. We heartily thank those 547 families and invite all 5250+ families to participate in this year's Appeal.

### **The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass ~ A Celebration of Law Enforcement**



March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton. Luncheon to follow in Parish Hall. RSVP required by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. For further details: [www.bluemass.org](http://www.bluemass.org) or call 609-403-7199.



### **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 First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) but desires to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church? **Contact us at St. Luke Church, 732-286-2222 x 6220.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS March 6, 2016**

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Readings may be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

# Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Spiritual Works of Mercy

*by Joe Paprocki, DMin*

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy** are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday spiritual and emotional needs.

## **Instructing**

- commit yourself to learning about the Catholic faith and share your understanding of the faith with others and with those who welcome it;
- share your insights, knowledge, and skills with others, especially friends, fellow students, coworkers;
- take time to “tutor” those who are just beginning tasks;
- read good literature and encourage others to do the same.

## **Advising**

- be courageous yet compassionate in calling people and institutions to be faithful to Gospel values;
- intervene in situations in which people are clearly doing harm to themselves or others;
- respond to negative and prejudicial comments with positive statements;
- put an end to gossip by walking away; set a good example for others.

## **Consoling**

- work at being optimistic and avoiding cynicism;
- respond to cynicism, skepticism, and doubt with hope;
- be articulate about your own hopes;
- ask people about their hopes and support them in trying to attain them.

## **Comforting**

- walk with others through their pain;
- offer words of encouragement to those who seem discouraged;
- offer positive words to fellow students or coworkers who are having a difficult time with their tasks;
- be present to those who are struggling or in emotional pain or despair;
- offer sympathy to those who are grieving.

## **Forgiving**

- pray for those who have wronged you and pray for the courage to forgive;
- ask forgiveness from others;
- let go of grudges; go out of your way to be positive with someone you are having a difficult time with.

## **Bearing wrongs patiently**

- work at being less critical of others;
- overlook minor flaws and mistakes;
- give people the benefit of the doubt;
- assume that people who may have hurt you did so because they are enduring pain of their own;
- pray for those who have wronged you.

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

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

**The next class:  
Monday, March 7th**

### 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**

### Religious Education News

This is the Level 7 Mass Weekend. Please **write your name on the front of the bulletin**, have it signed by someone in church ministry and then turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

**Level 2 Communion Fun Day** will be held in the Faith Formation Center on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**.

Group A: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Group B: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This program is for the parents and children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion on April 30, 2016.

Your attendance is expected.

As per the 2015-2016 PREP class schedule, there will be **NO CLASS on Monday, March 7 or Tuesday, March 8, 2016** due to practice (Mon 4-6pm) and the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation (Tue 4pm).

As our Confirmation Candidates enter their final weeks of preparation, please keep them in your prayers.

### Palm Crosses

The St. Luke Rosary Altar Society will be selling Palm Crosses after all Masses the **weekend of March 12 & 13** which is the weekend **before** Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support.

### 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, March 15th**

### 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., March 16th**

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

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

**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.

### 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, March 4th  
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

### St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

The bereavement support group for any loss began new sessions in **February**. The group meets at 7:30pm every other Thursday for 8 sessions ending June 9. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557. **Next meeting: March 3 rd**

### Collections for Feb. 20 & 21, 2016

**Total: \$17,807.00 \***

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

**Thank you for your generous support.**

\* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through **FaithDirect**.



### Pray for the Recently Deceased

Madeleine M. Johnsen  
William Chimick

Mildred Antonelli  
William T. Sheedy

### Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Dcn. Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Michael Agro, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Claire Hansen, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Joseph Italiano, Virginia Heywood (child), Victoria Johnson, James Joseph White, Maureen Driscoll, Lisa Penna, Gloria Rafanelli, Anne Repko, Thomas Repko, Stan Marszalek, Sister Marion Hicks, Donald Korba, Samantha Mahoney, Kimberly Alexander, Patricia Wolfgang-Spavold, Barbara Meidhof, Dean (Dino) Dourlaris, Maryanne Molner, Linda Schillari, Renee Sa-har, Jane Dwyer, Frank Sasso, Joseph Mc Nally, Rosemarie Testa, Francis Lewis Jr., Antonia Nigro, Tom Gosnell, Barbara Walsh, Joanne Kronowski, Helen Borrmann, Ryan Kurtz (child), Danielle Caravello, Larry Reagan, Genevieve Schillaci, Margaret Longenberger, Joann Salek, Rose Bonito, Ralph Mocarro, Aldo Di Domenico Sr., Joan Reilly, Chuck Nazzaro, Audrey Farr, John Higgins.



### Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Emma Marie Conti ~ Daughter of  
Lauren Perkowski and Daniel Conti  
Jack Francis Harvey ~ Son of  
Christine and Michael Harvey  
Abigail Keane Mantle ~ Daughter of  
Kaitlin and Thomas Mantle  
Adriana Rose Sofield ~ Daughter of  
Diane and Ronald Sofield Jr.

**BUS TRIP TO TROPICANA**  
**Tuesday March 15 – 9AM**  
**\$25.00 Slot Play Bonus**  
**Tickets \$30 - Call Lucille – 732-323-0186**  
**Benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**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**  
Parishioners interested in serving as Communion  
Ministers for the Sunday Liturgies, please call the  
Ministry Hotline to sign up for training.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

During January, the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry supplied 106 families consisting of 184 adults and 150 children with 155 bags of food.

The St. Luke Conference Food Pantry is collecting food for Easter Dinners for our Guests. We are accepting Hams during normal pantry hours (10:00 AM to 12:45 PM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday) Please do not leave any refrigerated items in the box in the narthex or at the door of the pantry.

### 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:**  
**CANNED TUNA & COFFEE**

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

<https://www.stlukeconference.org>

### Quote of the Week:

“Giving up something frees the self from slavery to a civilization that encourages us more and more to comfort and to consumerism without any concern for protecting our environment, the common patrimony of humanity.’ Pay attention to these words which even serve for worldly matter! We are victims of a consumer society, of luxury. And we are buying consumer goods, because the advertising is overwhelming and we buy things which are beyond our means. We want to live in luxury, we want to consume like everyone else does and we are becoming victims, slaves.

- Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador on 3/4/1979 and quoting St. Pope John Paul II's 1979 Lenten message.

### 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 6200.