

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MAY 2-8, 2016

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Kathleen Whelan	Irene & Dick Preuss
Tues.	7:30 AM	Vincent India	Amie, Levi & Adam Hogan
Wed.	7:30 AM	Robert Chillemi	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Colasurdo
	11:00 AM	Richard Magerkurth	Cousins
Holy Day Vigil Masses - "Ascension of The Lord"			
	4:00 PM	Hannah Heitmann & Emma Poirell	The Heitmann & Bengivenga Family
	7:00 PM	Mary Naughtner	A Friend
Thurs. - May 5 - Holy Day - "Ascension of The Lord"			
	7:00 AM	Nelson Mc Devitt	The Keating & Murphy Families
	8:30 AM	Thomas Reilly	Wife
	11:00 AM	Thomas Gallagher	Pat & Jay Love
Fri.	7:30 AM	Sevasti Dillon	Michael & Barbara Napolitano
	11:00 AM	Dorothy Cornacchio	Husband, Sal Cornacchio
Sat.	8:30 AM	Florence Caccese	Daughter, Anne Tracy
	4:00 PM	Lorraine T. Scozzari	Husband, Phil
	5:30 PM	Anna Nixon	Beloved Mother of Margaret Waterhouse
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Conlon Family	Pat & Tom Kelly
	10:00 AM	Peter Di Franco	Wife, Theresa Di Franco
	12:00 PM	Rose & Sam D'Alessio	Children

Ascension of The Lord ~ May 5, 2016 (Holy Day of Obligation)



Pray for the Recently Deceased
Gilda Maccone Stephen Kaspar
Bruno Tucci

Mass Times:

Vigil ~ Wed., May 4 - 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Thursday, May 5 - 7:00AM, 8:30AM & 11:00AM (no evening Masses)

Note: The Parish & CCD Offices will be closed on the Holy Day, Thursday, May 5.



St. Luke Altar Flower Memorials *April 30 - May 6, 2016*



Candle Rings:

*For our youngsters who came to
the Lord's table for the first time*

In Front of Our Blessed Mother:

In Thanksgiving
Req. by Kathy Ruela

To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222. Requests should be made two weeks in advance.

Pray for Our Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Joseph Italiano, Virginia Heywood (child), James Joseph White, Maureen Driscoll, Lisa Penna, Francis Lewis Jr., Barbara Walsh, Ryan Kurtz (child), Danielle Caravello, Larry Reagan, Genevieve Schillaci, Margaret Longenberger, Joann Salek, Rose Bonito, Aldo Di Domenico Sr., Chuck Nazzaro, Audrey Farr, Robert P., Marie Alfano, Enes Holsten, Dave Nelms, Jean Smallwood, Theresa Salvatore, Richard Coburger, Marie Sidoti, Larry Sidoti, Steven Haas, Jean Stulich, Mary Ann Silvestri, Phillip Di Bello, Dawn Trabucco, Pat La Rocca, Gabriel Caldron (infant), Jeff Madlung, John Higgins, Catherine Higgins, Brandon Church (infant).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS **May 8, 2016**

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60
2nd Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel: John 17:20-26

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



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."

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, May 2nd**

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, May 10th**

Religious Education News

Mass obligation doesn't end because CCD is over. We look forward to seeing our families in Church throughout the spring and summer months.

During the season of Lent, the children in St. Luke PREP collected for the Missionary Childhood Association in their mite boxes. We are thrilled to announce that the grand total donated was **\$1,216.75**. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. "You can make a difference."

2016-2017 REGISTRATION

If you have a child entering the first grade in September 2016, they are eligible to attend PREP. Please contact us at 732-505-0108 for more information.

Packets were mailed to the families currently enrolled in PREP. Registrations will be accepted in the PREP office beginning on **Monday, May 9 and continue until Monday, August 1, 2016**. Registration will close on August 2, 2016.

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, May 17th**

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, May 18th**

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

**The next meeting: Friday, May 6th
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

The bereavement support group for any loss meets at **7:30pm every other Thursday** for 8 sessions, ending June 9, 2016. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

The next meeting : May 12, 2016.

Collections for:

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016:	\$ 2,727.00 *
Good Friday, March 25, 2016:	3,697.00 *
Easter, March 26 & 27, 2016:	47,948.00 *
April 23 & 24, 2016:	18,028.00 *

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.

*Would you like to know what
the St. Luke Rosary Makers
do each month?*

Come to our **May 17th meeting** and meet Father Vincent from Yamba Uganda. Father will tell you where our Rosaries, handmade by our parishioners, are sent.

Quote of the Week:

"Our true challenge is to return to the center, to the heart, and to find there the gentle voice that speaks to us and affirms us in a way no human voice ever could. The basis of all ministry is the experience of God's unlimited and unlimiting acceptance of us as beloved children, an acceptance so full, so total, and all-embracing, that it sets us free from our compulsion to be seen, praised, and admired and frees us for Christ, who leads on the road of service.

"This experience of God's acceptance frees us from our needy self and thus creates new space where we can pay selfless attention to others. This new freedom in Christ allows us to move in the world uninhibited by our compulsions and to act creatively even when we are laughed at and rejected, even when our words and actions lead us to death."
— Henri Nouwen *"The Selfless Way of Christ"*



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 848-226-6220.**

WE NEED YOU . . .

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

We hold training sessions on a monthly basis.

*"You are God's hands and feet.
You have been called."*

MINISTRY HOTLINE

848-226-6218

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



St. Vincent de Paul Society

All of the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in Ocean County are seeing a large increase in requests for assistance from persons who are homeless or about to become homeless. The SVdP Conferences are working to coordinate their efforts with one another and with Ocean County and to develop protocols for handling these emergency requests. The St. Luke Conference has already given out more homeless aid in the first quarter of 2016 than we gave out during all of 2015.

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:

Paper Towels, Coffee, Tea, Laundry Detergent

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

<http://www.stlukeconference.org/>

Women's Retreat Day

Thursday, May 12, 2016 ~ 9:30AM-3:00PM

St. Joseph by the Sea

So. Mantaloking, NJ

Sponsored by the St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Open to all women of St. Luke Parish. There will be a lecture by Father Richard Carlson and Mass; Lunch will be provided. Carpool transportation from St. Luke Church or on your own. Cost is \$45.00. Call Noreen Muller, 732-255-4834, for more information or reservations.

Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available in the St. Luke Narthex and Parish Office for your Mass intention requests for Mothers (living and deceased.) Please return your Mass request forms in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Mass Intentions will be remembered during the month of May in honor of Mother's Day.

Sisters of Mercy 50/50 Raffle

The Sisters of Mercy hold a raffle each year to benefit the retired and infirmed Sisters of Mercy. The chances are \$25.00; the 10 prizes range from \$31,250.00 to \$1,250.00. **Chances are on sale this weekend and next weekend, May 7 & 8, after all Masses.** Also, chances are available in the St. Luke Parish Office, Monday-Friday, and the Religious Ed Office, Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The drawing date is May 15, 2016

Host Family Urgently Needed For International Student Attending Donovan Catholic High School

A student from China attending Donovan Catholic High School is in need of a warm and welcoming host family for the 2016-2017 academic year. Daniel's current host family is moving. Proficient in English, Daniel is well mannered, independent and a straight A Honors student. Hosting is an opportunity to share in a cultural exchange and form a lasting international friendship. Host families and students will receive on-going communication and support. Transportation is included. **Compensation to the host family is \$1000.00 per month.** You will have the opportunity to meet Daniel and speak to other St. Luke's families that are happily hosting students. Please contact Elaine Margolis, GoStudentsLLC at 484-802-7204 or internationalstudentconsultant@gmail.com

Mothers' Memorial Mass

A special Mass will be celebrated for Mothers and their families who have suffered the loss of a child of any age (before birth/miscarriage, infancy, childhood, or adult children) on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:00PM at St. Denis Church, Route 71, Manasquan.** Come to honor and remember these children through a special celebration of the Eucharist. The names of all children being honored and remembered will be read during this special Mass. Refreshments will follow. **No RSVP necessary...**All are welcome! Sponsored by Elizabeth Ministries of St. Denis & St. Dominic Churches. Questions, call Rachel Hendricks at 732-223-1658.

Thank You From POAC!

Thank you St. Luke Parishioners! Together we have raised over \$5,600 for POAC Autism Services! If you were unable to donate but still wish to, you can do so by dropping your donation off at the Parish Office or by going to our website: <https://www.poacwalk.org/lakewood/Donate/index/178272>

Forever in Our Hearts

Support Group for

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to Suicide

"Forever in Our Hearts" volunteers conduct monthly meetings to help those whose life has been touched by a suicide to start and continue on a path toward healing. This faith based organization will meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 130 Cable Ave., Beachwood, NJ, on the **2nd Saturday of each month at 1:00PM.** The **first meeting will be on May 14, 2016.** For more information, call 732-269-3236 or visit the groups Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ForeverNRHearts.

Catholic Retreat Centers

Below is a listing of some of the Catholic Retreat Centers in NJ along with their website. We encourage you to check out their programs and continue to support the important work that they do in ministering to us, the Faithful.

1. Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer: <http://www.msmhope.org>
2. Loyola House of Retreat: <http://www.loyola.org/retreats>
3. San Alfonso Retreat Center: <http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org>
4. Maris Stella Retreat Center: <http://www.marisstella.org>
5. St. Joseph by the Sea: <http://www.sjbsea.org>
6. The Upper Room Spiritual Center: <http://www.theupper-room.org/>
7. St. Mary by the Sea: <http://www.stmarybythesea.org>

Thank You!

The Ladies of St. Luke Rosary Altar Society thank all our parishioners who came out to support our "Dining to Donate" fundraiser at Perkins Restaurant this past Wednesday. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces. May God bless you for your continued support.

Project Child Find Open House

Thursday, May 12, 2016 ~ 8:30AM-2:30PM

Toms River Regional Schools

Atrium at 1144 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ

Project child Find is an informational open house for families of children, ages 3 to 5, who are concerned about their child's development or suspect that their child might have problems learning. Special education and related services are available to children from age 3 until age 21 who have been identified as having an educational disability. For more information on Project Child Find, please visit their Website at: www.state.nj.us/njded/specialed/childfind.

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