WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ SEPTEMBER 19 - 25, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	Requested By
Mon. 7:30 AM	Thomas Andriano	Wife, Debbie & Daughter, Christina
Tues. 7:30 AM	Felicia Grace Chiodi	The Chiodi Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Madge & Jack Taylor	The Family
11:00 AM	Anna & Frank Carnevale	Doris & Tom Biggins
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Theiller,	
	Albano & Franklin Families	The Family
Fri. 7:30 AM	Claire Rennick	Marlene & Chuck Kern
11:00 AM	Madeleine Johnsen	Ruthe Corbally
Sat. 8:30 AM	Patrick Hennelly	Sheila Gilmartin
4:00 PM	Rosanna D'Adamo	Joanne & Gregory Kronowski
5:30 PM	Rev. Louis W. Kralovich	The Baran & Russo Families
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Kelly Fam.	Pat & Tom Kelly
10:00 AM	Giaconda Cavallo & Antoinette Russo	Camille Russo
12:00 PM	Antonio Reale	The Reale Family



St. Luke Altar Flowers September 17 - 23, 2016

In Front of The Blessed Mother:

In Memory of My Beloved Husband, Frank DiGennaro
Reg. with Love, Sally DiGennaro

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

Thank You!

The Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society thank everyone who supported the Carnation Sale last weekend. \$1,564 was raised and given to Birth Right of Toms River. May God bless you for your generosity and continued support.



YOGA & SPIRITUALITY SESSIONS

We are offering all St. Luke parishioners a chance to experience Yoga from the Ground Up. There will be two more 6-week programs

for the summer/fall of 2016. The next 6-week session will begin September 21/22. Each session will have two class options: Wednesday night at 6:15PM-7:30PM or Thursday morning at 9:00AM-10:15AM. The cost for this 6-week program is \$20. For more information, call St. Luke's at 732-286-2222.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Carol Tamaro

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, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Joseph Italiano, James Joseph White, Francis Lewis Jr., Audrey Farr, Richard Coburger, Steven Haas, Pat La Rocca, Claire Hansen, Anthony Cuccaro, Mary Ann Napatano, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Walter Windeknecht, Jane Windeknecht, Dorothy Morano, Nichole Turner, Marcia Vaccarino, Doreen Dourlaris, Dino Dourlaris, Gail Szewczyk, Rita Devcich, Diane Picciotti, Joey Figurelli, Vito Ottomano, Leonard Maselli, Mary Ann Busset, Deacon Steve Delligatti, James Rauh, Donald Muzzio, Ann Marie Russo, Anne Donoghue, Stan Marszalek.

SAVE THE DATES:

Oct. 16th at 3:00 pm ~ White Mass for all Health care professionals

Oct. 17th, 18th & 19th ~ Parish Mission

Theme: Ignatian Spirituality: Dangerous Freedom



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."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS September 25, 2016

1st Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

Catechetical Sunday

"Being a catechist is not a title, it is an attitude: abiding with him, and it lasts for a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by him. I ask you: How do you abide in the presence of the Lord? When you visit the Lord, when you look at the tabernacle, what do you do? Without speaking... "But I speak, I talk, I think, I meditate, I listen..." Very good! But do you let yourself be looked at by the Lord? Letting ourselves be gazed upon by the Lord. He looks at us and this is itself a way of praying. Do you yourselves be gazed upon by the Lord? But how do you do this? You look at the tabernacle and you let yourselves be looked at... it is simple! "It is a bit boring, I fall asleep". Fall asleep then, sleep! He is still looking at you. But know for sure that he is looking at you! This is much more important than having the title of catechist. It is part of "being" a catechist. This warms the heart, igniting the fire of friendship with the Lord, making you feel that he truly sees you, that he is close to you and loves you. In one of my visits here in Rome, at a Mass, a fairly young man came up to me and said: "Father, it is nice to meet you, but I don't believe in anything! I don't have the gift of faith!" He understood that faith is a gift. "I don't have the gift of faith! What do you have to say to me?" "Don't be discouraged. God loves you. Let yourself be gazed upon by him! Nothing else". And this is the same thing I would say to you: Let yourselves be gazed at by the Lord! I understand that for you it is not so easy; especially for those who are married and have children, it is difficult to find a long period of quiet time. Yet, thanks be to God, it is not necessary for everyone to do this in the same way. In the Church, there are a variety of vocations and a variety of spiritualities. What is important is to find the way best suited for you to be with the Lord, and this everyone can do; it is possible for every state of life. Now each one of you could ask: how am I experiencing "being" with Jesus? This is a guestion I leave you: "How do I experience this remaining with Jesus, abiding in Jesus? Do I find time to remain in his presence, in silence, to be looked upon by him? Do I let his fire warm my heart? If the warmth of God, of his love, of his tenderness is not in our own hearts, then how can we, who are poor sinners, warm the heart of others? Think about it!"

~ Pope Francis

Each year we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This is a day when we commission and bless those parishioners who have chosen to serve our parish by sharing the Faith with our youngsters. They have answered the call. Each of you can serve our parish family in some way. You may be called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister, Lector, Usher, Choir member, Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry, Hospitality Minister or an AV Minister (running the screens for Mass) or maybe there is a ministry you may like to start here at St. Luke. As Pope Francis says, "In the Church, there are a variety of vocations and a variety of spiritualities. What is important is to find the way best suited for you to be with the Lord, and this **everyone can do**; it is possible for every state of life."

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, October 3rd

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,October 11th

Religious Education News

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. At the 12:00 Mass, our catechists will be recognized and commissioned for the year.

This is Level 1 Mass Weekend. Please remember to put your name on the front of the bulletin before you get it signed.

Level 2 Parent Make-Up Mtg - Sep 21 at 4:45 pm (FFC)

SUBSTITUTES are needed (at every session) when a teacher is unable to come to class. If you could help us, please call the PREP office at 732 505-0108.

Pax Youth Group

7th & 8th Graders are invited to join in games, activities, hang out & pizza while getting closer to God! Check out our web site: **www.paxteens.com** for upcoming events.

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: Tues.,September 20th

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., September 21st

SERVICE MEETINGS:

Adler Aphasia Community Group, 10:00am-12:00pm, 1st & 3rd Fridays, in Madonna Room. For info or to register, call Wendy Greenspan at 973-530-3981.

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 more 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lectors Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016
Afternoon Session: 1:00 to 2:30PM OR
Evening Session: 7:00 to 8:30PM

Lectors, please plan on attending one of the sessions on October 13 in the Augustine Room to receive your 2017 **Workbook for Lectors** and stay current with on-going needs, announcements and changes that affect Ministers of the Word at our parish.

Bereavement - Continuing Support Group Thursday Evenings

This support group offers a safe place to those who have experienced bereavement and feel the need for further support. This support can continue with our group as we help each other on our path to healing and friendship. **Registration is required**. Please call for additional meeting details: **Ann Ascione Hardman:** 732-244-8557.

Collections for September 10 & 11, 2016

1st Collection Total: \$15,734.00 *
2nd Collection - Catholic Univ.: 5,558.00
Faith Direct for September: 8,201.00

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.

FIRST ANNUAL ST. LUKE CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **GOLF OUTING**



Sept. 26, 2016 – Eagle Ridge Golf Club

Format – Four person scramble – Shotgun start Continental Breakfast – Lunch & Awards Ceremony Prizes for: Lowest score, Longest drive, Closest to pin Putting contest - 50/50 Drawing - Hole In One Car Golfer: \$150 - Lunch Only: \$35 - Patron: \$20

All donations are tax deductible and benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Paul Capelli - 732-278-8406

Brochure/Registration forms are able in the Narthex



The Annual Blessing of Pets...

in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, will be * held Sunday, October 2, 2016, at 2:00PM, by the St. Luke Parish Center. Donations of

old **clean** blankets, sheets and towels, dog and cat toys, and unopened dog and cat food will be accepted for the Animal Shelter in Jackson. Bring your pets for this ♣ special blessing!

WE NEED YOU ...

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

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

Orientation Meeting for Communion Ministers at Mass September 29th $\sim 1:00-2:30$ pm

For Pre-Registration leave a message on

MINISTRY HOTLINE 848-226-6218

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organiza-

tion, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold it's monthly General Meeting this Tuesday. For those interested in the Society and its work, please join us in the Narthex of the church at 6:30PM for fellowship followed by our meeting.

We would like to thank all who responded so generously to our appeal for funds to help the homeless. God Bless.

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: COFFEE, TEA, JELLY, & BAR SOAP

Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy. God Bless! http://www.stlukeconference.org





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 A JOURNEY IN FAITH Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) but desires to participate fully in the sac-

ramental life of the Church? Contact us at 848-226-6220.

Recently Bereaved Support Group

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted Mt 5:4

When someone we love has been taken from us, we often find ourselves dealing with change and transition. Many offer their help, but do not always understand the loss we are feeling. Bereavement support groups are one way to find support from others who are going through the same process. We cannot go around, over or under the grief process. We need to go through it; we need to be good to ourselves, putting balance into our lives through prayer, reading, resting, relaxation and work. Grief takes time. Unrealistic expectations undermine the healing process.

The Parish of St. Luke Church is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group for the newly bereaved. You need not be a parishioner to attend. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Augustine Room for 8 consecutive weeks, beginning on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 and ending on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Preregistration is required. Please contact Mary Alice Coghlan at 201-652-4305 to register.