

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5, 2017

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Nick Messina Jr.	Lucille Busichio
Tues.	7:30 AM	In Loving Memory of Claire & Victor Przedpelski	Daughter, Gloria & Family
<b>Ash Wednesday:</b>			
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Grace Letinski	Bob & Bonnie Fredericks
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Susan Feeney	Harriet & Al Bruzzese
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anthony Rapolla	Wife, Eleanor & Family
Thurs.	7:30 AM	John Merrigan	Bob & Bonnie Fredericks
Fri.	7:30 AM	Judith Ann Walton	The Tiplady Family
	11:00 AM	Arthur Belluso	Laura Raccuglia
Sat.	8:30 AM	Christopher & Gary O'Toole	Rose Capizzi
	4:00 PM	Grace Attanasio	The Monday Mahjongg Friends
	5:30 PM	Edward Rajkowski	Wife, Mary Lou
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
	8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members	Fred & Maria Oltarzewski
	10:00 AM	Edward Oltarzewski	Daughters, Kathy & Janet
	12:00 PM	Mary Bello	



**March 1, 2017**

**Masses: 7:00AM, 8:30AM & 11:00AM**  
**Services: 4:15PM & 6:00PM**

### *Lenten Obligations*

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics during Lent:

1. The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above.
4. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).
5. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics.
6. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year—often called the “Easter duty”—for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during Lent. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

Bishop O’Connell also encourages Catholics to get to confession and make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.



**Pray for the Recently Deceased**  
*Walter Schiol      Orlando N. Franco*

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

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Deacon Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Chuck Kraut, 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., Richard Coburger, Pat La Rocca, Claire Hansen, Anthony Cuccaro, Diane Gallio, Peter Melluse, David Lagno, Maryanne Molner, Vito Ottomano, Alyssa Colosi (child), Anne Silvestri, Debra Nacovsky, Bill Coles, John Waters, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Mickey Jackiewicz, Bishop John M. Smith, Mark La Rochelle, Norma Foti, Donna Marie Iorio, Keith Clayton, Arlene Sauer, Vivian Kircher, Colin Lockerbie, Richard Mazzarisi, Joan Nortrup, Jean Stulich, Susan Haas, Jackie Callahan Patterson, Robby Ferris, James Rauh, Fran Consorti.

### **NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS** **March 5, 2017 ~ First Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading:    Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
 2nd Reading:    Romans 5:12-19  
 Gospel:          Matthew 4:1-11

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

## PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Lord,  
it feels like we are embarking on a Lenten journey together, you and I.  
Today, Ash Wednesday, we are invited to let the Holy Spirit  
purify our hearts, and strengthen us in love.  
That feels like what I am looking for -  
or what you are looking for in me.  
I want to remember how much I need you in my life  
and how much my life needs redemption.  
I want to remember it clearly and  
in the background of my day today and all through Lent.

On this special day, Ash Wednesday,  
may my small sacrifices in fasting be a way to clear away  
the clutter in my life to see you more clearly.  
May my longing for meat and other food,  
help me to focus my life today more outside myself.  
Let me be aware of those who are in so much more suffering than I am  
and may I be aware of them as the brothers and sisters you have placed  
in my life.

Lord, I know there is darkness within me and around me.  
Bless these days with your Word.  
Let your Light shine in the darkness.  
Help me long for that Light  
until we celebrate it at the Vigil six weeks from now.

And most of all Lord,  
help me to honor this day with the ashes on my forehead.  
They help me remember where I have come from and where I am going.  
May I acknowledge to you my sins  
and my deep need for your loving forgiveness and grace.  
I pray that this Lenten season will make me so much more aware  
of how much I need your healing in my life.

"Taken from the Praying Lent pages of Creighton University's Online Ministries  
web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html).  
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### 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 6th**

### 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 14th**

## Religious Education News

**This is a Level 7 Mass Weekend.** Please remember to put your name on the front of the bulletin before you get it signed by someone in Church ministry. Turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

There WILL BE CLASS on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The children attending class will receive ashes as a group in the Faith Formation Center before going to class.

Please continue keep our Level 8 Students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 9, 2017 in your prayers!

**Our Religious Education program is in great need of Substitute Teachers!** Can we call on you when a catechist is unable to come to class? If you could help us, please call the PREP office at 732 505-0108.



### 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 21st**

### Prayer Shawl Makers

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., April 19th**

### 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 3rd  
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

### 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.

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

**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

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

### 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.**



### Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **March 19, 2017**. 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.

### Collections for February 18 & 19, 2017

**Total: \$16,921.00 \***

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

Connor James Keating ~ Son of  
Shannon and Brian Keating  
Henry Edward & Andrew Michael Werner ~ Sons  
of Marie and Michael Werner

### Marriage Annulment Information Sessions

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors *Annulment Information Sessions* annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, e-mail [rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org) or call 609-406-7434. The following is the schedule of sessions:

Burlington Co. (English) ~ March 2 at 7:30-9:00pm at  
St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford  
Mercer County (English) ~ March 9 at 7:30-9:00pm at  
St. Ann, Lawrenceville  
Monmouth County (English) ~ March 15 at 7:30- 9:00pm at  
St. Thomas More, Manalapan  
Monmouth County (Spanish) ~ March 21 at 7:30-  
9:00pm at Mother of Mercy, Asbury Park  
Ocean County (English) ~ March 29 at 7:30-9:00pm at  
St. Barnabas, Bayville  
Mercer County (Spanish) ~ April 6 at 7:30-9:00pm at  
Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton



### 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.**

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

- Extraordinary Ministers
- Children' Choir
- Lector
- Children's Liturgy
- AV Ministry
- Choir
- Usher
- Altar Server
- SVdP Society
- Catechist
- RCIA
- Social Sunday

And more!

Please call the St. Luke Parish Office at  
732-286-2222 or  
The Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

**You're going to shop Amazon anyway, so why not help the needy?** The St Luke Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is registered with **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 (including Prime and One-Click) except sign in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to Your Account and then select Change Your Charity. In the **Search** block type in “**St Luke Conference**”. From the **St Luke** choices, select “**Toms River**”. Start shopping – note “**Supporting: St Luke Conference**” is now in the upper left corner of your page. We are coming into the Spring Spruce-Up and Vacation shopping seasons and more people on Amazon Smile will mean more funds for us to help the needy. – Thanks!

### 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.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

**COFFEE, MAC & CHEESE, & VANILLA ENSURE**

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

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

## Saint Dominic School

**Open House & Registration  
For Preschool through Grade 8**

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> &  
Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

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