

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 18 - 24, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Harriet Garafano	Frank & Lee Mets
Tues. 7:30 AM	The Romeo & Carlstrom Families	Bob & Kay Romeo
Wed. 7:30 AM	Jimi Patrick	Jill Viggiano & Family
11:00 AM	The Farese, Malkunas & Nevedomsky Families	Mary Ann Farese
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Robert Donoghue	The Donoghue & Simon Family
Fri. 7:30 AM	Venus Olsen	Mike & Pat Stanzione
11:00 AM	Helen & Harry Plante	Daughter, Vivian Plante
Sat. 8:30 AM	Christine Romeo	Bob & Kay Romeo
4:00 PM	Donna Saliola	The Merlino Family
5:30 PM	Marilyn R. Schadt	Husband, Donald & Family
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Gene Muller	The Muller Family
10:00 AM	Margaret Mariani	Pat Mc Garvey
12:00 PM	The Thaler & Brandecker Families	Steve & Magdalena Thaler
Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses:		
4:00 PM (In Church)	Carmela Savino	Dom & Bunny Sardella
4:00 PM (In Parish Center)	Harry & Norma Foti	Family
6:00 PM	Stephen Butera	Mr. & Mrs. Marco Tedeschi & Family
12:00 AM	Carmela & Natale Campisi & Joan Traina	Kathy & Rob Traina

Dates of Advent Penance Services

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Mon., Dec. 18, at 7:00PM
St. Luke, Toms River, ~ Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:00PM
 St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Tues., Dec. 19, at 7:00 PM
 St. Maximillian Kolbe, Toms River ~ Wed., Dec. 20, at 12:00-1:30PM

(No confessions at St. Luke on Saturdays, Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th.)



"Mary, Holy Mother of God"
Monday, January 1, 2018
(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Monday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day ~
 9:00AM Mass only (No 7:30AM Mass)

We are in cold and flu season and we are asking your help in keeping St. Luke's a healthy environment.

We have two "Purell" stations in the Narthex for your use. We also sanitize all surfaces several times a week to try to prevent the spread of germs. What we want you to know is that if you are ill or just not feeling well, it is not a sin to miss Mass. We also ask that you not leave your tissues in the pews or on the floor. We have had to pick up an inordinate number of tissues, most often well used, after each of the Masses, so that our church does not look messy and so that we can try to maintain a more healthy environment for everyone.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Alyssa Colosi Ed Drach
C J Ruiz

Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Jo Hardardt, Chuck Kraut, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Martha Olmstead, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Jenny Ralph, James Joseph White, Francis Lewis Jr., Richard Coburger, Pat La Rocca, Claire Hansen, Anthony Cuccaro, Vito Ottomano, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Bishop John M. Smith, Janet Hlavac, Carol Auletto, Arlene De Jura, Vivian Kircher, Rev. Joseph Hlubik, Chellesa Chorelus (child), Gregorio Alcid, Jean Stulich, Arlene Scala, Emily Mascola, Carol D'Oriano, Marion Valeri, Steven Haas, Peter Martino, Anna Martino, Felicia May, Michael Howard, Elizabeth Marino, Teodora Warner (child), Rosemarie Steurman, Marianne Mazzei, Tom Nardini, Meghan Stahl, Laura Higgins, Roger Foco, Larry Reagan, Carla De Jura Resetar, Clara Antoncich, James Rauh, Mary Aloia, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Barbara Walsh, Teresa Medvetz, Daniel Carey, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Rev. Gene Roberts, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, Peter Kalibat, John Curtin, Marie O'Connor, Barbara Marriotti.

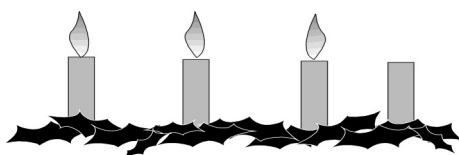
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ***December 24, 2017***

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

We Welcome Newly Baptized Catholic
Charlotte Diana Sandhorst ~ Daughter of
Andrea and Joe Sandhorst





Did you know that Advent is only three full weeks this year? The fourth week of Advent lasts only a short time (hours) before we begin the Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord! Which brings us to the need to clear up some confusion some may have as to the Mass schedule for the weekend of December 23rd and 24th and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. So here is how we celebrate:

Saturday, December 23rd:

8:30 am

NO CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th:

7:00 am

(For Sunday Obligation)

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th-Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm—Church

(For Christmas Obligation)

4:00 pm—Parish Center

6:00 pm

Monday, December 25th-Christmas Day: 12:00 am—Midnight

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Parish and Religious Education offices are closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.

We also invite all parishioners to join us as we decorate the Church and Parish Center for Christmas on Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 pm.

Also, an excellent resource to help you through this Advent—it is so easy to be overwhelmed—is: onlineministries.creighton.edu.

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, January 8, 2018

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., December 20



The First Sunday of every month, the Rosarians pray the Rosary after the 10:00 Mass in the chapel. All are invited to join us on January 7, 2018.

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, January 16, 2018

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 13, 2018
(No Meetings in Jan. & Feb.)

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous for Women, 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.

Compassionate Friends, 7:00PM, 1st Tuesday each month in Augustine Room; support for those grieving death of a child.

Parish Religious Education Program

This is a Level 3 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.

LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION RETREAT to be held FRI - JAN 5, 2018 7-10 pm in the Parish Center .

LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION FUN DAY to be held SAT - JAN 6, 2018 in the Faith Formation Center.

Group A - 9:30 am Group B - 1:00 pm

Something to think and pray about...

If you cannot commit to teaching every week, the Religious Education program is in GREAT NEED of substitute catechists!

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.

This program cannot meet the spiritual needs of our children without YOU, our dedicated volunteers!

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 5, 2018, at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.



"Poinsettia Angels"

Once again, we have Poinsettia Angels available for you to remember your loved at Christmas. Donations toward the Poinsettias are \$15 or \$25 and are available in the Narthex after weekend Masses. You will be able to make a donation and fill out a Poinsettia Angel with your own intention. These will be placed in the Poinsettias on the evening we decorate the Church for Christmas.

Collections for :

Dec. 9 & 10 Total:	\$14,860.00 *
Holy Day, Dec. 8 Total:	4,922.00 *
Religious Retirement Fund:	4,876.00
Faith Direct for December:	10,354.00

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.

Support Group Forming for Newly Bereaved

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 Thursday afternoons from 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. in the Parish Conference Room for nine consecutive weeks, beginning on Thursday, January 11 and continuing through March 8, 2018. Pre-registration is required. **To register, please call the Bereavement Office at 848-226-6220 and leave a message.** We will call you back.



**We invite all parishioners
to join us as we decorate
St. Luke Church & Parish Center
for Christmas on**

Thursday, December 21st at 6:30PM

Save the Date! New Year's Eve

Hosted by St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church
975 Fischer Blvd., Toms River
on behalf of the **RCCTR**
(Roman Catholic Churches of Toms River)

Start Your New Year with Jesus.

We invite all Young Adults to Come and give thanks for how God provided for you in the past year. **Come** and give thanks for how God will provide in the New Year. **Come** and let Jesus fill your heart with hope, faith and love. **Start time 7:30.** The night will begin with a small social followed by Eucharistic Adoration, music and prayer.

This Week's Senior Moment

"A key to peace of mind as we journey through the aging process is for us to pray for an understanding of God's will for us now, and then pray for the wisdom and power to carry out what we think His will for us is."

*"12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality –
Powerful Lessons on Living Agelessly"*
Dr. Richard Johnson, Ph.D.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

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| - 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 The Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

As many of you know, the St. Luke Conference has provided support for Minister Steve Brigham and Tent City in Lakewood and more recently for the Howell Transitional Camp. Howell Township designated a piece of land last spring that could be used to help the homeless of the area under the supervision of the Destiny's Bridge organization. This camp is one of the few in the nation supported by a local government. We continue to help Rev. Steve and he needs winter coats and warm clothing, blankets and propane tanks. Donations can be dropped off at the food pantry during regular hours. Your help for the homeless is desperately needed and very much appreciated by those camped out in Howell during this cold and snowy winter.

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

You shop – Amazon donates.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1482577>

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:

**MAC & CHEESE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT,
SOUP, CANNED VEGETABLES**

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



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 848-226-6217.**