

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Anthony Grimaldi	Mr. & Mrs. M. Marussich
Tues.	7:30 AM	Diana Martin	Mr. & Mrs. M. Marussich
Wed.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	Joseph & Maria Tagliaferro	Carmen & Carmela Pelaia
		Connie Sireci	Debbie & Steve Weingroff
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Paul Haas Sr.	Wife, Susan
		Mary Haley	Chuck & Marlene Kern
Fri.	7:30 AM	Maura Brown	Maura & Tracy Mc Kenna & Families
	11:00 AM	Mary T. Nickerson	Barbara Dempsey
		Connie Sireci	Helen Donald
Sat.	8:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	4:00 PM	Joseph Modzelewski	Son, Larry & Maureen Modzelewski
		Richard Link & Ellen Link ~	
		First Anniversary	Wife, Joan & Family
	5:30 PM	Anna Reale	The Reale Family
		John T. Petito	Ayden & Becky
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
		Can Nguyen	Wife, Na Nguyen
	8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members (Living)	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
		Carol Mennella & Son, Edward	Anthony Mennella
	10:00 AM	Edward Hallinan	Wife, Alice
		Carmen Morris	Frank & Anita Donnelly
	12:00 PM	Stella Bellini	Anthony & Lorraine Farrugia
		Donald Brennan	Michele, Jonathan, Corey & Ross Mehl

Ash Wednesday Schedule February 14th

Masses: 7:00AM & 11:00AM

Services: 8:30AM, 4:15PM & 6:00PM

There will be a collection at the Masses and Services for the benefit of poor served by The St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Anthony J. Mennella	Francis "Frank" Gorda
Jean Bard	Phyllis J. Kindler
Elsie Thompson	Giovannina Napolitano

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, Elizabeth Marino, Teodora Warner (child), Rosemarie Steurman, Marianne Mazzei, Tom Nardini, Meghan Stahl, Laura Higgins, Roger Foco, Larry Reagan, Carla De Jura Resetar, James Rauh, Mary Aloia, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Barbara Walsh, Teresa Medvetz, Daniel Carey, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, John Curtin, Marie O'Connor, Barbara Marriotti, Phillip Di Bello, Patricia Duran, Jack Reuther, Beverly Nalducci, Joanne Demont, Kevin Hufford, Mark La Rochelle, Bob Porvavnik, Daniel Washington, Bernard Grillo, Dominick Bongiorno, Brother Robert Martineau, Christopher Cirone.

Pope Francis addressed **"Fake News"** for World Communications Day.

A full text is available in the bulletin carts. We share this:

Drawing inspiration from a Franciscan prayer, we might turn to the Truth in person:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;

Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS *February 4, 2018*

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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

Pope Francis' General Audience (11/22/2017) catechesis on:

What essentially is the Mass?

The Mass is the *memorial of Christ's Passover*. It makes us participants in his victory over sin and death, and gives full meaning to our life. For this reason, to understand the value of the Mass, we must first understand the biblical significance of "memorial". It is "not merely the recollection of past events but makes them in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them" (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1363). Jesus Christ, with his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven brought the Passover to fulfillment. And the Mass is the memorial of *his* Passover, of *his* "exodus", which he carried out for us, so as to lead us out of slavery and introduce us to the promised land of eternal life. It is not merely a remembrance, no. It is more: it is making present what happened 20 centuries ago.

The Eucharist always leads us to the pinnacle of the salvific action of God: the Lord Jesus, making himself Bread broken for us, pours out upon us his mercy and his love, as he did on the Cross, thus renewing our hearts, our existence and our way of relating to him and to our brothers and sisters. The Second Vatican Council said: "As often as the sacrifice of the cross[,] in which Christ our Passover was sacrificed, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on" (Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, 3).

Every celebration of the Eucharist is a ray of that never setting sun that is the Risen Jesus. Taking part in the Mass, particularly on Sunday, means entering the victory of the Risen One, being illuminated by his light, warmed by his compassion. Through the Eucharistic celebration the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life that is able to transfigure our whole mortal being. In his passage from death to life, from time to eternity, the Lord Jesus also draws us with him to experience the Passover. In the Mass we celebrate Passover. We, during Mass, are with Jesus, who died and is Risen, and he draws us forth to eternal life. In the Mass we unite with him. Rather, Christ lives in us and we live in him: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ", Saint Paul states, "who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). This is what Paul thought.

Indeed, his Blood frees us from death and from the fear of death. It frees us not only from the dominion of physical death, but from the spiritual death which is evil, sin, which catches us each time we fall victim to our own sin or that of others. Thus our life becomes polluted; it loses beauty; it loses meaning; it withers.

Instead, Christ restores our life; Christ is the fullness of life, and when he faced death he destroyed it forever: "By rising he destroyed death and restored life" (cf. *Eucharistic Prayer* iv). Christ's Passover is the definitive victory over death, because he transformed his death in the supreme act of love. He died out of love! And in the Eucharist, he wishes to communicate this, his paschal, victorious love, to us. If we receive him with faith, we too can truly love God and neighbour; we can love as he loved us, by giving our life.

If Christ's love is within me, I can give myself fully to others, in the interior certainty that even if the other were to wound me I would not die; otherwise I should defend myself. The martyrs gave their own lives in this certainty of Christ's victory over death. Only if we experience this power of Christ, the power of his love, are we truly free to give ourselves without fear. This is the Mass: to enter this passion, death, resurrection, ascension of Jesus; when we go to Mass it is as if we were going to Calvary itself. As we enter the church to celebrate Mass, let us think about this: I am going to Calvary, where Jesus gave his life for me. In this way the spectacle disappears; the small talk disappears; the comments and these things that distance us from something so beautiful as the Mass, Jesus' triumph.

I think that it is clearer now how the Passover is made present and active each time we celebrate the Mass, which is the meaning of *memorial*. Taking part in the Eucharist enables us to enter the Paschal Mystery of Christ, giving ourselves to pass over with him from death to life, meaning there, on Calvary. The Mass is experiencing Calvary; it is not a spectacle.

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, February 5



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 February 4th.

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, February 20

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
(No meetings in Jan. & Feb.)

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., February 21

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 5 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.

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, February 2, at 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Center.



Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **February 18, 2018**. 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.

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.**



Collections for January 20 & 21, 2018

Total: \$18,632.00 *

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.

Thank you for your generous support.

* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.



Blessing of Throats

The weekend of February 3 & 4, 2018, St. Luke Church will have a general blessing of the throats at each Mass in honor of St. Blaise.

This Week's Senior Moment

"I find that older people often don't appreciate the true value of their life experiences, and the things they have learned along the life journey, which can be of great guidance and support to their peers ... and especially to their younger friends and family."

"Ageless Soul"

A Lifelong Journey Toward Meaning and Joy
Thomas Moore

2017 Collection Statements

A record of your contributions to St. Luke Church is kept based on your envelope number. Statements with your total 2017 weekly donations for IRS will be issued upon request to the Parish Office, 732-286-2222. You will receive your requested statement at the beginning of February.

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 Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.

disciples. it's who we are.
discipleship. it's what we do.



St. Vincent de Paul Society **stlukeconference.org**

Our Food Pantry has supported, and continues to support, Rev. Steve Brigham and his ministry to the homeless. There are no shelters in Ocean and Monmouth Counties sufficient to meet the needs of the homeless and Rev. Steve is trying to fill the gap. Rev. Steve comes to our pantry every Friday and we do what we can to help him. **What he really needs right now are 20 lb propane tanks (barbecue grill size). If you have an extra tank (unfilled is fine) it would be a tremendous help to the homeless.** And please say a prayer for those who are cold and without a home during this frigid 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.

Visit <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:

**PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS. TEA**

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



Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

St. Justin Church
975 Fischer Blvd, Toms River
Monday, February 19, 2018

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. You will be able to touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. Each attendee will receive a small bottle of Lourdes Water. The evening will consist of: 5:45pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation; 6:00pm, the Candlelight Rosary; 6:30pm, the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage followed by Mass. All are invited! Call St. Justin's parish office to register, 732-270-3980. Refreshments to follow.



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11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 5 – 15, 2018

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