

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 12 - 18, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Michael Aiello Helen Reilly	Wife The Family
Tues.	7:30 AM	John & Catherine Mc Carthy (Living)	John Mc Carthy
Wed.	7:30 AM	Al O'Konski	Cousin
	11:00 AM	Muriel Wittmann	John & Patricia Sevos
Thurs.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Fri.	7:30 AM	Reba Morrison	Bernice & John White
	11:00 AM	Patrick Blewett Gary Fine	Margaret & Michael Flynn Suzanne Grassman
Sat.	8:30 AM	Theresa Schuster John Petito	Parents, John & Theresa Salig MaryJoe De Rose & Family
	4:00 PM	Veronica, Edward & Arthur Muldoon & Family	The Muldoon Family
		Henry & Ann Regan & Family	The Muldoon Family
	5:30 PM	Edward Hallinan Bella & Frank La Pera	Wife, Alice Laura Tomasulo
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners Elizabeth & Patrick Cleary	Anne Donoghue Intentions Listed Below
	8:30 AM	Multiple Intentions Mass	Carmela Kaiser
	10:00 AM	Josephine & Vincent Maglione Jane Dwyer	Son, Paul & Angela Dwyer
	12:00 PM	Dorothy Kahmann Michelle Medvetz	Daughter, Maureen & Larry Modzelewski Clara Antoncich

Multiple Intentions Mass

Sunday, March 18, 2018 ~ 8:30AM

<i>Lina Coluccelli</i>	R-Gloria Marchio
<i>Mary Mangan</i>	R-Husband, Timothy Mangan
<i>Peter Carey</i>	R-Timothy Mangan
<i>Florence Caccese</i>	R-Anne Tracy, daughter
<i>Peter Timpone</i>	R-Mary Timpone
<i>Carmela & Natale Campisi and Joan Traina</i>	R-Kathy & Rob Traina
<i>Margaret & William F. Shannon</i>	R-Family
<i>Reverend Robert A. O'Leary</i>	R-Family
<i>Vincent Romanelli</i>	R-Rey & Evie Mendoza



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Marie Trenergy *Robert Palumbo*
Catherine Otto

Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Jo Hardardt, 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, 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), Carol D'Oriano, Steven Haas, Teodora Warner (child), Tom Nardini, Meghan Stahl, Laura Higgins, Roger Foco, Larry Reagan, Carla De Jura Resetar, James Rauh, Mary Aloia, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Teresa Medvetz, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, John Curtin, Phillip Di Bello, Patricia Duran, Jack Reuther, Joanne Demont, Mark La Rochelle, Daniel Washington, Bernard Grillo, Dominick Bongiorno, Brother Robert Martineau, Christopher Cirone, Paul Azotea, Joanne Kronowski, Helen Donald, Ron Jobin, Jonathan Gonzalez, Marie Wisnieski, John Cirignano, John Hohmann, Mary Camarota, Isabella Borzumato, Charles Gagliano, Jolanta Tylanda, John Mc Carthy, Catherine Mc Carthy, Ben Cala, Thomas Averna.

Communal Lenten Penance Services

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Monday, March 19, 7:00PM
St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wed., March 21, 12:00PM
St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Thursday, March 22, 7:00PM
St. Justin, Toms River. ~ Friday, March 23, 7:00PM
St. Luke, Toms River ~ Tuesday, March 27, 7:00PM

**There will be no confessions heard at St. Luke
From March 28th - April 6th.**

**Join us at St. Luke Church each Friday during Lent
for the beautiful devotion of**

The Stations of the Cross:

March 16 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
March 23 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
March 30 (Good Friday) ~ at 7:00PM

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 18, 2018

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

**THE PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE
IS AVAILABLE IN THE BULLETIN CARTS**

Dear Brothers and sisters, Good Morning!

Today we continue the catechesis on the Holy Mass. After pausing to reflect on the Introductory Rites, let us now consider the Liturgy of the Word, which is an integral part because we gather precisely to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us. It is an experience which occurs “live” and not through hearsay because “when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 29; cf. Const. Sacrosanctum Concilium, 7, 33).

And how many times, as the Word of God is being read, are comments made: “Look at him... look at her; look at the hat she is wearing: it’s ridiculous...”. And the comments begin. Isn’t that true? Should comments be made while the Word of God is being read? [They answer: “No!”]. No, because if you are chatting with others, you are not listening to the Word of God. When the Word of God is being read from the Bible — the First Reading, the Second Reading, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel — we must listen, open our heart because it is God himself who is speaking to us, and we must not think about other things or talk about other things. Do you understand? I will explain to you what takes place in this Liturgy of the Word.

The pages of the Bible cease to be writings and become living words, spoken by God. It is God, who through the reader, speaks to us and questions us, we who listen with faith. The Spirit “who has spoken through the prophets” (Creed) and has inspired the sacred authors makes the Word of God that “we hear outwardly have its effect inwardly” (Lectionary, Introduction, 9). But in order to listen to the Word of God, we also need our heart to be open to receive the Word in our heart. God speaks and we listen to him, in order to then put into practice what we have heard. It is very important to listen. At times perhaps we do not fully understand because there are a few somewhat difficult Readings. Yet God speaks to us in another way; [we must be] silent and listen to the Word of God. Do not forget this. During Mass, when the Readings begin, let us listen to the Word of God. We need to listen to him! It is in fact, a question of life, as we are reminded by the profound expression that “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Mt 4:4). Life which gives us the Word of God. In this sense, we are speaking of the Liturgy of the Word as a “meal” that the Lord prepares in order to nourish our spiritual life. The meal of the Liturgy is a lavish one which draws largely from the treasures of the Bible (cf. sc, 51), both the Old and the New Testaments, because in them, the Church proclaims the one and the same mystery of Christ (cf. Lectionary, Introduction, 5). Let us think about the richness of the Bible readings offered by the three Sunday cycles, which in the light of the Synoptic Gospels, accompany us throughout the Liturgical Year: a great richness. Here I wish to also recall the importance of the Responsorial Psalm whose function is to foster meditation on what was heard in the reading that precedes it. It is preferable that the Psalm be enriched by song, at least in the response (cf. girm, 61; Lectionary, Introduction, 19-22).

The Liturgical proclamation of the very same readings with the songs derived from Sacred Scripture expresses and fosters ecclesial communion by accompanying the journey of each and every one. It is thus understandable that some subjective choices such as the omission of readings or their substitution with non-biblical texts are forbidden. I have heard that when there is a news story, some people read the newspaper because it is the news of the day. No! The Word of God is the Word of God! We can read the newspaper later. But there, we are reading the Word of God. It is the Lord who is speaking to us. Substituting that Word with other things impoverishes and compromises the dialogue between God and his people in prayer. On the contrary, the dignity of the pulpit and the use of the Lectionary, the availability of good readers and psalmists [are required]. But we must look for good readers! Those who know how to read, not those who read [distorting the words] and nothing is understood. This is how it is. Good readers. They must be prepared and rehearse before the Mass in order to read well. And this creates a climate of receptive silence.

We know that the Word of the Lord is of indispensable help so as not to get lost, as is clearly recognized by the Psalmist who, speaking to the Lord, confesses: “Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Ps 119 [118]:105). How can we face our earthly pilgrimage with its difficulties and its trials without being regularly nourished and enlightened by the Word of God which resounds in the Liturgy?

Of course it is not enough to listen with our ears without welcoming into our heart the seed of the Divine Word, allowing it to bear fruit. Let us remember the Parable of the Sower and of the results achieved by the different types of soil (cf. Mk 4:14-20). The action of the Holy Spirit which renders the response effective needs hearts that allow themselves to be fashioned and cultivated in such a way that what is heard at Mass passes into daily life, according to the admonishment of the Apostle James: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (Jas 1:22). The Word of God makes a pathway within us. We listen to it with our ears and it passes to our hearts; it does not remain in our ears; it must go to the heart. And from the heart, it passes to the hands, to good deeds. This is the path which the Word of God follows: from our ears to our heart and hands. Let us learn these things. Thank you!

Pope Francis, General Audience, January 31, 2018

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, April 9

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

— St. Catherine of Siena

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 20

Parish Religious Education Program

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.

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!

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., March 21

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

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, March 16 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.

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 Tuesday of each month.

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

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 to register or for additional meeting details: **848-226-6220**.



Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **March 18**. After all Masses everyone is invited to gather in the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship. Please join us to meet new friends or renew old acquaintances.

Collections for March 3 & 4, 2018

1st Collection Total: \$19,519.00 *

2nd Collection Total: 5,581.00 *

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.**

This Week's Senior Moment

"Living well through the aging process has something to do with seeing life more as a grace than as a penance, as being a time to be lived with expectation of life's goodness ... and not living each day in dread of life's challenges."

"The Gift of Years"
Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Christopher Jacob Symanski ~ Son of
Timothy and Christina Symanski
Enzo Lampa Villanueva ~ Son of
Jomari and Olivia Villanueva



ST. LUKE CHURCH HAS ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS IN OCEAN COUNTY - THE FUNERAL MINISTRY!

We are a very unique group with a goal of making funeral Masses personal & memorable. We are currently looking for new members, who will be thoroughly trained, to assist families at this overwhelming time. Give us a try—we look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Genevieve Conroy at 732-822-5699



Palm Crosses

The St. Luke Rosary Altar Society will be selling Palm Crosses after all Masses next weekend, **March 17 & 18 ONLY** at \$10.00 each. Thank you for your support.

Rosary Altar Society Candy Sale

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society is having an Old Fashion Candy Bar sale after all Masses on **Palm Sunday, March 24 & 25. Each bar is \$1.00.** Great stuffer for Easter



EVANGELIZATION: *Sharing Christ With Others.*

"Evangelization in this time of great social transformations, necessitates a missionary outreach Church, capable of discernment in order to measure up to different cultures and visions of man. For a world in transformation, there is a need for a Church that is renewed and transformed by contemplation and personal contact with Christ, by the power of the Spirit. ...It is He Who gives us the strength to undertake the missionary path and the joy of proclamation, so that the light of Christ may illuminate those who still do not know Him or have denied Him. This takes the courage to go forth to 'reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel.' We cannot be held back by our weaknesses or our sins, nor by the many obstacles to the witness and proclamation of the Gospel."

-- Address with the Pontifical Mission Societies, May 9, 2014



St. Vincent de Paul Society stlukeconference.org

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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: **COFFEE, TEA, CANNED CORN, PAPER TOWELS**

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.**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

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

And more!

Please call the Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.