

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 9 - 15, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Reverend Louis W. Kralovich Diana Beatty	The Baran & Russo Families Brother, John
Tues.	7:30 AM	Sr. Marie Albert	Eddie Lagno
Wed.	7:30 AM	Mario Fusco Pascual & Francisca Magsalin	Frank & Mary Gagliano Priscilla & Renato Alberto
	11:00 AM	Nathalie Maurice William Kelly	Melonne Ade Evelyn Palovcak
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Stan Urbaniak (Living) ~ 90th Birthday	Sister
Fri.	7:30 AM	Luci & Nicole-1st communicants	Your Parish Family
	11:00 AM	Hannah, Rachael, Madison & Kevin	Welcome from your Parish Family
Sat.	8:30 AM	Tony De Rose	Wife, MaryJo & Family
	4:00 PM	The Haas & De Rogatis Families William Bachmann	Francine & Fred Haas The Ordecki Family
	5:30 PM	Walter Fricke	Doris & Tom Biggins
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	Intentions Listed Below
	8:30 AM	Multiple Intentions Mass	Angela & Paul Dwyer
	10:00 AM	Rose Rinaldi	Dave Lorenzini & Family
	12:00 PM	Phil Ashare Perfecto Suliguin	Priscilla & Renato Alberto

Multiple Intentions Mass

Sunday, April 15, 2018 ~ 8:30AM

Lina Coluccelli R-Gloria Marchio
Peter Carey R-Timothy Mangan
Aniello & Concetta Mennella & sons, Ralph & John R-Anthony Mennella
Florence Caccese R-Anne Tracy, daughter
Peter Timpone R-Mary Timpone
Carmela & Natale Campisi & Joan Traina R-Kathy & Rob Traina
Regina Feehan R-Sister, Marie Corrigan
Theresa Ronan (Living) R-Mercy Nickerson
Joyce Tirondola R-Mercy Nickerson



ST. LUKE AV MINISTRY

At St. Luke we utilize electronic worship aids. At every liturgy-weekends, funerals, and weddings, the AV Ministry is an integral component of our worship. We invite you to learn more about this vital ministry and how you can truly help your fellow parishioners as we all worship God. Contact the Ministry Hotline or email kmuzzio@stlukestomsriver.org

ST. LUKE USHERS

If you are interested in becoming an usher at St. Luke, on either a permanent or substitute basis, please contact the Ministry Hotline-someone will contact you. Both Women & Men are welcome!



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Gil Feliciano *James Eustice*
Mark LaRochelle *Kenneth Ryan*
Marion Renga *Mary Gratzel*

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, 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, Carla De Jura Resetar, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Phillip Di Bello, Jack Reuther, Joanne Demont, 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 Tylenda, John Mc Carthy, Catherine Mc Carthy, Ben Cala, Thomas Avena, Christine Luccarelli, Larry Reagan.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 15, 2018

1st Reading: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19
 2nd Reading: 1 JN 2:1-5A
 Gospel: LK 24:35-48

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

Ministers of Care to Nursing Homes & Institutions Volunteers Needed

St. Luke Parish Ministers of Care bring Communion to Catholics in our community who are in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Our volunteers lead Communion Services, share their faith, and bring the love and support of our parish community to those who cannot come to Mass. The commitment we ask for is one visit per month. An orientation meeting will be held on

Wednesday, April 10, 2018 @ 2:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required. If you feel called to become part of this rewarding ministry, please leave your name on

the Ministry Hotline-848-226-6218 and we will call you back.

Thank You!

Easter Season

Josef Pieper once remarked that all the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation as good—from the ability to embrace in one resounding “yes,” the length and breath, the heights and depths of our experience in this world. We can hear this yes in Mozart’s music—the play of light and shadow in the later piano concerti; the poignant song of an oboe rising above a steady pulse in a divertimento for winds. We can hear it in the delighted squeals of a child as its face is licked by the moist tongue and hot breath of a new puppy. We can hear it in the contented, prayerful whispers of an elderly woman—full of love, grace and years—as she prepares to meet death with quiet courage and dignity.

Saying yes to all of life, letting all of it in—that is festivity’s sustaining source. But there’s a rub. Few of us can say yes to anything for very long. We live, after all, in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal (as Andy Warhol once quipped) is to be famous for fifteen minutes. At parties, we do not carry on conversations, we posture—repeating to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports celebrities. Small wonder that many in our society feel so isolated and lonely, so unable to connect, so incapable of forming relationships that last. Small wonder, too, that as a people we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry and violent—enraged and terrified by the awful emptiness that seems to stretch in every direction around us.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of “the blessed Pentecost” will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of “dwelling in” the paschal mystery! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with neophytes ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Good heavens! What an order! One reason why such prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult—if not downright absurd—is that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. “Party time” for many, is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic, obligation to “party on,” even if we don’t feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply “the weather of the heart,” to awaken our memory of God’s presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short Pentecost is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that wants us to keep on saying no.

Taken from “The Blessed Pentecost” Nathan Mitchell, in Assembly, Volume 20:1. © Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Notre Dame, IN

“To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our “conventions”, those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralyzing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the craven fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope. The stone before the tomb shared in this, the women of the Gospel shared in this, and now the invitation is addressed once more to you and to me. An invitation to break out of our routines and to renew our lives, our decisions and our existence. An invitation that must be directed to where we stand, what we are doing and what we are, with the “power ratio” that is ours. Do we want to share in this message of life, or do we prefer simply to continue standing speechless before events as they happen?”

Pope Francis, Homily Easter Vigil, 2018

This Easter Vigil, St. Luke welcomed into the Church and our parish family, 4 wonderful people: Hannah, Rachael, Madison & Kevin. It is their pictures which are on the table in the Narthex. They were prepared by our RCIA Team: Gerri Green, Joan Daly, Theresa Dougherty & Kathleen Muzzio and we ask that you continue to pray for them as they grow in faith. On Holy Thursday, 2 outstanding women were called to the Lord’s Table for the first time: Luci & Nicole. Both will join several others in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost under the guidance of RCIA Team Members including Marie Sidoti.

Easter is not just a single Sunday. Easter is the greatest celebration of our faith. Easter is celebrated in the Church until the Feast of Pentecost, this year, May 20th. The Easter Season is 50 days long. You will notice our Paschal Candle burning in the Sanctuary throughout Easter. It is a reminder that we have received the Light of Christ. And as we are fed at His table that light should grow brighter and we are to bring it into this world which is desperate for His Peace.

6 women and men, saw Christ’s light and began/continued their journey in faith. They broke out of their routines and stood up and said “I want to be Catholic”. They have been given the light. So have each one of us. What do you do with that light? Is it hidden under a bushel? Does it shine brightly in all that you do?

HAPPY EASTER!

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, May 7

The Sisters of Mercy will be in the Narthex selling 50/50 Chances at \$25 each on April 14 & 15 to benefit the infirmed & retired Sisters. 10 Prizes will be awarded from \$25,000 to \$1,000. Drawing date is May 20, 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, April 17

Parish Religious Education Program

This is a Level 4 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.

PREP classes resume on **MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018.**

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., April 18

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, April 10

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, April 20 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 **April 15, 2018.** 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 31 & April 1, 2018

Contributions for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are still coming in. Totals will be provided in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

Support Group 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 evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm** in the Conference Room for nine consecutive weeks, **beginning on Thursday, April 19 and ending on June 14, 2018.** Pre-registration is required. Please call the Bereavement office at 848-226-6220 and leave your name and number. We will call you back.

This Week's Senior Moment

"For elderly adults, religion hopefully ceases being only a series of rites and rituals and rules to be followed for which one gets some kind of eternal points. Religion hopefully becomes what it was always intended to be: the means to build a growing relationship with the Spirit Who draws us onward."

The Gift of Years ... Growing Older Gracefully
Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

SAVE THE DATE!

Tools for a Happy Retirement !
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
St. Luke Parish Center

Registration: 9:30am
Program: 10:00am to 2:00pm
Please bring your own lunch
Snacks, coffee, tea will be available

Seminar Parishioners & Facilitators:
- Tim Brennan, EdD
- Gemma Brennan, EdD

Come learn some simple tools to help you add more peace, serenity and mindfulness during

No Greater Love

**A Vibrant Musical Drama Celebrating
the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ**
at St. Justin the Martyr Church, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms
River

Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 4:00pm

Freewill offering; refreshments after performance. For further info contact the St. Justin parish office at 732-270-3980.

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 Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



St. Vincent de Paul Society stlukeconference.org

Today is Orthodox Easter as celebrated by the Byzantine Catholic and Eastern Rite Christian churches who also have a long tradition of caring for the poor. "We must, then, open our hearts to all the poor and to all those who are in distress from whatever cause, for the commandment enjoins us "to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15)...Thus ought we ever to exercise hospitality by our own personal exertions, that we may be sanctified, and our hands be blessed. And if you give to the poor, disdain not yourself to give it, for it is not to the poor that it is given, but to Christ; and who is so wretched, as to disdain to stretch out his own hand to Christ? This is hospitality, this is truly to do it for God's sake. - St. Gregory Nazianzus "On the Love of the Poor."

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, PAPER TOWELS,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

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.**