

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEB. 16 - 22

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Intention</u> | <u>Requested By</u> |
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| Mon. 7:30 AM | Susan Zaleski | Cousin, Jill Viggiano |
| Tues. 7:30 AM | St. Luke Parishioners | |
| Wed., Ash Wednesday: | | |
| 7:00 AM | Margaret Messina | Lucille Busichio |
| 8:30 AM | Pasquale Rafanelli | Wife, Gloria |
| 11:00 AM | Margaret & Anthony Viglietta | Daughter, Rita Devcich |
| Thurs. 7:30 AM | St. Luke Parishioners | |
| Fri. 7:30 AM | St. Luke Parishioners | |
| | 11:00 AM | Anna A. Gagne |
| | | Family |
| Sat. 8:30 AM | Michael A. Gregorio | The Gregorio Family |
| | 4:00 PM | Michael Di Lillo |
| | | Wife, Gloria |
| | 5:30 PM | Edward Mennella |
| | | Parents, Carol & Anthony Menella |
| Sun. 7:00 AM | St. Luke Parishioners | |
| | 8:30 AM | Arlene Aramini |
| | | Husband, John |
| | 10:00 AM | Jennifer Furda |
| | | Parents, Richard & Stella & Family |
| | 12:00 PM | Luigi & Rosaria Calderone |
| | | Daughter, Maria Cangiano |



Ash Wednesday Schedule February 18, 2015

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

There will be a collection at the Masses and Services on Ash Wednesday for the benefit of The St. Vincent de Paul Society. Special envelopes will be available in the Church and Narthex.

St. Luke Altar Flowers

To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-286-2222. Requests should be made two weeks in advance. **There will be no flowers placed in the church from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, until Easter, April 5.**



Note: The Parish and Religious Ed offices will be closed Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents' Day.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Constance Craig *Gregory Wallack*
Jason Reinhart *Maryann O'Donnell*

Please Pray for the Sick

Benjamin Aprea, Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Doris Taylor, Rev. George Macho, Deacon Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Michael Agro, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Pat LaRocca, Nina Parisi, Jenny Ralph, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Margaret Boland, Kathleen Mc Fadden, Anthony Mazzeo, Bob Schneller, Lillian Schneller, Martin Sullivan, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Theresa Mc Killop, Richard Mc Killop, Barbara Walsh, Jean Taormina, Greg Chadwick, Yolanda Salvatore, Terry Amanti, Rita Sheehan, Susan Mauro, Edward W. Burke, Claire Hansen, Sarah Cotlan, Steven Haas, Larry Reagan, Barbara Luongo, Maryanne Molner, Fr. Peter Funesti, Barbara Hyle Governale, Frank Corbally, Kathy Kelly, Douglas Owen, Bob De Nardo, Janice Ulker, Arthur Muldoon, Edna Dima, Zander Kaminoff, Connie Banares, Bernard Nisenholtz, Jack Geiran, Bishop David O'Connell, Mary Grodnicki, Charles Sciascia, Catherine Byrnes, Patricia Canessa, Doreen Molinari, Jodi Heitmann, Connie Palino, Arlene De Jura., JoAnn Maione, Jerry Mc Vicar, Richard Bator, Jerry Abate, John Petito, Mary Ottrando, Ryan Snyder (child), Frank Sasso, Kym Pierro, Anita Menafra.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ***February 22, 2015 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent***

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, Feb. 15 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every Sunday, 10:00AM in Parish Center.

Sunday, Feb. 15 - Gamblers Anonymous Meeting every Sunday at 5:45PM in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Sunday, Feb. 15 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, every Sunday at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. (Closed Meeting)

Monday, Feb. 16 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM, every Monday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Rosary Makers, 1:30PM in the Parish Center, meets 3rd Tuesday monthly to make Rosaries for the missions and local nursing homes. Instructions and materials provided

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Nar Anon Meeting, 7:00PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Alcoholics Anonymous Toms River Tuesday Night Friendly Group, 8:00PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center. (Open Meeting) For additional info call Jim at 732-552-8865.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00AM-12:00 noon, meets once a month in the Parish Center. Create shawls and lap throws to give to the bereaved, the infirmed and the lonely.

Thursday, Feb. 19 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM, every Thursday in the Parish Center.

Friday, Feb. 20 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every Friday evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

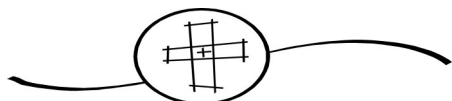
Friday, Feb. 20 - Pax Youth Group, 7:00-9:00PM, in the Parish Center. 7th & 8th Graders are invited to join. Check out our web site: www.paxteens.com.

Thursday, Feb. 26 - St. Luke Bereavement Support Group ~ Any Loss, 7:30PM in the Parish Center. (Meetings are every other Thursday for 9 sessions ending June 4.) For information call Ann Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Rosary Altar Society Mass at 8:30AM. Recitation of the Rosary at 8:10AM before Mass. All members are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are invited to join us in honoring our Blessed Mother.

Monday, Mar. 2 - St. Luke Pre-Baptism Class for expectant and new parents, 7:30PM, in the Church. Please call the Parish Office to register, 732-286-2222.

Tuesday, Mar. 10 - Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 1:00PM recitation of the Rosary, to honor our Blessed Mother, in the Parish Center followed by a general meeting and social. All Rosarians are encouraged to attend and all ladies in our parish are invited to join. (Note: No meeting in February.)



Religious Education News

Because of the many cancelled classes in the month of January, our "Pennies from Heaven" collection will be added to the month of February.

The PREP office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Presidents Day.

There will be **no classes** held the **week of February 16-19, 2015**.

Practice for Confirmation – Monday, March 2, 2015, 4-6 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation - Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 4 pm

SAFETY MONITORS NEEDED!

We are still in need of people to monitor the parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. Can you give an hour of your time for the safety of our children? Due to construction, the parking lot must be monitored to ensure that the drivers follow the traffic guidelines and proper safety procedures. Please call the PREP office at 732-505-0108 for more information. Thank you!



Stations of the Cross at St. Luke Church Each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm

This Lenten Season, we will have Traditional Stations of the Cross, Stations of the Cross for Busy People, Stations through the Eyes of Mary and Stations of the Cross Vincentian-style. Below is the schedule for Stations of the Cross. We encourage all of you to join together in this wonderful devotion during Lent.

February 20th: Stations of the Cross for Busy People

February 27th: Traditional Stations of the Cross

March 6th: Traditional Stations of the Cross

March 13th: Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Mary

March 20th: Traditional Stations of the Cross

March 27th: Stations of the Cross Vincentian-style

April 3rd: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday

Collections for Feb. 7 & 8, 2014

Total: \$17,095.00 *

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.

Lenten Obligations

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics during Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18:

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 the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 22nd to Trinity Sunday, May 31st. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

Quote of the Week:

“God works, continues to work, and we can ask ourselves how we should respond to this creation of God, which is born of love, because he works through love. In the ‘first creation’ we must respond with the responsibility that the Lord gives us: ‘The earth is yours, take it forward; let it grow’ Even for us there is a responsibility to nurture the Earth, to nurture Creation, to keep it and make it grow according to its laws. We are the lords of creation, not its masters....When we hear that people have meetings about how to preserve creation, we can say: ‘No they are the greens!’ No, they are not the greens! This is the Christian! This is ‘our response to the ‘first creation ‘of God. And’ our responsibility. A Christian who does not protect Creation, who does not let it grow, is a Christian who does not care about the work of God, that work that was born from the love of God for us. And this is the first response to the first creation: protect creation, make it grow....And all three (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are involved in this creation, in this re-creation, in this perseverance in re-creation. And to all three of them our response is: to preserve and nurture Creation, let ourselves be reconciled with Jesus, with God in Jesus Christ, every day, and do not be grieved by the Holy Spirit, not drive it away: he is the host of our hearts, he who accompanies us, he who makes us grow.”

- Pope Francis



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Qzanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. **For those interested in the Society and its work, please join us in the Church this Tuesday at 6:30PM for fellowship followed by our meeting.**

NOTE: Please park in the rear parking lot directly behind the church and enter the church by the door nearest the Choir.

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.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, QUART STORAGE
BAGS, VANILLA ENSURE
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

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

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf>



RICE BOWL 2015

Once again, St. Luke will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl. **Rice Bowls will be distributed this weekend of February 14 & 15**. We ask that you put your faith-in-action by taking a Rice Bowl and putting it in a prominent place so that for each day in Lent we remember, “to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.” (Pope Francis). As in the past, 75% of your gift supports CRS programs around the world by bringing clean water to communities through water and sanitation projects, helping to finance small businesses, improve harvests and offering health and nutrition services. The remaining 25% of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our Diocesan community. We will be collecting the Rice Bowls at the end of our Lenten Journey.

NEEDED! A Family to Host an International Student Attending Donovan Catholic H.S.

Jerry, a wonderful student from a very good family, bright and well mannered, arrived on January 22. He had a host family but at the last moment they were unable to host. **Compensation to the host family is \$1,000.00 per month.** For more information, please contact Elaine Margolis, GoStudentsLLC, 484-802-7204, internationalstudentconsultant@gmail.com.



“Irish Celebration”
Friday, March 6, 2015 ~ 7:00PM
St. Dominic Parish Center
250 Old Squan Road, Brick, NJ

This dynamic concert features the finest Irish song, dance, music & laughter, starring vocalist Tony Kenny, Star of Jury’s Irish Cabaret, with the Trinity Dublin Band and the Dublin City Dancers. Tickets are \$30.00, includes complimentary beverages during intermission. Call 732-840-1410 x 47 for tickets.

18th Annual Men’s Conference
Hosted by Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
Saturday, February 28, 2015 ~ 9:00am-3:00pm
St. Gregory the Great Parish
4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ

The theme this year is “Dare to Be a Disciple.” Doors open at 8:00am for bagels & coffee and will feature Holy Mass and inspiring talks by special speakers, Catholic vendors and the opportunity to interact with other men who are looking to grow in their Catholic faith. Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast & lunch will be provided. For more information or to register go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org or call 609-587-4877.

11 DAYS GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

In the Footsteps of St. Paul

October 20-30, 2015 ~ Only \$3399 per person

Hosted by Rev. Fr. Charles M. Yastishock &
Rev. Fr. Edward Cimbala

Travel in the footsteps of St. Paul...See the Acropolis in Athens...Visit Corinth where Paul worked with Aquila & Priscilla...Take a Greek Isles cruise to Ephesus, see Patmos...Visit Thessaloniki & Philippi

Tour Includes: Roundtrip air from Newark, \$702 govt. taxes/airline fuel surcharges, \$98 port charges, first class hotels, 3-day Greek Isles cruise, most meals, sightseeing & much more!

Brochure is available at the St. Luke Parish Office or call Fr. Yastishock at 732-255-6272.

“The Meal, The Man, and the Mission”

Parish Mission at

St. Joseph Church

685 Hooper Ave., Toms River

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, February 22-24
7:00-8:00PM in the church

Three nights to create your best Easter. Remember why you are a Catholic and remind a friend who has fallen away from the Church, who they are. Join once Evangelical mega-church pastor, now Catholic author and speaker, Allen Hunt as he prepares your heart for Easter with three inspirational nights of spiritual encouragement.

Become a Foster Parent

Can you assist a child in need? Foster Parents are needed for Ocean Mental Health Services’ **Treatment Foster Care Program**. Excellent training and support; liberal stipends. For more information, please call 732-349-3535x 702

Ocean Mental Health Services

Building Better Tomorrows, One Life at a Time

A Concert to Benefit the Expansion of The St. Joseph Church Food Pantry

Ronan Tynan

A Famous Irish Tenor Performs on
Thursday, March 19, 2015 ~ 7:00PM
St. Joseph Church

685 Hooper Avenue, Toms River

\$100 for Premium Seating; \$55 for General Admission; \$25 for Balcony Seating
Buy Tickets at



ITALY IN JUNE!

June 22-July 2, 2015

Air & Land, \$4,799 dbl. Occ.

Join Father Scott Shaffer, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Toms River for a wonderful tour of Italy. Visit Milan, the Shroud of Turin, experience the unforgettable Passion Play of Sordevolo, visit the Piemonte region, Florence and the *Duomo* and Michelangelo’s *David*, visit Assisi and Rome. Optional 3 night extension to Sorrento, Positano, Capri, Pompeii & Amalfi Coast. **Contact Olympia at Elegant Vacations, 732-618-5727 to reserve.** Hurry, nearly sold out!