

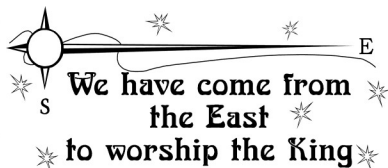
JANUARY 4, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JAN. 5 - 11

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	In Loving Memory of Daniel Cajohn	Debbie & Steve Weingroff
Tues. 7:30 AM	Stephonie Seibel	Helen Donald
Wed. 7:30 AM	Hildegard Pearl	The Fagan Family
11:00 AM	Anthony Piejak	Daughter, Irene Piejak
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Barbara Jean Waterhouse Shelton	Charles & Ann Marie Donelan
Fri. 7:30 AM	Marie Della Bella	Evelyn & Robert Macho
11:00 AM	Eloisa Silva & Elena Renard	Daughter, Sylvia & Edward Okolita
Sat. 8:30 AM	Lina Colluccelli	Gloria Marchio
4:00 PM	The Stacey Family	Nick & Rose Cutillo
5:30 PM	Bob Delaney	Ruthe Corbally
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	James & Joan Donachy Jr. & Family
8:30 AM	Michael Weller	Bob & Olga Kuntz
10:00 AM	Donald E. Garrell	The Lapid & Hamada Family
12:00 PM	Marvin Schneider	



Entering the house
they found the child
with Mary, his mother.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Anthony A. Corsi
JoAnn Paramonte*

*Kenneth L. Coghlan
Paul Skalka*

Please Pray for the Sick

Benjamin Aprea, Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Marie Parry, 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, Judy Miller, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Mildred Catalano, Arlene De Jura, Janice Burda, Ronald Scorese, Margaret Boland, Kathleen Mc Fadden, Anthony Mazzeo, Bob Schneller, Lillian Schneller, Martin Sullivan, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Theresa Mc Killop, Richard Mc Killop, Amy Browne, Barbara Walsh, Jean Taormina, Greg Chadwick, Yolanda Salvatore, Terry Amanti, Jason Reinhart, Marilyn Crivello, Rita Sheehan, Susan Mauro, Sr. Peggy Russell, Edward W. Burke, Claire Hansen, Sarah Cotlan, Steven Haas, Larry Reagan, Barbara Luongo, Maryanne Molner, Connie Craig, Fr. Peter Funesti, Barbara Hyle Governale, Stanley R. Gully, Frank Corbally, Kathy Kelly, Douglas Owen, Bob De Nardo, Janice Ulker, Arthur Muldoon, Edna Dima, Zander Kaminoff, Connie Banares, Bernard Nisenholtz, Joseph Antonczyk, Jack Geiran.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 11, 2015 ~ Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 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

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every **Sunday, 10:00AM** in Parish Center.

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Gamblers Anonymous Meeting every Sunday at 5:45PM in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, every Sunday at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. (Closed Meeting)

Monday, Jan. 5 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM, every Monday in the Parish Center.

Monday, Jan. 5 - 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, Jan. 6 - 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.

Thursday, Jan. 8 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM, every Thursday in the Parish Center.

Friday, Jan. 9 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every Friday evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

Friday, Jan. 9 - 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.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 - 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.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 - 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.

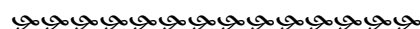
Tuesday, Mar. 10 - Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 1:00PM recitation of the Rosary, to honor our Blessed Mother, in the Parish Center followed by a general meeting and social. All Rosarians are encouraged to attend and all ladies in our parish are invited to join. (Note: No meeting in January & February.)



Religious Education News

Confirmation Retreat for all Level 8 students will take place in the Parish Center on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 7:00PM and Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 10:00AM. Candidates must attend one of these retreats along with either their parent or sponsor.

First Reconciliation Celebration for Level 2 students is on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 4:30PM in the church.



Attention ~

Parishioners Affected by Celiac Disease:

Low-gluten altar breads are available for Communion at Masses at St. Luke Church for those with Celiac disease. These low-gluten breads meet the stipulations set forth by the Roman Catholic Church and are endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for the Liturgy. **Please let an usher know if you need a low-gluten host.**

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. **Note: No flowers (other than poinsettias) will be placed in the church until January 9th and thereafter.**

Funeral Planning Booklets

...are available in the Narthex. This booklet allows you to record your final wishes for your funeral for when the time comes. Also, **Advance Health Directives** are available in the Narthex

Collections for Dec. 20 & 21, 2014

Total: \$20,481.00 *

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.**



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Luke Conference SVdP is grateful and thankful for the generosity of the St. Luke parishioners. You have helped us in many ways. Every week, we publish our needs for items for the Food Pantry and you always respond wonderfully. Throughout the year we have had fund raisers at Friendly's and Applebee's, and these have been well attended. Many of you, in your time of grief, have named us the recipient for donations in lieu of flowers. And your weekly contributions in the white envelopes, which represents 60% of our income, make it possible for us to help dozens of families in times of need. This year we will be starting fund-raising bus trips to Atlantic City – stay tuned. We try to be good stewards of the money you give us with 94% going directly to the poor. Thank you for helping us to help the needy – God Bless!

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:
DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS,
COFFEE, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP,
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

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

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



Please Note—Regarding the Tables & Carts in the Narthex: The tables and carts in the Narthex have been designated for displaying parish information only. There is no space for other brochures, flyers, newspapers, prayer cards, Mass cards and devotional materials. Non-parish materials are removed daily. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.



Quote of the Week:

This is taken from Pope Francis' address to Vatican employees, but has a message for each of us:

“Citing St. Paul, Pope Francis alluded to the Body of Christ, which needs all of its various parts to make a functioning whole, and where ‘each member cares for the other.’

Care for their spiritual life: the “backbone of all that we do and all that we are;”

Care for their family life-giving their children more than money: their time, attention and love;

Care for their relations with others-especially the weakest and those most in need;

Care in their language-purifying it from offensive words;

Heal the wounds of the heart through forgiveness; Care for their work-carrying it out with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and gratitude to the Lord;

Heal from envy, hatred and negative feelings which ‘devour our interior peace’ and transform us into destructive people;

Heal from rancor ‘which brings vindictiveness’ and from laziness which brings ‘existential euthanasia;’ And here the Pope urged employees to refrain from ‘pointing the finger’ at others, from ‘continuously complaining’ and from malicious gossiping. Rather, he said, ‘ask the Lord for the wisdom to bite your tongue in time’ so as to not say something hurtful that will leave a bitter aftertaste;

Care for Holy Christmas-so that it never becomes a feast of commercial consumerism but a feast of joy in welcoming the Lord;

The spirit of the true Christmas is emulating Christ-who came to serve, not to be served, the Pope added, reminding employees that they should not be afraid of humility and tenderness toward others. Peace, too, he said, needs enthusiasm and care.

Concluding, the Pope departed from his prepared remarks to ask forgiveness for his shortcomings and those of his collaborators, ‘and for some scandals, that are very hurtful. Forgive me. Merry Christmas and please, pray for me!’

St. Luke Bus Service



The bus services the following areas for weekend Mass:

Saturday, 4:00PM Mass: Holiday City and Greenbriar Woodlands with pickup beginning at 2:45PM.

Sunday, 10:00AM Mass: Gardens of Pleasant Plains, Homestead Run, The Residence, Roberts Park with pickup beginning at 8:30AM.

To schedule a ride to Mass from one of the listed communities or from one not listed, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office at 732-286-2222.

2014 Collection Statements

A record of your contributions to St. Luke Church is kept based on your envelope number. Statements with your total 2014 weekly donations for IRS will be issued upon request to the Parish Office, 732-286-2222. You will receive your requested statement at the end of January.

St. Luke Parishioners, Please Note:

If you are leaving New Jersey for the winter months, please call the Parish Office, 732-286-2222, so that we may stop delivery of your Church offering envelopes for the winter

Also, all parishioners must be registered. If you do not receive collection envelope from St. Luke Church then you are not a registered member. If you are not registered, we cannot serve you by issuing sponsor letters for Baptisms and Confirmation. You must be a registered member for at least 3 months in order to receive a testimonial letter to be a sponsor. Register at our parish office Monday-Fridays, 9:00AM-4:00PM, or you may pick up a registration form in the Narthex, complete it and return it by placing it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to our parish office.

Do You Know that God's Special Children Can Receive the Sacraments?

The Holy Innocents Society (St. Mark Church, Sea Girt) is a Diocesan Society whose membership is dedicated to the spiritual welfare of Special Needs Children: Autistic, Blind, Emotionally or Physically Handicapped, Neurologically Impaired or Learning Challenged. CCD classes are conducted in preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation on Saturday mornings from 9:15-11:15 at St. Mark's CCD Center in Sea Girt. The CCD center is handicap accessible with an elevator. For more information call Joan McGurty at 732-859-4358 or Tom Dorney at 732-804-2467.

Extraordinary Ministers Needed...

to visit and bring communion to our homebound parishioners. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and could devote some time to this important ministry for the homebound, please call the Parish Office at 732-286-2222.

Our Promise to Protect, Our Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Come to the Quiet—A Silent Retreat

February 6-8, 2015

St. Joseph by the Sea

400 Route 35 North

South Mantoloking, NJ

Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with their God. Mass included. Arrival: 6:30-7:00PM; departure: 1:00PM. Cost: \$200. Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register.

Join Bishop David O'Connell in The Footsteps of Saint John Paul II Diocese of Trenton Pilgrimage 2015 10 Days ~ April 23, 2015—May 3, 2015

\$3,999 per person Double Occupancy. Visit Warsaw, Krakow, and Budapest. Includes round trip air from Newark to Warsaw; 9 nights accommodations; buffet breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 3 hotel dinners, & 1 restaurant dinner; sightseeing in air-conditioned motor coach.

For more information on the tour
call David Walton at 800-682-3333 x 1159
dwalton@gate1travel.com