

MAY 3, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ (MAY 4 - 10)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Rita Sheehan	Gloria Di Lillo
Tues. 7:30 AM	Margaret & Jack Flayter	The Heitmann Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Charles Gambacorta	Mother, Esther Gambacorta
11:00 AM	Dorothy Cornacchio	Husband, Sal Cornacchio
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Anna Nixon	Daughter, Margaret Waterhouse
Fri. 7:30 AM	Betty Mandl	Ann & Gene Gavin
11:00 AM	John Rosano	Ann & Gene Gavin
Sat. 8:30 AM	Dorothy Halvey	Friends at Lake Ridge
4:00 PM	William Hayes	Wife, Mary & Family
5:30 PM	John Wetzler	Wife, Rosalie
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Doris A. Panza	Husband, Michael & Family
10:00 AM	Peter Di Franco	Wife, Theresa Di Franco
12:00 PM	Oseo Hamada	The Lapid & Hamada Family

Ascension of The Lord ~ May 14, 2015
(Holy Day of Obligation)



Pray for the Recently Deceased
Ann D'Armiento Patrick a. Porcelli
Teaka Chiaravallo Louis Miller

Mass Times:

Vigil ~ Wed., May 13 - 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Thursday, May 14 - 7:00AM, 8:30AM,
11:00AM (no evening Masses)

Note: The Parish & CCD Offices will be closed on the Holy Day, Thursday, May 14.



St. Luke Altar Flowers



We regret that the flower request last week was incorrectly attributed. It should be as follows: In front of the altar (for Eugene Maurer) req. by Patty & Betsy Maurer; Candlerings (for Agnes J. & John Donegan) req. by Patty Donegan & Betsy Maurer; By the Blessed Mother (for Agnes M. Donegan) req. by Patty & Betsy Maurer.

May 2 - May 8, 2015

In Front of Altar:

In Memory of Canio Toglia on his 80th birthday
Req. with Love, Wife Mary & Family

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.

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, Margaret Boland, Kathleen Mc Fadden, Anthony Mazzeo, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Janice Ulker, Arthur Muldoon, Edna Dima, Connie Banares, Bernard Nisenholtz, Bishop David O'Connell, Arlene De Jura, JoAnn Maione, John Petito, Mary Ottrando, Ryan Snyder (child), Frank Sasso, Kym Pierro, Anita Menafra, Louise Svarczkopf, Claire Hanson, Phil DiBello, Domenica Nicole Pontoriero (Infant), Margaret Clinton, Eileen Dandorf, Veronica Gully, Pat Alfano, Fr. Peter Funesti, Joann Salek, Barbara Meidhof, Frank Corbally, Joseph Italiano, John Cirignano, Marguerite Dorney, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Maryann Lentini, Matty Turner (infant), Joan Terranova, Steven Kasper, Theresa Kasper, Kenneth Foerstein, Mary Ann Napatano, Steven Haas, Leonard Maselli, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Connie Plaino, Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
May 10, 2015

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2nd Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10
Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

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

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, May 3 - 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, May 3 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every **Sunday, 10:00AM** in Parish Center.

Sunday, May 3 - Gamblers Anonymous Meeting every Sunday at **5:45PM** in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Sunday, May 3 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, every Sunday at **7:00PM** in the Parish Center. (Closed Meeting)

Monday, May 4 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM, every Monday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, May 5 - Nar-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center.

Monday, May 4 - 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, May 5 - 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, May 7 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM, every Thursday in the Parish Center. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

Thursday, May 7 - 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.

Friday, May 8 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every Friday evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

Tuesday, May 12 - 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.

Friday, May 15 - 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, May 19 - 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, May 20 - 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.



Religious Education News

Due to the ongoing construction, the Parish Center is used by many organizations at the same time. Therefore, we regret to inform you that there will be no Vacation Bible Camp at St. Luke Parish this summer.

Registration for School Year 2015-2016:

Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors the registration process for 2015-2016 is about to begin! Children entering first grade should also begin religious education class. Packets will be mailed to families currently enrolled in St. Luke PREP on **April 27, 2015.** You may register your child(ren) for classes either by mail or in person from **May 4 through August 3, 2015.**

PREP Classes end on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

First Holy Communion:

The Class of 2015 will receive Holy Eucharist for the first time on **Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 am and 11:30 am Mass.** Please keep these 95 children in your prayers as they prepare and practice these next few weeks.

Group A Practice – May 6 & May 11, 4:30-6:00 pm.

Group B Practice – May 7 & May 12, 4:30-6:00 pm.

We will meet in the Parish Center and dismiss from the Church. Blessings Cups will be available for pick up in the Parish Center at the first practice.



Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available in the St. Luke Narthex and Parish Office for your Mass intention requests for Mothers (living and deceased.) Please return your Mass request forms in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Mass Intentions will be remembered during the month of May in honor of Mother's Day.

Collections for April 25 & 26, 2015

Total: \$19,281.00 *

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.

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.



Sisters of Mercy 50/50 Raffle

The Sisters of Mercy hold a raffle each year to benefit the retired and infirmed Sisters of Mercy. The chances are \$25.00; the 10 prizes range from \$37,500.00 to \$1,500.00, and will be **on sale in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend, May 2nd and May 3rd, and are available in the St. Luke Parish Office, Monday through Friday, and the Religious Education Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM.** The drawing date is May 17.

The 2015 Diocese of Trenton

Annual Catholic Appeal

“Act of Faith, Works of Love”

Each year at this time, we reach out to you and ask you to partner with us through the Annual Catholic Appeal. A gift to the Appeal helps fund the vital ministries, programs and services of 107 parishes in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties. We ask that everyone prayerfully consider a gift to the Appeal to help support youth and family ministries, Catholic education, vocations to the Priesthood and religious life, and the charitable works of our Diocese and Parishes. Pledge cards are available in the Bulletin Carts in the Narthex of St. Luke Church. Once again, the St. Luke goal is \$89,000. We thank you for your continuing generosity in reaching our goal and in all that you do for our parish. God Bless You!

Women’s Retreat Day

Thursday ~ May 7, 2015

St. Joseph by the Sea

So. Mantaloking, NJ

Sponsored by the St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Open to all women of St. Luke Parish. There will be a lecture and Mass; Lunch will be provided. Carpool transportation from St. Luke Church or on your own. Cost is \$45.00. Call Noreen Muller, 732-255-4834, for more information or reservations.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

“Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own.”

- Pope Francis

AC Bus Trip to Taj Mahal benefit of SVdP, Tuesday, May 26, 2015: Tickets \$35 with \$35 Bonus. **There are only 2 seats left!** If you are interested, tickets can be purchased during Food Pantry hours, Mon., Wed., & Fri. between 10-12:30PM.

**Save The Date: May 23 - 8AM – 10AM
Breakfast at Applebees.**

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:
JELLY, COFFEE, TOOTHPASTE
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

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

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

Quote of the Week:

“He [Christ] never forgets, but we forget the encounter with Christ. And this would be a good assignment to do at home, to consider: ‘When have I really felt that the Lord was close to me? When have I felt the need to change my life, or to become better, or to forgive someone? When have I felt the Lord asking something of me? When have I encountered the Lord?’ Because our faith is an encounter with Jesus. This is the foundation of our faith: I have encountered Jesus, just as Saul [Paul] did.”

- Pope Francis

The Parish Family of St. Luke joins with the Sisters of Mercy in the following:

We join in prayer for the community of Baltimore, Maryland—for an end to the violence, for the safety of all in the community and for peace to be restored. We know the healing and reconciliation needed will extend far beyond restoring order in the streets. We stand in solidarity with the community and continue to commit ourselves to confronting issues of racism in our own hearts. The cry of those who are suffering both the physical and spiritual wounds caused by poverty, racism and violence must be heard and tended by us all.

Host Families Needed for International Students Attending Donovan Catholic High School Toms River, NJ

Students from China, grades 9-11, are in need of warm and welcoming host families for the 2015-2016 academic year. Our students are eager to live with an American family to learn about family life in the USA, while they will share Chinese culture and language with your family. Students have medical insurance, a cell phone, computer and their own spending money for all personal expense. The host family program offers ongoing support and communication with the host family and student for an exceptional experience. Hosting is the opportunity for a multi-cultural experience and lasting international friendship. **Compensation to the host family is \$1,000.00 per month.** For more information, please contact: Elaine Margolis, Founder, GoStudents, LLC, at 484-802-7204 or e-mail at internationalstudentconsultant@gmail.com.

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.

“Unmasking the Idols”

Retreat at St. Joseph by the Sea
400 Route 35 No., So. Mantoloking
May 12, 2015 ~ 9:30am to 2:30pm

Did you ever notice the idols in your everyday life? This day is NOT about pagan and primitive idols, but about the idols that separate us from God today. Come to be awakened! Come to face idols that are hidden! Cost is \$45.00, lunch & Mass included. Call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

“Joy to the World!”

Retreat at Maris Stella Retreat Center
Harvey Cedars, NJ
Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20, 2015

This retreat will offer a reflective exploration of Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of the Gospel” and its meaning in our lives as disciples and as Church. Early registration - May 15th; after May 15th - additional cost. For more information, call Sr. Pat at 609-494-2917 or email pdotzauer@comcast.net.

Attention Qualified Immigrants:

Free citizenship preparation classes will be offered this summer at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ. Must have a green card, 5 yr. residency, and be able to speak, read and write English. Testing and registration June 9th, 6-8pm. Classes Tuesday & Thursday evenings, June 16-July 23. Call Sr. Margaret Nulty at 732-998-3153 or email srnulty@gmail.com to pre-register.

St. Joseph Grade School, Toms River, Kindergarten for September is Filling Up!

DID YOU KNOW...

In September every kindergarten student will have access to an iPad dedicated to his/her use in the digital age classroom? In preparation for this extensive integration of technology our primary teaching staff has been receiving some very exciting iPad professional development.

At SJGS we employ a specialized and highly innovative Language Arts program called *Su-perkids* in Grades K, 1 & 2. This specialized program includes digital components and a non-fiction library! The Sadlier Math program is a traditional and rigorous mathematics program, focusing on building deep conceptual understanding of key math skills and concepts.

Come see for your self all St. Joseph Grade School has to offer! To schedule a personal tour contact Ms. Juliann James, 732-349-2355 x 2012, or e-mail jjames@sjgs.nj.k12us.com.