

JANUARY 25, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JAN. 26 - FEB. 1

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Humbert Gambacorta	Wife, Esther
Tues. 7:30 AM	Lorraine Scozzari	Cora & Tom Lynch
Wed. 7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
11:00 AM	Elsie Warren	Marge Fredericks
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Daniel Busichio	Lucille Busichio
Fri. 7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
11:00 AM	Tom Mandina	The Russoniello Family
Sat. 8:30 AM	Paul Haas Sr.	Loving Wife, Susan
4:00 PM	Edward Mennella	Claire & Jack Burns
5:30 PM	August Petti	Marlene Petti
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
10:00 AM	Ken Bower	Rita Purcell
12:00 PM	Stephen Joseph Bohacik	The Connors Family



St. Luke Altar Flowers ***January 24 - 30, 2015***

In Candle Rings & Blessed Mother::

Happy Birthday Dan Busicchio

Req. with Loving Memories, Lucille

In Front of St. Joseph:

For My Sister, Lee

Req. with Love Always, Julie

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.**

Blessing of Throats

Next weekend, January 31st and February 1st, St. Luke Church will have a general blessing of the throats at each Mass in honor of St. Blase.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Reverend Robert O'Leary

Patricia A. Hickey

Angelo J. Gerrizzo

Vito Cantalupo

Rev. Leonard Lang

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, 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, Jason Reinhart, Marilyn Crivello, Rita Sheehan, Susan Mauro, 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, Jack Geiran, Bishop David O'Connell, Mary Grodnicki, Charles Sciascia, Catherine Byrnes, Patricia Canessa, Doreen Molinari.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ***February 1, 2015***

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

We experience confusion and a sense of bewilderment when we lose someone. I think it is important to talk about this now so that when it does happen we know what to do. We often feel that we don't know whom to contact next when it happens. We feel that we have to contact the priest, the church, the cemetery, the newspaper—all these people. We ask ourselves, "How can I do everything?"

This is what to do if you experience the death of someone. Select a Funeral Home. After you contact the Funeral Home they will arrange a time for you to meet with them. When you do meet with the people from the funeral home they will ask you when and where you would like to have the funeral. They will in turn contact the church with your wishes. In the case of our parish we always try to accommodate your wishes as best as we can. All of this will depend on whether the church is available at the time and date you select. Please keep in mind that there are certain days when funeral masses are not allowed by Canon Law, e.g., Sundays and major Feast Days. The Funeral Home will make arrangements with the cemetery. They will also contact the military if the person served in the Armed Forces. In other words, the Funeral Home will make all of these arrangements for you.

The Parish is here to assist you during this time. After the Parish is contacted by the funeral home we assign the funeral to a member of our Funeral Team. That person will contact the family and ask to meet with them before the funeral. The Funeral Team helps the family plan the Funeral Liturgy. The members of the Funeral Team have a complete package which contains the Readings and the Music that are appropriate. The family will be asked to select the Readings for the Mass, the Readers, and the music for the Mass. This wonderful ministry was started by Mrs. Nancy Davis. Under her direction the ministry has flourished. Many of the families contact Nancy and the Funeral Team after the funeral to thank them for the care they were given in their time of grief by these ministers.

This is a time when we can spotlight the Funeral Team and the great work that they do here at the parish. They are volunteers who provide invaluable assistance to the family during their time of grief. They receive on-the-job training from members of the team. We are always looking for new members. If you think you might be interested in serving in this important ministry please contact Kathleen Muzzio, our Business Manager.

To summarize there are three entities involved in planning a funeral liturgy. The family, the Church, and the Funeral Home all need to be involved to coordinate the times of the services, the liturgies, and the availability of the Church space and the funeral home.

Please keep me in your prayers,

Fr. Bob

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, Jan. 25 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every **Sunday, 10:00AM** in Parish Center.

Sunday, Jan. 25 - Gamblers Anonymous Meeting every **Sunday at 5:45PM** in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Sunday, Jan. 25 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, every **Sunday at 7:00PM** in the Parish Center. (**Closed Meeting**)

Monday, Jan. 26 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM, every Monday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Nar Anon Meeting, 7:00PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - 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. 29 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM, every Thursday in the Parish Center.

Friday, Jan. 30 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every **Friday** evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

Friday, Jan. 30 - 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.

Sunday, Feb. 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, Feb. 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, 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

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.

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

During class time this week, on January 28, the "Protecting God's Children - Safe Environment" lesson will be presented to the Level 2 students.

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!



Newly Baptized Member of St. Luke Church

Nora June Strouse ~ Daughter of
Timothy and Bonnie Strouse



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.

Did You Know...that some parishioners' weekly contributions are NOT recorded because they do not use the weekly envelopes they receive in the mail? If you use loose cash or a loose check, you do not get credit for your contribution. The envelopes provide us with the means of recording your contributions for tax purposes. We encourage you to use your weekly envelopes regularly.

Collections for January 17 & 18, 2014

Total: \$17,427.00 *

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.**

Attention Extraordinary Ministers!

We are in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers to **visit our local nursing homes** to bring communion to the residents. Also, we need additional Extraordinary Ministers to **bring communion to our homebound parishioners**. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and could devote some time to these important ministries, please call the Parish Office at 732-286-2222.



Marian Advocates Needed

The St. Luke Rosary Altar Society Marian Advocates **are in need of more men and women** in our parish to pray Our Lady's Rosary at our local nursing homes. Please consider volunteering once a month for a half hour. If interested in honoring Our Lady by this good work or for more information, call the parish office at 732-286-2222.

Promise to Protect Pledge

"Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal" booklets from the Diocese of Trenton, Office of Child and Youth Protection, are available in the St. Luke Parish Office and in the Religious Education Office. If a copy is desired, we will provide one to you.

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.

Quote of the Week:

In response to a question posed to him by a 12 year old, Pope Francis replied and challenged all present:

"Why did children suffer so much?" "Why do children suffer?" "Certain realities in life we only see through eyes that are cleansed through our tears, I invite each one of you to ask yourselves: 'Have I learned how to weep, how to cry when I see a hungry child, a child on the street who uses drugs, a homeless child, an abandoned child, an abused child, a child that society uses as a slave?'"

Sunday February 8th is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person to person contact. Vincentians serve in hope. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions.

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, TEA, JELLY
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

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

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



Healing Mass

February 6th, 2015 ~ 7:00PM

Church of the Assumption

18 Monmouth Rd.(Rt. 537), Wrightstown, NJ

A Bi-Lingual (English-Spanish) Healing Mass with the love of Padre Pio will be celebrated by Fr. Rafael Ramos and assisted by the Divine Mercy Healing Ministry. All are invited. Doors will open at 6:30PM.

Attention 7th and 8th Graders!

Freshman Registration for Donovan Catholic, class of 2019, will take place on **Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:00AM to 11:30AM.**

Call the Admissions Office at
732-349-8801 x 2426

for more information or go to www.donovancatholic.org

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