

## MARCH 22, 2015

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MAR. 23 - 29

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Michael Di Lillo	Wife, Gloria
Tues. 7:30 AM	Daniel Hladney	Brother, Robert
Wed. 7:30 AM	Cookie White	Husband, Russ White
11:00 AM	Robert Devine	Wife, Helen Devine
Thurs. 7:30 AM	In Loving Memory of Mary Cajohn	Debbie & Steve Weingroff
Fri. 7:30 AM	Marjorie F. Grant	John Kempton Jr.
11:00 AM	Richard Zebrowski	Wife, Maureen
Sat. 8:30 AM	Agnes Byrne	Jean Owen
4:00 PM	Pearl M. Dougherty	Daughters, Kathy & Barbara
5:30 PM	Stephen Joseph Bohacik	Donna & Jason Keat
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	John Orrico	Angelo & Natalie Saverino
10:00 AM	Joseph A. Forthuber	Pat Forthuber
12:00 PM	Charlotte Turner	The Baran Family

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

This Lenten Season, we 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 the remaining Stations of the Cross. We encourage all of you to join together in this wonderful devotion during Lent.

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Stations of the Cross Vincentian-style  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday

### **Communal Lenten Penance Services**

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Monday, March 23, 7:00PM  
St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wednesday, March 25,  
12:00PM

St. Justin, T.R. ~ Friday, March 27, 7:00PM

**St. Luke, T.R. ~ Tuesday, March 31, 7:00PM**

### **Holy Week Schedule**

**Holy Thursday, April 2 ~ 9:00am** Morning Prayer  
7:00pm "The Mass of the Lord's Supper" with  
Adoration until midnight.

**Good Friday, April 3 ~ 9:00am** Morning Prayer;  
3:00pm Sacred Liturgy

**Holy Saturday, April 4 ~ 9:00am** Morning Prayer  
11:00am Blessing of Easter Food

**8:15pm** Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 5 ~ Masses at 7:00am, 8:30am,  
10:00am, & 12:00pm**



### ***Pray for the Recently Deceased***

<i>Jerry Abate</i>	<i>Martin Sullivan</i>
<i>Richard Bator</i>	<i>Katherine Summers</i>
<i>Concetta L. Bowne</i>	<i>Claire Garvey Butler</i>
<i>John J. Baker</i>	

### ***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, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Margaret Boland, Kathleen Mc Fadden, Anthony Mazzeo, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Barbara Walsh, Greg Chadwick, Yolanda Salvatore, Susan Mauro, Steven Haas, Larry Reagan, Maryanne Molner, Douglas Owen, Janice Ulker, Arthur Muldoon, Edna Dima, Connie Banares, Bernard Nisenholtz, Jack Geiran, Bishop David O'Connell, Charles Sciascia, Catherine Byrnes, Doreen Molinari, Jodi Heitmann, Connie Palino, Arlene De Jura, JoAnn Maione, John Petito, Mary Ottrando, Ryan Snyder (child), Frank Sasso, Kym Pierro, Anita Menafr, Louise Svareczkopf, 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, Nancy Rotolo, John Cirignano, Marguerite Dorney.

### ***NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS*** ***March 29, 2015 ~ Palm Sunday***

1st Reading: IS 50:4-7  
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11  
Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47

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

## ***FROM THE PASTOR. . .***

### **Thank you Again!**

Again I want to thank all of you who expressed condolences to me when my Mother passed away on February 21, 2015. Thank you for all the sympathy cards that you sent. I always say in my funeral homilies that we are never ready for this moment when it happens to the people that mean so much to us no matter how old they are or how young they are. All the things that I say apply to me as well. I still feel that sense of emptiness of being without a Mother with whom I was close to all of my life. Thank you again for remembering my Mother and being there for me! I felt that I needed to repeat this message because the messages of condolence keep coming!

### **A New Altar**

I requested that if people were going to send flowers for my Mother's funeral that they instead make a donation to the new altar fund. Some people have asked what this project is. The project for this summer which is separate from the building project that is in progress is to rebuild the sanctuary, i.e., the platform where the altar is. It will be totally reconstructed and redesigned and in the process will be constructed so that it can support a marble altar. The marble for the new altar was cut from the same lot as the marble for the new Baptismal Font. It was designed by Mr. Lawrence Hoy. Mr. Hoy is the same person who designed our Crucifix which hangs over the altar and our new Baptismal Font. Pilings will need to be installed in order to support the weight of the marble altar. The new altar is already here and is being stored in a warehouse. The floor of the new sanctuary and the steps leading up to it will be marble tile. It will be the same tile that surrounds the new Baptismal Font and is called Ocean Mist. Some people have asked if during the deconstruction and construction periods if we will still be able to use the Church. The builder told me that we will be able to use the Church but we will need to make a few adjustments such as moving the present altar to the floor. The estimated time needed is short--3 weeks.

If anyone in your family is looking to fund a memorial for a loved one, the new altar and Baptismal Font are ideal projects for this.

We will use the new Baptismal Font for the first time at the Easter Vigil.

Again thank you for your support at the loss of my Mother.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Fr. Bob

## Upcoming Parish Meetings

**Sunday, Mar. 22 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting every Sunday, 10:00AM in Parish Center.

**Sunday, Mar. 22 - Gamblers Anonymous** Meeting every Sunday at 5:45PM in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

**Sunday, Mar. 22 - Alcoholics Anonymous** Meeting, every Sunday at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. (Closed Meeting)

**Monday, Mar. 23 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM**, every Monday in the Parish Center.

**Tuesday, Mar. 24 - Nar Anon Meeting, 7:00PM** every Tuesday in the Parish Center.

**Tuesday, Mar. 24 - 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, Mar. 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.

**Thursday, Mar. 26 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM**, every Thursday in the Parish Center. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

**Friday, Mar. 27 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every Friday** evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

**Sunday, April 5 - 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, April 6 - 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, April 14 - 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.

**Wednesday, April 15 - 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.

**Friday, April 17 - 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](http://www.paxteens.com)

**Tuesday, April 21 - 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.



## Religious Education News

### **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!



### *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 Cards in the Narthex. 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!



### ***PALM CROSS SALE***

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring its annual Palm Cross Sale this weekend, March 21 & 22. Crosses will be sold for \$10 each after all the Masses on this weekend **only**. There will be **NO crosses for sale on Palm Sunday**. Thank you for your generous support in the past and we hope you will kindly support us again this year.

### **Collections for March 14 & 15, 2015**

**Total: \$18,549.00 \***

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](http://www.faithdirect.net).

**Thank you for your generous support.**

\* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.



### St. Luke Altar Flowers

To order memorial 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 during lent until Easter, April 5.**

### Rice Bowl

Please remember to return your rice bowl donations on Palm Sunday weekend, March 28 & 29.



### St. Luke Newly Baptized Member

Alexis Harlow Smith ~ Daughter of Lindsey Pomice and James Smith



### 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.**

**The Food Pantry is accepting donations of Turkeys and Hams for Easter from 10AM to 12:30PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### 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:  
MEAL-IN-A-CAN, TEA, SOUP  
PLEASE - NO OUT OF DATE FOOD!**

*Thank You for Helping Us To Help The Needy. God Bless!*  
Website: <https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf>



### 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 **are on sale 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.

### BINGO Locations in Toms River

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1937 Church Rd, 732-255-6272** ~ Mondays: 7:30 pm; Wednesdays: 12:15 pm
- St. Justin Parish, 975 Fischer Blvd, 732-270-3980** ~ Tuesdays: 7:30 pm; Thursdays: 12:00 pm
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 130 Saint Maximilian Lane, 732-914-0300** ~ Tuesdays: 12:00 pm; Thursdays: 12:00 pm
- St. Joseph Parish, 711 Hooper Ave, 732-349-0018** ~ Fridays: 7:30 pm

### Prayer of One Who Feels Lost by Joyce Rupp

Dear God,  
 why do I keep fighting you off?  
 One part of me wants you desperately,  
 another part of me unknowingly  
 pushes you back and runs away.  
 What is there in me that  
 so contradicts my desire for you?  
 These transition days, these passage ways,  
 are calling me to let go of old securities,  
 to give myself over into your hands.

Like Jesus who struggled with the pain  
 I, too, fight the "let it all be done."  
 Loneliness, lostness, non-belonging,  
 all these hurts strike out at me,  
 leaving me pained with this present goodbye.

I want to be more but I fight the growing.  
 I want to be new but I hang onto the old.  
 I want to live but I won't face the dying.  
 I want to be whole but cannot bear  
 to gather up the pieces into one.

Is it that I refuse to be out of control,  
 to let the tears take their humbling journey,  
 to allow my spirit to feel its depression,  
 to stay with the insecurity of "no home"?

Now is the time. You call to me,  
 begging me to let you have my life,  
 inviting me to taste the darkness  
 so I can be filled with the light,  
 allowing me to lose my direction  
 so that I will find my way home to you.

Source: "Prayer of One Who Feels Lost" from *Praying Our Goodbyes*, by Joyce Rupp. South Bend, IN: Ave Maria Press, 1988.