

APRIL 26, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ April 27 - MAY 3

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Joseph Dwyer	Jane Dwyer
Tues. 7:30 AM	Rita Sheehan	Jill Viggiano & Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Sharon Walsh Emich	Douglas Collier
11:00 AM	Robert F. Nolan Sr.	Wife, Irene Nolan & Daughter, Irene Kotlan
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Gerard Mc Vicar	Douglas Collier
Fri. 7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family	Pat & Jay Love
11:00 AM	Steven Natale & Frank Tivaldo	Ada Natale
Sat. 8:30 AM	Danny Arnold	Deanna & John Hohmann
4:00 PM	Mary & John Bianchi	The Heitmann & Bengivenga Family
5:30 PM	Edward Mennella	Parents, Carol & Anthony Mennella
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
8:30 AM	Constance Craig	The Morris & Oltarzewski Family
10:00 AM	Viola Morris	Fran & Joe La Pera
12:00 PM	Anna, Benny & Marco Armato	

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

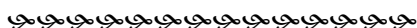


Pray for the Recently Deceased
Julia M. Pasient Frank Sciacca

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
April 25 - May 1, 2015

- In Front of Altar: ***In Memory of Eugene R. Maurer***
Req. by Patty Donegan & Betsy Maurer
- Candle Rings: ***In Memory of Agnes J. & John Donegan***
Req. by Patty Donegan & Betsy Maurer
- Blessed Mother: ***In Memory of Agnes M. Donegan***
Req. by Patty Donegan & Betsy Maurer
- St. Joseph: ***In Memory of Marie Cialdella***
Req. by Joe, Michael & Christina
- St. Jude: ***In Memory of Marie Cialdella***
Req. by Joe, Michael & Christina

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).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
May 3, 2015

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31
2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

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

FROM THE PASTOR. . .

The Easter Season

Joseph Pieper once remarked that the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation as good—from the ability to embrace, in one resounding “yes,” the length and breath, the heights and depths of our experience in this world. We can hear this yes in Mozart’s music—the play of light and shadow in the later piano concert; the poignant song of an oboe rising above a steady pulse in a divertimento for winds. We can hear it in the delighted squeals of a child as its face is licked by the moist tongue and hot breath of a new puppy. We can hear it in the contented, prayerful whispers of an elderly woman—full of love, grace and years—as she prepares to meet death with quiet courage and dignity.

Saying yes to all of life, letting all of it in—that is festivity’s sustaining source. But there’s the rub. Few of us can say yes to anything for very long. We live, after all, in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal (as Andy Warhol once quipped) is to be famous for fifteen minutes. At parties, we do not carry on conversations, we posture—repeating to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports’ celebrities. Small wonder that many in our society feel so isolated and lonely, so unable to connect, so incapable of forming relationships that last. Small wonder, too, that as a people we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry and violent—enraged and terrified by the awful emptiness that seems to stretch in every direction around us.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of “the blessed Pentecost” will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of “dwelling in” the paschal mystery! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with the neophytes ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Good heavens! What an order!

One reason why such a prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult—if not downright absurd—is that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. “Party time,” for many, is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic, obligation to “party on,” even if we don’t feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply “the weather of the heart,” to awaken our memory of God’s presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, Pentecost is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that wants to keep on saying no.

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Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, April 26 - Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every Sunday, 10:00AM in Parish Center.

Sunday, April 26 - Gamblers Anonymous Meeting every Sunday at 5:45PM in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Sunday, April 26 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, every Sunday at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. (Closed Meeting)

Monday, April 27 - Al-Anon Meeting, 11:00AM, every Monday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, April 28 - Nar Anon Meeting, 7:30PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, April 28 - 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, April 30 - Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30PM, every Thursday in the Parish Center. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

Friday, May 1 - Parent Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00PM, every Friday evening in the Parish Center. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

Friday, May 1 - 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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

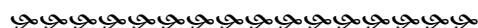


Religious Education News

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.**



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.

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.

Collections for April 18 & 19, 2015

Total: \$18,720.00 *

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.**



*All Are Welcome
In Honoring
Our Blessed Mother!
Friday, May 1, 2015 ~
7:00PM*

St. Luke PREP invites you to join us in honoring our Blessed Mother on Friday, May 1, at 7:00PM, on the side lawn outside the Parish Center. Please RSVP at 732-505-0108.

We ask that you bring:

- † A blanket or beach chair for seating
- † Cookies or juice boxes to share for refreshments (Coffee will be provided.)
- † Flowers to place before our Lady (optional)

*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!

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.

Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

- Karalina Marie Calabrese** ~ Daughter of Anthony and Kathleen Calabrese
Alexa Hope Coffey ~ Daughter of Jeannine Jinks and Patrick Coffey Jr.
Isabella Rose Mignano ~ Daughter of Stephen and Maryellen Mignano



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Vincentians never forget the many blessings they receive from those they visit. They recognize that the fruit of their labors springs, not from themselves, but especially from God and the poor they serve.

AC Bus Trip to Taj Mahal benefit of SVdP, Tuesday, May 26, 2015, Leave 9AM, Return 5:45PM. Tickets \$35 with \$35 Bonus. Tickets on sale Sunday, April 26, 2015.

**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:
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, COFFEE
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:

Fr. Ignacio Ellacuria, in 1982, counseled graduating seniors to respond by following the example of the company of martyrs who preceded them (and to all of us):

“Just place your whole human heart before the reality of a crucified world, and ask yourselves the three questions that Ignatius of Loyola put to himself as he stood before [an image of the crucified Christ], the representative of all those who are crucified: What have I done for this world? What am I doing for it now? And above all, what should I do? The answers lie both in your personal and academic responsibility.”

Fr. Ignacio Ellacuria was assassinated, by US-trained special forces, on November 16, 1989 at the University of Central America in San Salvador, along with 5 other priests and the housekeeper and her 16 year old daughter.