

JUNE 28, 2015

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JUNE 29 - JULY 5

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Sister Marcia Fidishun	Kathy & Rob Traina
Tues. 7:30 AM	Nicholas Jones	Bill & Gail Cook
Wed. 7:30 AM	Jane Hill	Jerome Hill
11:00 AM	Oscar M. Hamada Jr.	The Lapid & Hamada Family
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Grace Hills	Patricia Forthuber
Fri. 7:30 AM	Eddie C. Lapid	The Lapid & Hamada Family
11:00 AM	Arthur Barry Molnar ~ 1st Anniversary in Heaven	Mother, Maryanne Molner
Sat. ~ Independence Day:		
8:30 AM	Peace for Our World & Families	
4:00 PM	Guiseppe & Isabella Dattolo	Grandson, Giuseppe Caputo
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members (Liv.)	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
10:00 AM	William Zonghetti	Wife, Dolores
12:00 PM	John Orrico	Peter & Gloria Netti



Happy Independence Day!

Mass Schedule ~ Saturday, July 4:
8:30Am & 4:00PM Only

NO Confessions or 5:30PM Mass

Note: The Parish and CCD offices will be closed on Friday, July 3th, in observance of Independence Day.



**St. Luke Altar Flowers
June 27 - July 3, 2015**



In Front of Altar:

***In Memory of Beloved Husband & Father,
Anthony Palmisano
Req. by Wife, Vivian & Family***

In Front of the Blessed Mother:

***In Thanksgiving
Req. by Nancy Bartlett***

To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222. Requests should be made two weeks in advance.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Bernard Nisenholtz Anthony Dispenza
William Grogan (father of Rev. Jim Grogan)*

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, Arthur Muldoon, Bishop David O'Connell, Arlene De Jura, Ryan Snyder (child), Anita Menafra, Louise Svarczkopf, Phil DiBello, Pat Alfano, Joann Salek, Frank Corbally, Marguerite Dorney, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Matty Turner (infant), Joan Terranova, Steven Kasper, Theresa Kasper, Kenneth Foerstein, Mary Ann Napatano, Steven Haas, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Connie Plaino, Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Patricia Sevos, Gina Pelillo, Kathy Kelly, Katherine Brady, Guy Buck, Gail Cook, Natalie Biller, Evelyn Dowling, Jean Burke, Joseph in Uganda, Margaret Kohnenkamp, Laren L. (child), Claire Hansen, Maryanne Molnar, JoAnn Kronowski, Kim Garron, Genevieve Woods, baby Grace Evelyn.

***NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
July 5, 2015***

1st Reading: Ez 2:2-5
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10
Gospel: Mk 6:1-60

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

**What Ministry humbly serves the whole
community in an intimate way?**

Turn to Page 4 for the answer.

“Death is an experience that affects all families, without exception. It is part of life; however, when it touches someone close to us, it never appears natural to us. For parents, the loss of a child ... is an affront to the promises, gifts and sacrifices of love joyfully offered to the life we have brought into being. The whole family is paralyzed, silenced. And a child suffers something similar when he or she is left alone by the loss of one or both parents. The emptiness and abandonment that opens up inside the child is even more distressing on account of the fact that he does not have the sufficient experience to 'give a name' to what has happened. In these cases death is like a black hole that opens up in the life of families, for which we are unable to give any explanation. And at times we even reach the point of blaming God”.

“But many people – and I understand them – become angry with God, and blaspheme. 'Why have you taken my son, my daughter from me? There is no God, God does not exist! Why has He done this to me?'. But this anger arises from great pain; the loss of a son or a daughter, a father or mother, is an immense pain. ... In these cases, death seems like a hole.”

But physical death, the Pope warned, has “accomplices” that are even worse: “hatred, envy, pride and greed, the sin of the world that works for death and renders it even more painful and unjust. Family ties appear to be the predestined and helpless victims of these powerful auxiliaries of death that accompany human history. Think of the absurd 'normality' with which, in certain moments and in certain places, the events that add horror to death are provoked by the hatred and indifference of other human beings. May the Lord free us from growing accustomed to this.”

Thanks to God's compassion given to us in Jesus, “many families demonstrate in their actions that death does not have the last word. Every time that a bereaved family – even terribly – finds the strength to keep the faith and love that unite us to those whom we love, it prevents death from claiming everything. The darkness of death must be faced with more intense love. In the light of the Resurrection of the Lord, Who never abandons any of those whom the Father has entrusted to Him, we can remove the 'sting' from death, as the apostle Paul said; we can prevent it from poisoning life, from spoiling our affections, from making us fall into the darkest emptiness. In this faith, we are able to console each other, knowing that the Lord has defeated death once and for all. Our dear ones have not disappeared into the darkness of nothing: hope assures us that they are in the good and strong hands of God. Love is stronger than death”, the Pope emphasized. If we let ourselves be supported by this faith, “the experience of bereavement can generate a stronger solidarity in family ties, a new openness to the suffering of other families, a new fraternity with those families who are born and reborn in hope.”

Faith gives us birth and rebirth in hope, reiterated Francis, recalling the passage from the Gospel in which Jesus revives the widower's son, restoring him to his mother. “This is our hope”, he exclaimed. “Jesus will restore to us all our dear ones who have passed away, He will return them to us and we will meet them again. ... Let us remember this gesture of Jesus ... as the Lord will do the same with the loved ones in our family”. This faith, he said, “protects us from a nihilistic vision of death, as well as from the false consolations of the world, 'so that the Christian truth does not risk mixing itself with myths of various types”, giving way to rites of superstition, ancient or modern.”

The Pope concluded by urging all pastors and all Christians to express in the most concrete way the sense of faith in relation to the family experience of bereavement. “The right to weep must not be denied”, he exclaimed. “Even Jesus was deeply moved and profoundly troubled by the bereavement of a family he loved. We can, instead, draw from the simple and powerful witness of many families who have known how to grasp, in the difficult passage of death, also the safe passage offered by the Lord, crucified and risen, with his irrevocable promise of the resurrection of the dead. The work of God's love is stronger than the work of death. We must seek to be 'accomplices' to that love, with our faith. ... Death was defeated by Jesus on the cross. Jesus will restore all of us to our families.”

Pope Francis— June 17, 2015

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Monday, July 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.

Wednesday, July 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.

Thursday, July 16 - Meeting for new Extraordinary Ministers for the nursing home, 7:30PM in the Church.

Thursday, July 23 - Meeting for new Extraordinary Ministers for Mass, 7:00PM in the Church.

ST. LUKE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We have just completed our Spring session, and although we will not begin a new session until September, you are not alone. If you need information concerning bereavement or any questions, please contact:

Anna Ascione-Hardman at 732-244-8557

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

SERVICE MEETINGS:

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays, 10:00AM in Parish Center.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays, 7:00PM in the Parish Center. **(Closed Meeting)**

Alcoholics Anonymous, Tuesdays, 8:00PM, in the Parish Center. **(Open Meeting)** For additional info call Jim at 732- 552-8865.

Al-Anon Meeting, Mondays, 11:00AM, in the Parish Center.

Al-Anon Meeting, Thursdays, 7:30PM, in the Parish Center. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

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

Nar-Anon Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:30PM, in the Narthex.

Gamblers Anonymous, Sundays, 5:45PM, in the Narthex. (Open Meeting)

Religious Education News

Is God calling YOU to teach?

A special THANK YOU to those who heard God's call and answered our prayers.

The St. Luke Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is now in need of 6 catechists for the 2015-2016 school year. Our new learning facility will be ready for September and we can't wait! Come join our young people on a faith journey and work together to build up God's kingdom! Please think about it, pray about it and consider becoming a CCD teacher for the following:

Mon 6:15 - 7:30 PM Grade Levels 4
Tues 6:15 - 7:30 PM Grade Level 7 (2 needed)
Wed 4:30 - 5:45 PM Grade Level 2 (3 needed)

Registration for School Year 2015-2016:

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. Children entering first grade in the fall should also begin Religious Education. For more information, please call 732-505-0108. All registrations are due in the PREP office **no later than August 3, 2015.** Thank you!

The PREP Office is located in the Parish Center and open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.



Newly Baptized Member of St. Luke Church

*Benjamin Andrzej Skora ~ Son of
Grzegorz and Magdalena Skora*



RCIA

Have you or someone you know not been baptized but would like to explore the desire to become Catholic? Have you or someone you know been baptized but have not completed one or both of the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) but desires to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church? Contact us at 732-286-2222 x 311.

Collections for June 20 & 21, 2015

Total: \$17,840.00 *

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. Luke Church has joined Investors Bank's Care2Share Affinity Program.

In short, this program allows Investors Bank customers (existing or new) to link their checking and/or savings account to the Church of St. Luke. What does it cost you? NOTHING. What does St. Luke know about your banking? NOTHING. Who pays? **For every account linked to the Church of St. Luke, Investors Bank will donate monies based upon the average balance of the linked deposits.** So, if you would like to help the parish and not have it cost you anything, link an existing Investors Bank account(s) or link a new account to the Church of St. Luke. Additional Information can be obtained at any Investors Bank branch, at www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222 x 306.

St. Luke Church will be hosting a new seminar based upon the book:

"Creating a Successful Retirement"
Redefining retirement as a spiritual journey.

6 Wednesdays during July and August, beginning July 8th ~ 7:00-8:15PM

If you are going to be retiring or newly retired, this will be of interest to you. Presenter: Barry Burke. **To sign-up, call the parish office at 732-286-2222 no later than Tuesday, June 30.** \$15.00 for the book will be collected at the first meeting.



Homes helping Single Mothers and Babies Since 1985.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

On behalf of the Mom's, babies and staff of Good Counsel Homes, our home for homeless, pregnant mothers, we are so very grateful for your support and genuine caring for our mission. There were over 900 baby bottles taken by the parishioners of St. Luke's Parish and many contributed financially immediately following the Masses. I was so very touched by your kind and welcoming remarks and heard more than once—"So glad you are back!" A special thank you to everyone who helped hand out the bottles after all the Masses. You may drop off your baby bottles in the plastic bins that have been placed near the exits of the church. Just look for the picture of our Good Counsel baby! In a time when so many have so little, your giving spirits to help those less fortunate, inspire us as we continue to do God's work on earth. Thank you for your continual support and God bless you and your loved ones. JoAnn DiNoia, Good Counsel Homes, 609-387-2928 joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org



St. Vincent de Paul Society

June has been National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month, a time to focus on the nutritious food so many in New Jersey need - but can't afford. With 1 in 5 children in the state facing hunger, and many of those we serve dealing with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hunger is a health issue right now, and could have dire consequences for generations to come. The Community Food Bank of NJ is distributing millions of pounds of fresh produce this year to local food pantries. Recently St. Luke's Food Pantry received fresh potatoes, onions, apples, carrots, zucchini and peppers and distributed them to our guests.

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, CANNED FRUIT & COFFEE,**

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

Mission Appeal~ July 11th & 12th

Each year the Diocese arranges for a Mission Appeal. This year, our Diocese has chosen Rev. Msgr. Francisco Monje from the Diocese of Kalibo in the Philippines to share with us their mission work and the plight of the poor in his diocese. He represents the Most Rev. Jose Corazon Tala-oc, D.D., on behalf of the Lamb Shall Lead International. The purpose for this appeal is for the relief and rehabilitation of malnourished children and the poor, for the formation of lay leaders who will be sent to evangelize the unchurched in rural areas, and for the healing missions including medical, dental and optical for poor families who cannot afford to avail health services, buy medicines and pay for hospitalizations. Most of the poor villages and the unchurched are located in the rural areas and hinterlands. 75% of the population are farmers. They are visited by typhoons every year which destroy their crops and nipa/bamboo-made houses. We ask that you please be generous—as you always are!

The Ministry that serves the whole community in an intimate way:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are called from the congregation to share Jesus in a very intimate way with their fellow parishioners. The call to serve is indeed humbling and life-affirming. We are asking you, if you are being called to serve to answer that call. Don't worry if you feel you are not worthy—none of us do, yet we pray for the grace to be faithful to His call to be good servants. **For more information please call the Ministry Hotline at 732-286-2222 x 311.**

