

# AUGUST 16, 2015

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ AUG. 17 - 23

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Frances Gioe	Diane Fortino & Family
Tues. 7:30 AM	Frank Santos	Niece, Maria Sardo-Lopes
Wed. 7:30 AM	Anne D'Armiento	Anthi & Maria D'Armiento
11:00 AM	Anne Dobnik	Anne Marie & Paul Russo
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the O'Dwyer Family	Anne O'Dwyer
Fri. 7:30 AM	Julia Passient	Susan Fantetti
11:00 AM	Gaetana Costanzo	Frank & Maureen Albano
Sat. 8:30 AM	Kathleen Pellegrino	Husband, Frank & Children
4:00 PM	Giuseppe & Maria Caputo	Grandson, Giuseppe Caputo
5:30 PM	Rita Landis	Husband, Tom
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	The Dougherty & Laurence Family	Theresa Dougherty
10:00 AM	James Bruno	Wife, Patricia Bruno
12:00 PM	Lina Coluccelli	Gloria Marchio



### **St. Luke Altar Flowers** *Aug. 15 - Aug. 21, 2015*

In Front of the Altar:

***In Loving Memory of Thomas Morris***  
*Req. by Loving Wife, Carmen*

Candle Rings:

***RIP Thomas Schillaci,***  
***We miss you more each & every day.***  
*Req. by Your Loving Family & Many Friends XO*

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ~ August 23, 2015**

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32  
Gospel: John 6:60-69

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



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

*Linda Spagnola Edward Dolegowski*  
*Dr. Owen A. Chang Sr. (father of Rev. John Chang)*

### **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, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Bishop David O'Connell, Anita Menafr, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Kathy Kelly, Katherine Brady, Guy Buck, Evelyn Dowling, Lauren L. (child), Claire Hansen, Maryanne Molnar, JoAnn Kronowski, Kim Garron, Genevieve Woods, baby Grace Evelyn, Rosa Caputo, Daniel Moser, Harry Mc Cord, Suzanne Wurzler, Stephanie Mc Fadden, Donald Gagne, Rudolph Intelisano, Albert Alimena, Marjorie Jannelli, Gary Brennan, Helen Brennan, Gloria Rafanelli, Esther Varone, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Maryann Gallasio, John Petrolino, Laura Petrolino, Steve Christiansen, Arlene Farawell, Arthur Muldoon, Roselle Derequito, Edward (Junie) Scala, Larry Gallo, Barbara Waters.

### **To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese,**

I write, once again, to express gratitude to you. The outpouring of prayers, love and support at the passing of my Mother was overwhelming. I received over a thousand Mass cards, sympathy cards, emails, letters and promises of prayers. Many of you actually attended the funeral Mass. My brother Dan (Diocesan Department of Catholic Education) and I are so grateful to you all as is our entire family. We could not possibly respond personally to each and every act of kindness but please know that we deeply appreciated them at a very difficult time. God bless you all!

*Bishop O'Connell*

## **MINISTRY HOTLINE**

**732-286-2222  
x 310**

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

### ***Jubilee Year of Mercy--Holy Door***

On December 8, 2015 Pope Francis will open the great Holy Year Door in St. Peter's Basilica. The Holy Door is a special place for the faithful to enter the four major Basilicas in Rome, St Peter, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls, during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. All four Basilicas have multiple doors in their porches, but the Holy Door at each Basilica is kept closed and sealed. Only during the Jubilee Year can pilgrims walk through these doors.

All over the world, dioceses and parishes alike are sealing, and then opening, their own Holy Year Door for the Great Jubilee Year of Mercy.

More information will be forthcoming on the opening of the Holy Year Door and the Year of Mercy. Don't forget to find the Church of St. Luke on social media, [www.stlukestomsriver.org](http://www.stlukestomsriver.org) (website is being modified to be smart phone friendly) and on twitter, [@stlukeparish](https://twitter.com/stlukeparish), so together we can help spread the word about this special time in the life of our Church and the Church Universal.

### ***Parish Retreat***

The annual Parish Retreat will open this year during the weekend Masses on October 17 and 18, 2015, beginning at the 4PM Vigil Mass on Saturday. Fr. William Rakowicz, SJ will be the retreat director. Fr. Bill is on the Staff of Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. The retreat will end on Wednesday evening. The week-day schedule is 11:00AM (Mass and talk). Evening sessions Monday to Wednesday will have a talk only at 7:00 PM.

The topics will include: Principles and Foundations—what we learned in catechism. This will include an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. The second day talk will focus on: The sinner called to do God's work. The third day, of course, will focus on Pope Francis. The talks will be the same at the morning and evening sessions.

### ***Other activities***

On Saturday morning of October 17 (Saturday) Bishop O'Connell, CM will be here to celebrate a 9:30AM Mass for parish staffs and Finance Committees and others from the Diocese for the opening of a new program for the diocese. Details will be forthcoming from the Diocese.

On Sunday afternoon (October 18) at 3:00 PM the Second Annual White Mass will be celebrated for all people who work in the medical field. This includes all staff--doctors and dentists, nurses, certified nursing assistants, technicians, hospital administrators, emergency personnel--and anyone associated with the healing profession. It is only appropriate that we host this wonderful celebration for all of these healers. Our parish is named after St. Luke the Physician and his feast day is October 18.

Please keep me in your prayers,

*Fr. Bob*

## Upcoming Parish Meetings

**Wednesday, Aug. 19 - 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.

**Monday, Sept. 14 - 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, Sept. 15 - 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. **(No Meeting in August.)**

## Religious Education News

*The PREP Office will be closed from August 17-21. We will re-open on Monday, August 24, 2015.*

Although we do not know the exact start date of PREP Classes at this time, the following dates have been set. All meetings will be held in the Church.

Level 1 Parent Meeting	Sept 3, 2015	6:30 pm
Level 2 Parent Meeting	Sept 8, 2015	6:30 pm
Level 7 Parent/Student Mtg	Sept 15, 2015	6:15 pm
Level 8 Parent/Student Mtg	Sept 14, 2015	6:15 pm

### Is God calling YOU to teach?

St. Luke PREP is in need of 1 more catechist for

**Tues 6:15 - 7:30 PM Grade Level 7**

Also we still need more substitutes! If a catechist calls out, we need someone who will fill in and teach the class. Our substitutes are a Godsend! Please call the office at 732-505-0108.

## **SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Following on the themes of his most recent Encyclical "Laudatory Si: On Care for Our Common Home," Pope Francis has announced a new commemoration "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" to be celebrated annually on September 1, beginning this year. In an August 6th letter establishing this yearly event, His Holiness wrote that the day intends for Catholics "to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

To inaugurate this annual day of prayer on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 7:30 In the evening, Most Reverend David O'Connell, C.M., Bishop of Trenton, will celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel of St. Denis Parish --- the "Beach Chapel" at 554 E. Main Street in Manasquan, NJ, through the gracious hospitality of Reverend William Lago, pastor. This beautiful chapel holds about 450 people and will be an appropriate setting for this Mass as the sun sets over the Jersey shoreline. Interested faithful are welcome to join in the world-wide day of prayer, either at the chapel or in their personal prayer, and priests are invited to concelebrate.

Although the Holy Father has given us a short window to observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we at St. Luke are also hoping you'll join us in a local expression of solidarity on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The details will be announced on our website: [www.stlukesstomsriver.org](http://www.stlukesstomsriver.org), at Mass and in the bulletin as soon as they are finalized.

### **St. Luke Bereavement Support Group**

The bereavement support group for any loss will begin new sessions on Thursday, **September 10th**. The group will meet at **7:30pm every other Thursday** for 7 sessions. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

### **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)**



### **RCIA**

Have you or someone you know not been baptized but would like 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?

**RCIA classes are now being formed.** Any and all inquiries are welcome!! **Contact the Team: Marge, Marie & Theresa at 732-286-2222 x 311**

### **Collections for Aug. 8 & 9, 2015**

**Total: \$19,556.00 \***  
**Faith Direct for August: 11,152.00**

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.**



## Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has proclaimed "A Holy Year of Mercy" to commence on December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. The Motto for this Holy Year is "Merciful like the Father" and it is intended to "serve as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

### To my fellow parishioners...

from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all who responded to Yamba Uganda's appeal for help to complete our clinic. We needed about \$25,000 to finish the clinic and to start saving lives. The generosity of the people of Saint Luke was overwhelming. Over \$10,000 was collected. It was enough for the water system and the power for the clinic. We have a little ways to go but once the Yamba Clinic is opened many lives will be saved. I am very happy to represent the people of Saint Luke who have opened their hearts and their minds to a place they have never been. You have allowed the love of God to touch your heart and make it grow so big that it reaches across the ocean to another continent. This truly is a gift from God to Yamba Uganda. I bring each of you in my heart and I will take the good wishes and greetings from the people of Saint Luke to our brothers and sisters in Uganda.

Thank you, *Mary Goss*

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

For every account you link to the Church of St. Luke, Investors Bank will donate monies based upon the average balance of the linked deposits. Additional Information can be obtained at any Investors Bank branch, at [www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share](http://www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share) or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222 x 306.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold its monthly General Meeting this Tuesday. 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.

**During July, the SVdP Food Pantry delivered 632 bags of food to 113 families consisting of 186 adults and 58 children.**

#### 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:

**CANNED TUNA, RICE, PAPER TOWELS, COFFEE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

*Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy. God Bless!*  
<https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf0>

### Quote of the Week:

The following, "Echoes of the Beatitudes" was taken from Blessed Pope Paul VI reflection at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth on January 5, 1964:

Now we hear its echo reverberating in the souls of men of our century. It seems to tell us: Blessed are we, if in poverty of spirit we learn to free ourselves from false confidence in material things and to place our chief desires in spiritual and religious goods, treating the poor with respect and love as brothers and living images of Christ.

Blessed are we, if, having acquired the meekness of the strong, we learn to renounce the deadly power of hate and vengeance, and have the wisdom to exalt above the fear of armed force the generosity of forgiveness, alliance in freedom and work, and conquest through goodness and peace.

Blessed are we, if we do not make egoism the guiding criterion of our life, nor pleasure its purpose, but learn rather to discover in sobriety our strength, in pain a source of redemption, in sacrifice the very summit of greatness.

Blessed are we, if we prefer to be the oppressed rather than the oppressors, and constantly hunger for the progress of justice.

Blessed are we, if for the Kingdom of God in time and beyond time we learn to pardon and to persevere, to work and to serve, to suffer and to love.

We shall never be deceived.

In such accents do We seem to hear His voice today. Then, it was stronger, sweeter, and more awe-inspiring: it was divine. But as we try to recapture some echo of the Master's words, we seem to be won over as His disciples and to be genuinely filled with new wisdom and fresh courage.