

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ NOV. 16 - 22, 2015

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	The Alimonte & Viggiano Family	Jill Viggiano
Tues. 7:30 AM	Mary & Christopher Devcich	Rita Devcich
Wed. 7:30 AM	Tara Ward	Debbie & Willie Schneider & Family
11:00 AM	Irene & Robert Nolan	Frank & Irene Kotlan & Family
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Marian Dowling	Loving Sister, Margaret Waterhouse
Fri. 7:30 AM	Dominick Frain	Anne Ray
11:00 AM	Bridget Flynn & Frances Slevin	Margaret & Michael Flynn
Sat. 8:30 AM	Roy D'Alto	Wife, Joan
4:00 PM	Antonette Marracello	Children & Grandchildren
5:30 PM	Jack H. Sasoonian	Daughter, Janine & Dennis Rudd & Fam
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Maria Berardo	Anna & Michael Hardman
10:00 AM	Carol U. Yacavino	The Family
12:00 PM	Joseph W. Gagne	His Family



Thanksgiving Day Mass Time **Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 ~ 9:00AM**

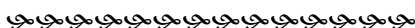
(There **will not** be a 7:30 AM Mass)



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Ida Caputo *Doris Bowden*
Susan J. Foster

Note: The Parish & CCD Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 26 & Friday, Nov. 27.



St. Luke Altar Flowers

November 14 - November 20, 2015



In Front of Altar:

In Memory of Vincent De Bonas
Req. by Wife, Fran

Blessed Mother:

In Thanksgiving, Specialist PFC Michael W. Accatatta
Req. by Parents, Kathleen & Thomas

Candle Rings:

For Martin Ruby III
Req. by Parents, Barbara & Martin Ruby Jr.

To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio 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, 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 Menafra, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Claire Hansen, Marjorie Jannelli, Gary Brennan, Helen Brennan, Gloria Rafanelli, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Steve Christiansen, Arlene Farawell, Arthur Muldoon, Roselle Derequito, Larry Gallo, Lil Schneller, Bob Schneller, Sofia Rott, Enes Holsten, Joseph Italiano, Vincent Brady, Rosanna D'Adamo, Catherine Byrnes, Larry Reagan, Virginia Heywood (child), Robert Harraden, Margaret Longenberger, Joann Salek, Laura Petrolino, Phil DiBello, Bill Smith, Joe Morriello, Maryanne Molner, Anne Pittaro, Victoria Johnson, James Joseph White, Maureen Driscoll, Lisa Penna, Jacquelyn Lombardo, John Mc Manus, Pamela Mc Cabe, Tina Pilot, Phyllis Scarpello, Shirley Foco, John Higgins, Dolores Buck, Ralph Nolfi, Denise Schmitt, Jeannette Wolcott, Kathleen Langon, Helen Dudek, Paula O'Neill, Judy Savastano.



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."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

November 22, 2015

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

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

FROM THE PASTOR. . .

We are approaching the Jubilee Year of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis in *Misericordiae Vultus*. This Holy Year commences on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is also the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, which has been likened to the opening of a window which lets the fresh air in. Certainly Pope Francis is seeking to continue the wonderful work of Saint Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope Paul VI, who presided over the Second Vatican Council. And what is Pope Francis vision for this holy year?

"In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!"

Pope Francis has designated 4 churches in Rome to have a "Door of Mercy". This door has been sealed since the proclamation of *Misericordiae Vultus* in April. The churches Pope Francis has designated are: St. Peter's Basilica, which will open its Door of Mercy on December 8th, Basilica of St. John Lateran (Cathedral of Rome), St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major, all of which will open their doors on December 13th (Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent and St Lucy feast day).

Bishop O'Connell has also designated several parish churches, in addition to St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton as pilgrimage churches with a Door of Mercy which will be opened between December 13th and December 20th. These parishes are: St. Katharine Drexel (Burlington), St. Mary (Middletown), St. Peter (Point Pleasant), St. Mary (Colts Neck), St. Barnabas (Bayville), Divine Mercy (Trenton), St. Gregory the Great (Hamilton Square), Holy Cross (Rumson), St. George (Titusville), St. Aloysius(Jackson), St. Robert Bellarmine (Freehold) and St. Catherine (Middletown).

We will be exploring this Year of Mercy and its importance to the Church but especially to our family here at St. Luke.

Please keep me in your prayers,

Fr. Bob

St. Luke Pre-Baptism Classes...

for expectant and new parents are held on the first Monday of each month at **7:30PM**. Please call the Parish Office to register, 732-286-2222.

**The next class:
Monday, December 7**

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center. **The Rosary will be recited at 1:00** followed by a meeting and social. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

**Next meeting:
Tuesday, December 8
(no meetings in Jan. & Feb.)**

St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

The bereavement support group for any loss meets at **7:30pm every other Thursday** for 7 sessions, ending December 3rd. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

The next meeting: November 19

SERVICE MEETINGS:

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays, 10:00AM in Madonna Room

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 Madonna Room

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

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

Nar-Anon , Mondays, 7:30PM-9:00PM, in Madonna Room

Nar-Anon Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:30PM, in Madonna Room

Gamblers Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM in Madonna Room

Gamblers Anonymous, Sundays, 5:45PM, in Madonna Room. (Open Meeting)

Parents of Disabled Children Support, 7:00PM, 3rd Thursday of each month.

Religious Education News

This is Level 8 Mass Weekend. Please **write your name on the front of the bulletin** and have it signed by someone in church ministry; then turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

Level 2 Reconciliation Fun Day will be held in the Faith Formation Center on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015.

Group A: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Group B: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

This program is for the parents and children who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation in January 2016. Your attendance is expected.

SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Luke Prayer Shawl Ministry's Second Annual Craft Show

November 21 & 22, 2015

In the St. Luke Church Narthex

Rosary Makers

Meet on the 3rd Tuesday monthly, at **1:30pm** to make Rosaries for the missions and local nursing homes. Instructions and materials provided.

**Next meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016
(No meetings in Nov. & Dec.)**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, **10:00am-12:00pm** to create shawls and lap throws to give to the bereaved, the infirmed and the lonely.

**Next meeting:
Wed., November 18**

Pax Youth Group

7th & 8th Graders are invited to join; games, activities, hang out & pizza while getting closer to God! Check out our web site: www.paxteens.com

The next meeting: Friday, November 20



"Poinsettia Angels" ...

will be available for dedication at the weekend Masses only beginning Saturday, **November 21st through Sunday, December 6th**. Donations are \$15 and \$25.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Our Annual Ornament Making Party for the St. Luke Giving Tree will be taking place this **Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:00pm** in the Parish Center. Bring your creativity and we will supply the paper ornaments, art supplies and cookies! Any questions? Call 732-286-2222 x 310



Collections for Nov. 7 & 8, 2015

Total: \$18,039.00 *

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.

Quote of the Week:

From a discourse on the Psalms by Saint Augustine, bishop:

He will judge the world with equity and the peoples in his truth. What are equity and truth? He will gather together with him for the judgment his chosen ones, but the others he will set apart; for he will place some on his right, other on his left. What is more equitable, what more true than that they should not themselves expect mercy from the judge, who themselves were unwilling to show mercy before the judge's coming. Those, however who were willing to show mercy will be judged with mercy. For it will be said to those placed on his right: Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. And he reckons to their account their works of mercy: For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.

What is imputed to those places on his left side? That they refused to show mercy. And where will they go? Depart into the everlasting fire. The hearing of this condemnation will cause much wailing. [...]

Or do you, because you are unjust, expect the judge not to be just? Or because you are a liar, will the truthful one not be true? Rather, if you wish to receive mercy, be merciful before he comes; forgive whatever has been done against you; give of your abundance. [...] These are the sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, charity. Such as these, then, let us bring and, free from fear, we shall await the coming of the judge who will judge the world in equity and the peoples in his truth.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Food Pantry is currently preparing for Thanksgiving. Food needs for the holiday are listed below. Frozen food should be donated during normal pantry hours. **NOTE: Pantry will be closed Wed. Nov. 25 and Fri. Nov. 27.**

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold it's monthly General Meeting this Tuesday. For those interested in the Society and its work, please join us in the Augustinian Room this Tuesday, Nov. 17th, at 6:30PM for fellowship followed by our meeting.

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. **NOTE: The Pantry will be closed Wed., Nov. 25 and Fri., Nov. 27.**

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:

LARGE TURKEYS, SMALL TURKEYS FOR FAMILY OF ONE, CANNED VEGETABLES, STUFFING, GRAVY, YAMS, COFFEE, TEA, MEAL IN A CAN, PAPER TOWELS & JELLY

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

<https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf0>

Save The Date!

Yamba Uganda's Bead and Craft Sale

Beautiful and Unique Christmas Gifts. Give the gift that keeps on giving! Help us make a difference in the lives of the poor women & children that Yamba helps in Africa.

**December 5th and 6th, 2015
in the St. Luke Narthex**

Yoga & Sprituality Class

The Yoga & Spirituality Class is offering an evening program for Advent on **December 9th at 6:00PM** in the St. Luke Parish Center. This is a make up class for a missed session in November and is open to all



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.**

MINISTRY HOTLINE

732-286-2222 x 310

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 or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222 x 306.