

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JAN. 11 - 17, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Nicholas Messina Jr.	Sister, Lucille Busichio
Tues. 7:30 AM	Nicholas Jones	Margaret & Bob Clinton
Wed. 7:30 AM	Ronald T. Cerrachio	Jodi & David Muraczewski
11:00 AM	Marge Kugelman	Linda Buonopane
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Edward Palmieri	Al & Carol Palmieri & Dana
Fri. 7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Del Rosario & Tinio Families	Ed & Lilia Tinio
11:00 AM	Burton Nickerson	Arnold & Marie Pepe
Sat. 8:30 AM	Paciencia Martinez	Catherine Victoria
4:00 PM	Joseph Weber	Ellen & Rich Hering
5:30 PM	Lynda De Fresco	Joanne & Fred Rizzo
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	Mass Intentions Listed Below
8:30 AM	Multiple Intentions Mass	Ida & Joe Maniscalco
10:00 AM	Ida Caputo	Family
12:00 PM	Ida & Louis Pelaia	

Multiple Intentions Mass

Sunday, January 17, 2016 ~ 8:30AM

<i>Lina Coluccelli</i>	R-Gloria Marchio
<i>Harry Foti</i>	R-Wife, Norma
<i>Felicia Grace Chiodi</i>	R-The Chiodi Family
<i>Joseph N. Gagney</i>	R-Family
<i>Albert Gutierrez</i>	R-Thelma & Rolando Villanueva
<i>Peter V. Timpone</i>	R-Wife, Mary Timpone



Martin Luther King Day

January 18, 2016

Mass Time: 9:00AM

(No 7:30AM Mass)

Please Note: The Parish Office & Religious Ed Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has proclaimed "A Holy Year of Mercy" which commenced 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.' Resources to assist us in celebrating this Holy Year of Mercy will be made available in the Narthex, on our website: www.stlukesstomrivers.org and by following us on Twitter: [@stlukesnj](https://twitter.com/stlukesparish)



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Helen M. Cameron George Costa Jr.

Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), 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, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Claire Hansen, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Lil Schneller, Bob Schneller, Enes Holsten, Joseph Italiano, Vincent Brady, Virginia Heywood (child), Victori 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, Kathleen Langon, Helen Dudek, Paula O'Neill, Mary Ann Lucia, Gloria Rafanelli, Anne Repko, Thomas Repko, Charlie Rott, Stan Marszalek, Sister Marion Hicks, Donald Korba, Samantha Mahoney, Kimberly Alexander, Patricia Wolfgang-Spavold, Barbara Meidhof, Dean (Dino) Dourlaris, Maryanne Molner, Art Muldoon, Linda Schillari.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 17, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

Quote of the Week:

“The words of the Prophet Isaiah-addressed to the Holy City of Jerusalem-are also meant for us. They call us to go forth, to leave behind all that keeps us self-enclosed, to go out from ourselves and to recognize the splendor of the light which illumines our lives: ‘Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you’(60:1). That ‘light’ is the glory of the Lord. The Church cannot delude herself into thinking that she shines with her own light. Saint Ambrose expresses this nicely by presenting the moon as a metaphor for the Church: “The moon is in fact the Church... [she] shines not with her own light, but with the light of Christ. She draws her brightness from the Sun of Justice, and so she can say: ‘It is no long I who live, but Christ who lives in me’ (Hexaemeron, IV, 8,32). Christ is the true light shining in the darkness. To the extent that the Church remains anchored in him, to the extent that she lets herself be illumined by him, she is able to bring light into the lives of individuals and peoples. For this reason the Fathers of the Church saw in her the *mysterium lunae*.

We need this light from on high if we are to respond in a way worthy of the vocation we have received. To proclaim the Gospel of Christ is not simply one option among many, nor is it a profession. For the Church, to be missionary does not mean to proselytize: for the Church to be missionary means to give expression to her very nature, which is to receive God’s light and then to reflect it. There is no other way. Mission is her vocation. How many people look to us for this missionary commitment, because they need Christ. They need to know the face of the Father.

The Magi mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew are a living witness to the fact that the seeds of truth are present everywhere, for they are the gift of the Creator, who calls all people to acknowledge him as good and faithful Father. The Magi represents the men and women throughout the world who are welcomed into the house of God. Before Jesus, all divisions of race, language and culture disappear: in that Child, all humanity discovers its unity. The Church has the task of seeing and showing ever more countless people, in our own day, have a ‘restless heart’ which continues to seek without finding sure answers. They too are looking for a star to show them the path to Bethlehem.

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly. They had long peered into the great book of the heavens, seeking an answer to their questions, and at long last the light appeared. That star changed them. It made them leave their daily concerns behind and set out immediately on a journey. They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. The star guided them, until they found the King of the Jews in a humble dwelling in Bethlehem.

All this has something to say to us today. We do well to repeat the question asked by the Magi: ‘Where is the child who has been born the King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage; (Mt 2:2). We are impelled, especially in an age like our own, to seek the signs which God offers us, realizing that great effort is needed to interpret them and thus to understand his will. We are challenged to go to Bethlehem, to find the Child and his Mother. Let us follow the light which God offers us! The light which streams from the face of Christ, full of mercy and fidelity. And once we have found him, let us worship him with all our heart, and present him with our gifts: our freedom, our understanding and our love. Let us recognize that true wisdom lies concealed in the face of this Child. It is here, in the simplicity of Bethlehem, that the life of the Church is summed up. For here is the wellspring of that light which draws to itself every individual and guides the journey of people along the path of peace.”

- Pope Francis, Homily January 6, 2016

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, February 1st**

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, March 8th
(No meeting in Jan. & Feb.)**



Religious Education News

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

First Reconciliation for Level 2 students will take place on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 4:30 pm** in the Church. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament of forgiveness and healing.

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, January 15, 2016
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

We have just completed our Fall session, and although we will not begin a new session yet, you are not alone. If you need information concerning bereavement or have any questions, please contact Anna Ascione-Hardman at 732-244-8557.

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. 19th**

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:
Wednesday, Jan. 20th**



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 for Men, Sundays, 8:30AM-9:30AM; for more information call Mort Levy 732-600-6783.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Mondays, 7:00PM, "Sacrifice Group", in Parish Center.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Wednesdays, 6:00PM, in Parish Center.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7:00PM in Parish Center

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

Social Sunday Is Back!

On January 17, after all Sunday morning Masses, we will have coffee & light refreshments in the Parish Center. Please join us to meet new friends or renew old acquaintances.

Collections for:

Dec. 19 & 20, 2015 Total:	\$19,555.00 *
Christmas Total (to date):	58,528.00 *
Dec. 26 & 27, 2015 Total:	18,223.96 *
Holy Day, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Total:	7,751.00 *
Jan. 2 & 3, 2016—1st Coll:	17,206.00 *
2nd Coll:	5,696.00 *

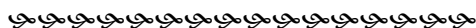
If you would like to contribute by credit card or auto-debit, **FaithDirect**, forms are available in the Narthex or by signing up at www.faithdirect.net.

Thank you for your generous support.

*** Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.**

Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Ryan Anthony Lazarchick ~ Son of
Andrew and Shannon Lazarchick
Ryan David Xavier Diaz ~ Son of
Jourel and Dina Marie Diaz



St. Luke Altar Flowers

To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222 x 6200. Requests should be made two weeks in advance.

Breakfast at the Knights

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4969, is sponsoring a **catered breakfast** for the benefit of their God's Special People Program on **Sunday, January 17, from 8:00-11:00AM** at the Council home, 113 Tennyson Avenue, Toms River, NJ. The God's Special People program benefits many local organizations that provide services to special needs children and adults. Ticket donation is \$9.00; children under five are free. Tickets available from John Budenas (732-600-3657) or at the Council home and must be purchased by Tuesday, January 12. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

2015 Collection Statements

A record of your contributions to St. Luke Church is kept based on your envelope number. Statements with your total 2015 weekly donations for IRS will be issued upon request to the Parish Office, 732-286-2222. You will receive your requested statement at the end of January.

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

WE NEED YOU . . .

As Extraordinary Ministers to serve at
the Nursing Homes, the Homebound
and at Mass.

We will begin training on a monthly basis.

"You are God's hands and feet.
You have been called."

MINISTRY HOTLINE

732-286-2222 x 6218



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 Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. For those interested in the Society and its work, please park in the rear lot and join us in the Augustinian Room Tuesday, January 19, 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.

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. **Please do not leave refrigerated/frozen food donations in the wooden box in the narthex – deliver them to the pantry during their normal hours.**

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

TEA, COFFEE, DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS

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

<https://tinyurl.com/lh54ntf0>



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 6220.**

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 6200.