

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JAN. 25 - 31, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Tues. 7:30 AM	Grace Gates	Guy & Peggy Trerotola
Wed. 7:30 AM	The Bivona & Carrasquillo Families	Joe & Martha Bivona
11:00 AM	Rev. George S. Macho	The Macho Family
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Patrick Mc Garvey	Eileen & Bill Strallow
Fri. 7:30 AM	Madeline Kuzbyt	John & Susan De Millio
11:00 AM	Daniel Busichio	Wife, Lucille
Sat. 8:30 AM	Rico Aure	Rey & Evie Mendoza
4:00 PM	Rose Vella	St. Vincent de Paul Society
5:30 PM	Joseph Tomasulo	Carol Butterworth
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Thomas Gallagher	Barbara Warner
10:00 AM	Joann Rowe	Husband, Bob
12:00 PM	Mary Naughter	Parents, Pat & Cathy Naughter



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."

Holy Doors of Mercy have been opened in churches throughout the Diocese of Trenton as places of pilgrimages. Visiting these sites and following certain conditions (prayers and conditions can be found on our website and on the table in the Narthex) offers a chance to receive a plenary indulgence.

The Parishes Bishop O'Connell has designated are:

Mercer County

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton

Divine Mercy, Trenton

St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square

St. George, Titusville

Burlington County

St. Katharine Drexel, Burlington

Monmouth County

St. Mary, Middletown

St. Mary, Colts Neck

Holy Cross, Rumson

St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

St. Catherine, Middletown

Ocean County

St. Peter, Point Pleasant Beach

St. Barnabas, Bayville

St. Aloysius, Jackson

We will also be continuing our series for the Year of Mercy.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Arthur James Muldoon

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), 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, 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, Linda Schillari, William Chimick, Renee Sa-har, Jane Dwyer, Frank Sasso, Joseph Mc Nally, Rosemarie Testa, Francis Lewis Jr., Antonia Nigro, Tom Gosnell, Barbara Walsh, Joanne Kronowski, Helen Borrmann.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 31, 2016

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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

Fact of FAITH

Conversion

by Fr. Larry Rice

Each year on January 25, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. The scripture readings for the day include the account from the Acts of the Apostles, of Paul encountering risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Paul had been a persecutor of the early Church, but as a result of his encounter with Jesus, he became a Christian and a powerful preacher of the Gospel.

In the not-too-distant past, when one heard Catholics speak of “conversion,” it usually meant becoming Catholic and leaving some other faith behind. But today, becoming Catholic is a longer, more in-depth process of initiation. And “conversion” means something much more than becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

If you look in the subject index of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for “conversion” in one of the first printings, it says “see Contrition.” This gives us some idea of the real meaning of conversion: It’s a change of heart, a transformation that involves turning away from sin and turning toward God and his grace. Furthermore, the *Catechism* explains that this conversion isn’t a one-time event or even a single process. Instead, ongoing conversion is the task of all the baptized and even the Church itself. Quoting *Lumen Gentium*, number 8, from the Second Vatican Council, the *Catechism* explains that the Church “[is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal” (CCC, no. 1428).

So, if you hear someone say that they’re a “convert” to Catholicism, remember that we all are called to conversion as God’s grace draws us closer to himself.

Fr. Rice is vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.

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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.



Attention ~

Parishioners Affected by Celiac Disease:

Low-gluten altar breads are available for Communion at Masses at St. Luke Church for those with Celiac disease. These low-gluten breads meet the stipulations set forth by the Roman Catholic Church and are endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for the Liturgy. **Please let an usher know if you need a low-gluten host.**

Our Promise to Protect, Our Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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 2 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.

As a Work of Mercy, St Luke PREP is having a WINTER COAT DRIVE. Donations of slightly used coats and jackets will be collected at all PREP classes for the month of January. For more information please call 732-505-0108.

The diocesan mandated program "Protecting God's Children—Teaching Touching Safety" Lessons 3 & 4 will be presented on the following dates: Level 7 - January 26 and Level 8 - January 27, 2016. Levels 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will complete their Safe Environment lessons during the week of April 4 - 7, 2016.

Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **February 21st**. After Mass all are invited to gather in the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship. Please join us to meet new friends or renew old acquaintances.



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, Feb. 16th**

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, Feb. 17th**

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.

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.

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 29th,
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

The bereavement support group for any loss will begin new sessions in **February**. The group will meet at 7:30pm every other Thursday for 8 sessions. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557. **Dates of meetings: Feb. 18, March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 12, 26, and June 9.**

Collections for Jan. 16 & 17, 2016

Total: \$16,683.00 *
Faith Direct: 10,287.00

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.

Quote of the Week:

“Christians who obstinately maintain ‘it’s always been done this way,’ this is the path, this is the street—they sin: the sin of divination. It’s as if they went about by guessing: ‘What has been said and what doesn’t change is what’s important; what I hear-from myself and my closed heart-more than the Word of the Lord.’ Obstinacy is also the sin of idolatry: the Christian who is obstinate sins! The sin of idolatry. ‘And what is the way, Father?’ Open the heart to the Holy Spirit, discern what is the will of God. ...There is the Holy Spirit who leads us into the full truth. And for this reason he needs an open heart, a heart that will not stubbornly remain in the sin of idolatry of oneself, imagining that my own opinion is more important than the surprise of the Holy Spirit. This is the message the Church gives us today. This is what Jesus says so forcefully: ‘New wine in new wineskins.’ Habits must be renewed in the newness of the Spirit, in the surprises of God. May the Lord grant us the grace of an open heart, of a heart open to the voice of the Spirit, which knows how to discern what should not change, because it is fundamental from what should change in order to be able to receive the newness of the Spirit.”

-Pope Francis, Homily, January 18, 2016

Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

- Sophia Rose Foti ~ Daughter of Tara and Joseph Foti
- Giovanna Patrice Picioccio ~ Daughter of Renata Picioccio & Patrick Mc Gillivray
- Brayden Joshua Gardner ~ Son of Lissa and Michael Gardner
- Christopher Kennedy Garduque ~ Son of Eloisa and Cesar Garduque Jr.
- Maxwell Robert Jakulevicius ~ Son of Melissa and Robert Jakulevicius



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Works of love directed to one's neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit.... at the very heart of the Gospel is life in community and engagement with others. The content of the first proclamation has an immediate moral implication centered on charity. - Pope Francis

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:
COFFEE, TEA, SOAP, PAPER TOWELS &
TOILET TISSUE**

Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy. God Bless!
<https://www.stlukeconference.org>

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.**



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.

WE NEED YOU . . .

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

We will be training on a monthly basis.

“You are God’s hands and feet.
You have been called.”

MINISTRY HOTLINE

732-286-2222 x 6218

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.