

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 2016

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Florence Caccese	The Ghali Family
Tues.	7:30 AM	Richard M. Magerkurth	Eleanor Tevnan
Wed.	7:30 AM	The Farese, Nevedomsky & Malkunas Families	Mary Ann Farese
	11:00 AM	Thomas J. Flannagan	Wife, Pat
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Ronald Cohen	Parents
Fri.	7:30 AM	Arthur Straube	Chuck & Marlene Kern
	11:00 AM	Robert & Helen Murray	Mr. & Mrs. Murray
Sat.	8:30 AM	Florence Caccese	Daughter, Anne Tracy & Family
	4:00 PM	Dorothy Mueller & Ruth Cummins	Jill Viggiano
	5:30 PM	Rico Aure	Arthur & Agnes Monta
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	Husband, John
	8:30 AM	Arlene Aramini	Gloria & Bernie Lesiak & Family
	10:00 AM	Loving Memory of Claire & Victor Przedpelski	Chelsea Friends
	12:00 PM	Pat Kruse of Holiday City	



### **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.**

**In addition, various parishes will be hosting a Holy Hour for the Year of Mercy. This Holy Hour will consist of Scripture reading, silent prayer, music, intercessions and personal testimonies.**

**In Ocean County (all times are 7:00 pm):**

**February 25      St. Barnabas, Bayville**  
**March 8            St. Peter, Point Pleasant Beach**  
**June 14            St. Joseph, Toms River**

### **Stations of the Cross at St. Luke Church Each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm**

This Lenten Season, we will have a wonderful mix of Traditional and Contemporary Stations of the Cross. We will seek to engage all of your senses using video and musical accompaniment as well as guided reflection. Below is the schedule for Stations of the Cross. We encourage all parishioners to experience this wonderful devotion this Lent.

February 26 ~ Reflections through the Eyes of Mary  
 March 4 ~ Traditional  
 March 11 ~ Vincentian Spirituality  
 March 18 ~ Journey of Decision -A Way of the Cross  
 March 25 ~ Traditional - Good Friday Reflection



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

*Rose C. Deiter                      Walter Budny*  
*Arthur O'Connell*

### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Dcn. Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Michael Agro, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Eugene Deehan, Martha Olmstead, Yolanda Salvatore, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Gurprit Chhatwal, Jenny Ralph, Claire Hansen, Marie Gentile, Steven Haas, Joseph Italiano, Virginia Heywood (child), Victoria Johnson, James Joseph White, Maureen Driscoll, Lisa Penna, Gloria Rafanelli, Anne Repko, Thomas Repko, 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, Ryan Kurtz (child), Danielle Caravello, Larry Reagan, Genevieve Schillaci, Margaret Longenberger, Joann Salek, Rose Bonito, Ralph Mocarro, Aldo Di Domenico Sr., Joan Reilly.

### **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 St. Luke Church, 732-286-2222 x 6220.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**February 28, 2016**

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

# **Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy**

*– by Joe Paprocki, DMin*

**Corporal Works of Mercy** are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material and physical needs.

## **Feed the Hungry**

- see to the proper nutrition of your loved ones
- support and volunteer for food pantries, soup kitchens, and agencies that feed the hungry
- make a few sandwiches to hand out as you walk through areas where you might encounter people in need
- avoid wasting food;

## **Shelter the Homeless**

- help neighbors care for their homes and do repairs;
- support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter;
- advocate for public policies and legislation that provide housing for low-income people;
- consider becoming a foster parent.

## **Clothe the Naked**

- go through your drawers and closets and find good-condition clothes and shoes to donate to agencies that provide assistance for those in need;
- Volunteer to work at a clothing drive or at a shelter where clothing is distributed to those in need
- Support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

## **Visit the Sick**

- spend quality time with those who are sick or homebound;
- take the time to call, send a card or an e-mail to someone who is sick;
- volunteer to drive patients to medical appointments and treatment facilities;
- volunteer at a hospital;
- cook and delivers meals to the sick and homebound.

## **Visit the Imprisoned**

- support and/or participate in ministries to those who are incarcerated;
- support programs sponsored by agencies that advocate on behalf of those who are unjustly imprisoned;
- support job-training and educational programs designed to rehabilitate prisoners;
- pray for the families of inmates;
- support efforts that seek the abolition of the death penalty.

## **Give to the Poor**

- throw your coin change into a jar and periodically donate it to a charity;
- if possible make a regular monetary donation to a charity that tends to the needs of the poor.

## **Bury the Dead**

- be faithful about attending wakes/visitation;
- support or volunteer at a hospice; · participate in a bereavement ministry;
- spend time with widows and widowers;
- take friends and relatives to visit the cemetery;
- support ministries that offer free Christian burials to those unable to afford one;
- offer daily prayers for those with terminal illnesses and for those who have died;
- send Mass cards to families of those who have died.

### St. Luke Pre-Baptism Classes...

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

**The next class:  
Monday, March 7th**

### 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**

### Religious Education News

This is the Level 6 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.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

The St. Luke PREP Level 8 "Bake Sale of Love" was an overwhelming success! Thank you to all who participated: the Students, Catechists, Bakers, Wrappers and Poster Makers! Special heart-felt thanks go out to our fellow parishioners who brought all the goodies. With your generosity we were able to raise a whopping \$2,060 which will be divided and donated to the following charities: Oceans of Love, Providence House, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Wounded Warriors and S.A.V.E. Animal Shelter. Congratulations on a job well done!

As these Confirmation Candidates enter their final weeks of preparation, please keep them in your prayers. **The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:00PM.**

### 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, March 15th**

### 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, Mar. 16th**

### 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](http://www.paxteens.com)

**The next meeting: Friday, February 26th  
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

### St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

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

### Collections for February 13 & 14, 2016

**Total: \$15,786.00 \***  
**Faith Direct: 8,376.00**

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.

### Communal Lenten Penance Services

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Monday, March 14, 7:00PM  
St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wed., March 16, 12:00PM  
St. Justin, T.R. ~ Friday, March 18, 7:00PM  
St. Luke, T.R. ~ Tuesday, March 22, 7:00PM

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday, March 24** ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer  
7:00pm "The Mass of the Lord's Supper" with  
Adoration in Chapel until midnight.  
**Good Friday, March 25** ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer;  
3:00pm Sacred Liturgy; 7:00PM Stations of the Cross  
**Holy Saturday, March 26** ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer  
11:00am Blessing of Easter Food  
**8:15pm Easter Vigil Mass**  
**Easter Sunday, March 27** ~ Masses at 7:00am,  
8:30am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

### Quote of the Week:

"We ought to speak, shout out against injustices, with confidence and without fear. We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice."

- Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, martyr (died 1927 by firing squad in Mexico for being a Catholic priest tending his flock)

### ALL EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY LITURGIES...

Fr. Bob invites all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to come together in prayer and thanksgiving for our ministry and to get to know one another better. Spring Schedules and ministry rosters will be distributed at the meeting. The preferred meeting time is **Thursday, February 25th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Church.** If you are unable to attend the daytime session, please join us on **February 25th at 7:00 pm** in the Augustine Room. Please leave a message on the Ministry Hotline 732-286-2222 x 6218 to let us know which time you will attend.

### WE NEED YOU . . .

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

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

### MINISTRY HOTLINE

**732-286-2222 x 6218**

Parishioners interested in serving as Communion Ministers for the Sunday Liturgies, please call the Ministry Hotline to sign up for training.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*The St. Luke Conference Food Pantry is starting to collect food for Easter Dinners for our Guests. We will be accepting Hams during normal pantry hours (10:00 AM to 12:45 PM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday) Please do not leave any refrigerated items in the box in the narthex or at the door of the pantry- deliver them to the pantry during their normal hours.*

### 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:

**SOUP, CANNED TUNA, CANNED CORN, DETERGENT, COFFEE, PAPER TOWELS, SOAP & TEA**

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

<https://www.stlukeconference.org>

### BUS TRIP TO TROPICANA

**Tuesday March 15 – 9:00AM**

**\$25.00 Slot Play Bonus**

Tickets \$30 available this weekend of Feb. 20/21  
in the Narthex after Masses

*Benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society*

### St. Joseph Grade School, Toms River

### New Preschool Program for September 2016

Surround your child early in a positive, nurturing environment that establishes a love of learning. Preschool Program conducted by a NJ Certified Teacher.

Registration for Pre K ONLY: Wed., March 2  
at 10:00AM-12:00 Noon or 5:00PM-7PM

Registration for Grades K-8: Wed., Feb. 24 at 5:00-7:00PM

For more information call Ms. Juliann James at  
732-349-2355 X 2012 or [jjames@sjgs.nj.k12us.com](mailto:jjames@sjgs.nj.k12us.com)

### 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 6200.