

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 21 - 27, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Rose Garden Nursing Home	Andrew Shawn
Tues. 7:30 AM	Ronald Cohen	Parents
Wed. 7:30 AM	Michael Di Lillo	Wife, Gloria & Family
11:00 AM	Joseph A. Forthuber	Pat Forthuber
Thurs. 7:00 PM	Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Fri. 3:00 PM	Good Friday—Sacred Liturgy	
Sat. 8:15 PM	Easter Vigil	The St. Luke Parishioners
Sun. 7:00 AM	Daniel Hladney	Brother, Robert
8:30 AM	Beloved Mother Mary Cajohn	Daughter, Deborah Weingroff
10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Haas & De Rogatis Families	Francine & Fred Haas
12:00 PM	Richard Zebrowski	Wife, Maureen



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Mary T. Lane Ralph Moccara Waldron "Ed" Dowling



Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, 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, Joseph Italiano, Virginia Heywood (child), Victoria Johnson, James Joseph White, Maureen Driscoll, Lisa Penna, Sister Marion Hicks, Samantha Mahoney, Maryanne Molner, Linda Schillari, Renee Sa-har, Jane Dwyer, 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, Aldo Di Domenico Sr., Chuck Nazzaro, Audrey Farr, John Higgins, Robert P., Marie Alfano, Enes Holsten, Dave Nelms, Jean Smallwood.

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."

**Orientation for NEW Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion at Mass**

Evening Session -

Thursday, April 21
7:00-8:30 PM

Afternoon Session

Thursday, April 28
1:00-2:30 PM

Pre-registration is required
Please call Ministry Hotline 848-226-6218 to register. All attendees should meet in the Narthex.

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Sisters of Mercy 50/50 Raffle

The Sisters of Mercy hold a raffle each year to benefit the retired and infirmed Sisters of Mercy. The chances are \$25.00; the 10 prizes range from \$31,250.00 to \$1,250.00. Chances **will be on sale after all St. Luke Masses on March 19 & 20** and will be available in the St. Luke Parish Office, Monday through Friday, and the Religious Ed Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The drawing date is May 15, 2016.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday— March 27th

1st Reading: Acts 10:34A, 37-43

2nd Reading: Col. 3:1-4

Gospel: 20:1-9

Readings may be found at:



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."

...This week is unlike any other week....

Each year, the Bishop of a Diocese celebrates the Chrism Mass. In the Diocese of Trenton, this Mass traditionally takes place on the Monday of Holy Week. Prior to the Mass, Bishop O'Connell will gather with the priests of the Diocese for a meal and fellowship and afterwards celebration of the Mass. At this Mass, the Sacred Oils are presented to the Bishop for consecration. The first of the Sacred Oils presented is the ***Oil of the Sick***. The Oil of the Sick is pure olive oil and is used for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The second of the Sacred Oils presented is the ***Oil of Catechumens***. The Oil of Catechumens is used during baptisms (infant & adult) and is also comprised of olive oil. In the Church, we refer to those who are entering the Church through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) as Catechumens. The third of the Sacred Oils presented is the ***Sacred Chrism***. The Sacred Chrism is a fragrant mixture of olive oil and balsam. The Sacred Chrism is used in Baptism, at Confirmation, at Ordinations and in the dedication of Churches and Altars. The Oils, once consecrated by the Bishop is distributed to all of the 107 parishes of the Diocese of Trenton. Once received, the Sacred Oils that were consecrated last year are burned and the new oils are placed in the appropriate containers and stored in the Ambry which is located by the Baptism Font at the entrance to the Nave. All of the faithful are invited to join with the Bishop and the priests of the Diocese at the Chrism Mass. This year, the Chrism Mass will take place on **Monday, March 21st at 7:30 pm at St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold**. This year, St. Luke was honored to be asked to present the Oil of the Sick and ***the parishioners who will present the Oil of the Sick to Bishop O'Connell are: Anna Ascione-Hardman, Sandra Bacani & Anthony Maione.***

Our Schedule for Holy Week

Monday, March 21st	7:30 am	Daily Mass
	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass-St. Robert Bellarmine
Tuesday, March 22nd	7:30 am	Daily Mass
	7:00 pm	Lenten Penance Service
Wednesday, March 23rd	7:30 am	Daily Mass
	11:00 am	Daily Mass
Thursday, March 24th	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with adoration in the Chapel until Midnight
Friday, March 25th	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	3:00 pm	Sacred Liturgy
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Reflection
Saturday, March 26th	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	11:00 am	Blessing of the Easter Food
Sunday, March 27th	8:15 pm	Easter Vigil
	7:00 am	Easter Mass
	8:30 am	Easter Mass
	10:00 am	Easter Mass
	12:00 am	Easter Mass

We invited you to experience all that this week has to offer the faithful-you will not be the same!

Please note that there will be NO CONFESSIONS on Holy Saturday. Your last chance for confession prior to Easter is Tuesday's Lenten Penance Service.

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, April 4th**

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, April 12th**

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, March 18th
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

Collections for March 12th & 13th 2016

Total: \$16,060 *
Faith Direct: \$ 8,872

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.

Religious Education News

STUDENTS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS:

Please write your name on the front of the bulletin, have it signed by someone in church ministry and then turn in the signed bulletin at your next class.

As per the 2015-2016 PREP Class Schedule, there is **NO CLASS** on Holy Thursday, March 24th-Thursday, March 31st. PREP Classes will resume on Monday, April 4th.

The Diocesan Mandated program "Protecting God's Children-Teaching Touching Safety" Lessons 3 & 4 will be presented to Levels 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 during the week of April 4th-7th.



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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Wednesdays, 6:00PM, 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

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

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

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, April 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, April 20th**



RCIA

*Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults*

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.**

Spiritual Reflection

*Taken from the Moral Reflection on Job
by St. Gregory the Great, Pope*

Holy Job is a type of the Church. At one time he speaks for the body, at another for the head. As he speaks of its members he is suddenly caught up to speak in the name of their head. So it is here, where he says: I have suffered this without sin on my hands, for my prayer to God was pure.

Christ suffered without sin on his hands, for he committed no sin and deceit was not found on his lips. Yet he suffered the pain of the cross for our redemption. His prayer to God was pure, his alone out of all mankind, for in the midst of his suffering he prayed for his persecutors: Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. Is it possible to offer, or even to imagine, a purer kind of prayer than that which shows mercy to one's torturers by making intercession for them? [...]

Notice what follows: Do not let my cry find a hiding place in you. The blood that is drunk, the blood of redemption, is itself the cry of our Redeemer. Paul speaks of the sprinkled blood that calls out more eloquently than Abel's. Of Abel's blood Scripture had written: The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the earth. The blood of Jesus calls out more eloquently than Abel's, for the blood of Abel asked for the death of Cain, the fratricide, while the blood of the Lord has asked for, and obtained, life for his persecutors.

If the sacrament of the Lord's passion is to work its effect in us, we must imitate what we receive and proclaim to mankind what we revere. The cry of the Lord finds a hiding place in us if our lips fail to speak of this, though our hearts believe in it.

"No Greater Love"

A vibrant musical drama celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be performed in the sanctuary of St. Justin the Martyr Parish, 975 Fischer Blvd, Toms River on Sunday, April 3 at 4:00PM. Presented by the Xavier Company, a unique group of Christian actors, singers and dancers who perform original works focused on themes of faith and social justice.

No admission fee, but there will be a freewill offering after the performance followed by refreshments in the St. Justin Parish Hall.



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. **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 Narthex of the church 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.

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Mac & Cheese, Laundry Detergent, Tea and Coffee.

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



Faith in Our Future is a process through which the Diocese of Trenton, its parishes and ministries, will plan to meet challenges and respond to new opportunities for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for years to come.

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.