# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 11 - 17, 2016

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#### Requested By

Children Family Wife, Anne Father, Frank Children Salvatore Giliberti Sr. & Family Pat & Jay Love The Dillon Family Wife, Anne The Baran & Russo Families

Intentions Listed Below Terry & Jack Dazzo Kathy & Kevin Langon

#### Multiple Intentions Mass~Sunday, April 17, 2016~8:30AM

Lina Coluccelli Harry Foti Felicia Grace Chiodi Margaret Shannon Peter V. Timpone Rev. Robert A. O'Leary Florence Caccese Charlotte Turner Doris Baran Carmela & Natale Campisi & *Rosalie Faillaci* Thomas Dubuss Lucia Zeller Christopher Reilly Sr. & Christopher Reilly Jr. Dorothy Reilly Fanny Baier Nick Nickerson Frances Kopacz

R-Gloria Marchio R-Wife, Norma R-The Chiodi Family R-Family R-Wife, Mary Timpone R-Family R-Anne Tracy, Daughter R-The Baran & Russo Families R-The Baran & Russo Families

R-Kathy & Rob Traina R-The Damiano Family R-Mr. & Mrs. Aldo DiDomenico

R-The Eggling Family R-The Eggling Family R-Vito & Inga Damiano R-wife, Mercy R-Daughter Barbara & Jerry Santangelo



## 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 public horizon and to give love and forgiveness

judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

APRIL IS.... Autism Awareness Month Child Abuse Prevention Month



# Pray for the Recently Deceased

Regina Renzes George Csahanin Sr. Robert Bender

#### **Pray for Our Sick**

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cavden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Chuck Kraut, Libertine Javelosa, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, 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. Marvanne Molner, Linda Schillari, Renee Sa-har, 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, Robert P., Marie Alfano, Enes Holsten, Dave Nelms, Jean Smallwood, Theresa Salvatore, Richard Coburger, Marie Sidoti, Larry Sidoti, Steven Haas, Jean Stulich, Mary Ann Silvestri, Phillip Di Bello, Dawn Trabucco.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS April 17, 2016

1st Reading: 2nd Reading: Gospel: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30

Readings may be found at: http://www.usceb.org/nab/

# APRIL HAPPENINGS

# Pope Francis' post Synod Apostolic Exhortation on the family, Amoris Laetitia "The Joy of Love" was released on Friday, April 8th. If you haven't read it yourself, we have posted it on our website: www.stlukestomsriver.org



This month is a time to recognize that each and every one of us can play a part in promoting the well-being of our children, who are gifts entrusted to us by God. National Child Abuse Prevention Month reminds us of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church. We must all do our part to protect the life and dignity of our children at home, at school, and at church in an effort to end neglect and abuse of our innocent youth.

Let us take this month of April, Autism Awareness Month, to challenge ourselves to learn more about the ways in which we can accommodate the needs of those in our community who experience autism so that they may participate more fully, and to seek out and celebrate the richness of the gifts they have to offer.

# St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun APRIL 22nd is World Earth

O most High, almighty, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all creatures; and especially our brother the sun, which brings us the day, and the light; fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor: O Lord, he signifies you to us!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which God has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by which you uphold in life all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, which is very serviceable to us, and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire, through which you give us light in the darkness: and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty, and strong. Praised be my Lord for brother fire, through which you give us light in the darkness: and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty, and strong.

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Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth, which sustains us and keeps us, and yields divers fruits, and flowers of many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for God's love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation; blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for you, O most High, shall give them a crown!

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no one escapes. Woe to him who dies in mortal sin! Blessed are they who are found walking by your most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.

Praise you, and bless you the Lord, and give thanks to God, and serve God with great humility.

#### 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, May 2nd

#### 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

# Religious Education News

This is a Level 5 & Level 6 Mass Weekend. Please write your name on the front of the bulletin, have it signed by someone in church ministry and then turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

If your child has not handed in at least 4 signed

bulletins throughout the year, please "catch up"

over the next few weeks before PREP classes end for the year. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Social Sunday

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The next Social Sunday will be held on **April 17, 2016.** 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, 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

#### 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.

## **Pax Youth Group**

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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, April 22nd at 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Center.

## St. Luke Bereavement Support Group

The bereavement support group for any loss meets at **7:30pm every other Thursday** for 8 sessions, ending June 9th. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

The next meeting : April 14th

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#### Collections for: April 2 & 3, 2016,

 1st Collection:
 21,177.00 \*

 2nd Collection:
 4873.00 \*

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.



# **Our Funeral Planning Ministry**

is seeking caring men and women to become part of this rewarding ministry which helps families plan a funeral here at St. Luke. Are you willing to take a symbolic walk of faith with a grieving family?

Call Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222

## **Quote of the Week:**

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace." Pope Francis

# 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

# 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

<u>Evening Session -</u> 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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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead." — Mother Teresa

In March 2016, the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry served 127 Families consisting of 210 Adults and 59 Children.

#### 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:**

#### COFFEE, SOUP & CANNED CORN

Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy God Bless! http://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



A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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** 

