

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 18 - 24, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Sal Scarpa	Wife, Liz
Tues. 7:30 AM	Anthony & Virginia Maramaldi	Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Catherine Sichenze	The Tiplady Family
	Walter Fricke	Doris & Tom Biggins
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Cira Marie Patti	Parents, Mike & Fran Patti
Fri. 7:30 AM	Salvatore Titone	Wife, Angela
	John & Ethel Reilly	Daughter, Jean Owen
Sat. 8:30 AM	Francesco Pira	Charlie Carroll
	Ann D'Armiento	Husband, Benjamin D'Armiento
	Felix "Phil" Mortara	Warren Ciafardini
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	Anthony Santangelo Sr.	Margaret & Bob Clinton
	Brian Connelly	Parents, John & Helen Connelly
	Joseph Kaleda	Pat Mc Garvey



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.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Caterina Migale *Victoria Romeo*
Frances B. Caponigro *Elizabeth Ann Robertson*
Jeanne Punderson (mother of Rev. Msgr. Joseph Punderson)

Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available in the St. Luke Narthex and Parish Office for your Mass intention requests for Mothers (living and deceased.) Please return your Mass request forms in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Mass Intentions will be remembered during the month of May in honor of Mother's Day.

Pray for Our 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, 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, 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, Pat La Rocca.



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.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 24, 2016

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a
 Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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



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."

“We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/care-for-creation.cfm>



Friday, April 22nd is Earth Day. We ask that everyone take a moment-turn off the TV and enjoy the beauty of the beautiful planet God has provided for us and pray:

Most gracious God, we come before you to pray for the wellbeing of the planet.

You alone know the full extent of the destruction we have wrought to your beautiful handiwork,
and what needs to be done to remedy it.

We pray for the people around the globe who suffer because of environmental damage.

We pray for the defenseless creatures harmed or made extinct by our selfishness and ignorance.

We pray for the oceans, air, mountains, plants, and soil, that life and health may again pulse in them.

We pray that we humans have a change of heart and stop harming the planet.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may have the passion and wisdom
to work effectively to restore your creation.

Guide us in our personal, church and community efforts.

Give us strength to continue on with this work when it is difficult and requires sacrifice.

Bless the Earth and all its life in every way.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Earth Day Prayer Cards are Available in the Narthex

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, May 10th**

Religious Education News

This is the Level 7 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.

First Communion Practices:

Wednesdays: April 20 & 27, 2016

Group A: 4:30-5:45 pm

Group B: 6:15-7:30 pm

We will meet upstairs in the Faith Formation Center and dismiss from the church.

Please keep our Level 2 Students in your prayers as they begin their final preparations for receiving Holy Eucharist on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

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 19**

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

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 9, 2016. For more information call Anna Ascione-Hardman, 732-244-8557.

The next meeting: April 28th

Collections for April 9 & 10, 2016

Total: \$18,772.00 *

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:

"The Church is not a community of the perfect, but of disciples on their way, who follow the Lord because they recognize they are sinners and need forgiveness. ...[on not recognizing God's heart and the possibility of reformation and healing, trusting in the law over mercy] it was as though someone gave you a box with a gift inside and you, rather than looking for the gift, only looked at the paper in which it was wrapped: only the appearances, the form, but not the grace at the core, the gift which is given to everyone!"

- Pope Francis 4/13/2016

Host Family Urgently Needed For International Student Attending Donovan Catholic High School

A student from China attending Donovan Catholic High School is in need of a warm and welcoming host family for the 2016-2017 academic year. Daniel's current host family is moving. Proficient in English, Daniel is well mannered, independent and a straight A Honors student. Hosting is an opportunity to share in a cultural exchange and form a lasting international friendship. Host families and students will receive on-going communication and support. Transportation is included. **Compensation to the host family is \$1000.00 per month.** You will have the opportunity to meet Daniel and speak to other St. Luke's families that are happily hosting students. Please contact Elaine Margolis, GoStudentsLLC at 484-802-7204 or internationalstudentconsultant@gmail.com

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 are available in the St. Luke Parish Office, Monday - Friday, and the Religious Ed Office, Monday - 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

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

A few statistics: 1 in 6 Americans live on incomes that put them at risk for hunger. Over 14 million American children rely on food banks for assistance. Food insecurity exists in every single county in the United States. A report from the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that only 11% of those requesting emergency food assistance were homeless. In 2011, more than 31 million children lived on incomes that qualified them for free or subsidized lunches.

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold it's 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: COFFEE, CANNED SOUP & SOAP

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
"DINING TO DONATE"

at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
149 Rt. 37 East, Toms River



Sponsored by our Rosary Altar Society.
All proceeds marked for the purchase of a statue of Our Blessed Mother for the new building.

Fund raising coupons will be distributed in the church bulletin on 4/23 & 24.

Thank you.

Women's Retreat Day

Thursday, May 12, 2016 ~ 9:30AM-3:00PM
St. Joseph by the Sea
So. Mantaloking, NJ

Sponsored by the St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Open to all women of St. Luke Parish. There will be a lecture by Father Richard Carlson and Mass; Lunch will be provided. Carpool transportation from St. Luke Church or on your own. Cost is \$45.00. Call Noreen Muller, 732-255-4834, for more information or reservations