

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Rico Aure	The Palmieri Family
Tues. 7:30 AM	Kathleen Whelan	Theresa Dougherty
Wed. 7:30 AM	Felicia Grace Chiodi	The Chiodi Family
11:00 AM	Josephine Russo & Mary Leppert	Frances & Ed Leppert
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Frank Sasso	Suzanne Grassman & John Toolen
Fri. 7:30 AM	Peter M. Fitzpatrick	Louise Cagnassola
11:00 AM	Richard Magerkurth	Cousins
Sat. 8:30 AM	Lester Baletti	The Dillon Family
4:00 PM	Gerry & Gene Mc Gilloway (Living) ~ 50th Wedding Anniversary	Kathryn Sweeney
5:30 PM	Lynn Pinard	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
10:00 AM	Viola Morris	Fred & Maria Oltarzewski
12:00 PM	Ann Dodsley & Delia Cobhan	Margaret Flynn

### *Ascension of The Lord ~ May 5, 2016* (Holy Day of Obligation)



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

*Rev. John M. Connor, CSsR*

*Cinzia Marulli                      Margaret D. Fuchs*

*James P. Mc Devitt*

#### **Mass Times:**

**Vigil ~ Wed., May 4 - 4:00PM & 7:00PM**


**Thursday, May 5 - 7:00AM, 8:30AM & 11:00AM (no evening Masses)**

**Note:** The Parish & CCD Offices will be closed on the Holy Day, Thursday, May 5.




**PLEASE NOTE: Confessions will not be heard on Saturday, April 30, as First Holy Communion will be celebrated.**



 **St. Luke Altar Flower Memorials**  
To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222. Requests should be made two weeks in advance.

#### **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.



### **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."

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

**May 1, 2016**

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
 Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

### 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 our last week of PREP class; however, your Mass obligation doesn't end because CCD is over. We look forward to seeing our families in Church throughout the spring and summer months. May God bless you and keep you healthy and safe. Have a great summer!

If your child has not handed in at least 4 signed bulletins throughout the year, please "catch up" over the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

**First Communion Practice** is Wed, April 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 prepare to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time 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, May 17th**

### 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, May 18th**

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

**The next meeting: Friday, May 6th  
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 28, 2016.**

### Collections for April 16 & 17, 2016

**Total: \$19,167.00 \***  
**\*Faith Direct: 8,053.00**

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.



### We Welcome Into Our Parish Family:

Aubrey Ann Aiello ~ Daughter of  
Kristen Hall and Joseph Aiello  
Vincent Pizzola ~ Son of  
Amanda Rodriguez & Christopher Pizzola Jr.

### Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **May 15, 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.



### 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.

### 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

### 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 848-226-6220.**

## 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

### 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

The poverty of our century is unlike that of any other. It is not, as poverty was before, the result of natural scarcity, but of a set of priorities imposed upon the rest of the world by the rich. Consequently, the modern poor are not pitied...but written off as trash. The twentieth-century consumer economy has produced the first culture for which a beggar is a reminder of nothing. ~ John Berger

### 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:

**Soap, Laundry Detergent, Coffee, Paper Towels, Soup, Quart & Gallon Storage Bags**

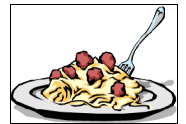
*Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy.  
God Bless!*

<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 St. Luke Rosary Altar Society.**

All proceeds marked for the purchase of a statue of Our Blessed Mother for the new building.

**Fund raising coupons are in this weekend's church bulletin. 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

## ***St. Luke Rosary Makers***

Would you like to know what our Rosary Makers do each month? Come to our **May 17th meeting** and meet Father Vincent from Yamba Uganda. Father will tell you where our Rosaries, handmade by our parishioners, are sent.

### **Quote of the Week:**

“First of all, you have to keep unmasking the world about you for what it is: manipulative, controlling, power-hungry, and, in the long run, destructive. The world tells you many lies about who you are, and you simply have to be realistic enough to remind yourself of this. Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself: “These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself. The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am a chosen child of God, precious in God’s eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting belief.”

- *Henri J.M. Nouwen, Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*

## ***Mass of Thanksgiving***

St. Joseph Church, Hooper Avenue, Toms River, is offering a Mass of Thanksgiving for the closing of the abortion facility at 651 Rt. 37 West. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 30 at 12noon.**

## ***Forever in Our Hearts***

### **Support Group for**

### **Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to Suicide**

“Forever in Our Hearts” volunteers conduct monthly meetings to help those whose life has been touched by a suicide to start and continue on a path toward healing. This faith based organization will meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 130 Cable Ave., Beachwood, NJ, on the **2nd Saturday of each month at 1:00PM.** The **first meeting will be on May 14, 2016.** For more information, call 732-269-3236 or visit the groups Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ForeverNRHearts](http://www.facebook.com/ForeverNRHearts).

## **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 .

## ***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](mailto:internationalstudentconsultant@gmail.com)

## ***Diocese of Trenton***

### ***Parish Counseling Services***

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues such as bereavement, marital and family problems, elder care, stress of job loss. The service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for this short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

## ***Mothers’ Memorial Mass***

A special Mass will be celebrated for Mothers and their families who have suffered the loss of a child of any age (before birth/miscarriage, infancy, childhood, or adult children) on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:00PM at St. Denis Church, Route 71, Manasquan.** Come to honor and remember these children through a special celebration of the Eucharist. The names of all children being honored and remembered will be read during this special Mass. Refreshments will follow. **No RSVP necessary...**All are welcome! Sponsored by Elizabeth Ministries of St. Denis & St. Dominic Churches. Questions, call Rachel Hendricks at 732-223-1658.

## ***Catholic Relief Services***

Catholic Relief Services represents the Catholic community in the US and in more than 100 countries around the world helping 100 million people each year. This work is carefully reviewed by a board of bishops and by a committee of moral theologians to ensure that it is consistent with Catholic teaching. Every misleading message included in the latest Lepanto posting has been thoroughly reviewed by CRS staff, as well as bishops and moral theologians. So it is disappointing and disturbing that this group continues to raise funds by repeating the same discredited claims and misleading the faithful in an attempt to breed discontent and distract from the wonderful work Catholics are accomplishing around the world. As the Administrative Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in 2013, these groups “do not speak for the Catholic Church and we advise the Catholic faithful to exercise caution and consult the CRS website for clarification before endorsing or giving credence to the groups’ critiques.” We stand by this counsel.