

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 19 - 25

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Eugene Muller	The Muller Family
Tues. 7:30 AM	Joseph Devcich	Wife, Rita
Wed. 7:30 AM	Joan Reilly	Husband, Ed & Family
11:00 AM	The Farese, Nevedomsky & Malkunas Families	Mary Ann Farese Husband, Phil
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Lorraine T. Scozzari	Christine Farnar
Fri. 7:30 AM	Joseph K. Stanzione	Peggy & Hugh Sharkey
11:00 AM	John Donovan	Claire Jazikoff
Sat. 8:30 AM	Christine Romeo	
<b>Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses:</b>		
4:00 PM (In Church)	William P. O'Mara	Joe Ricci
4:00 PM (In Parish Center)	Franklin Vuyovich	George & Joan Vuyovich & Family
6:00 PM	Ang Tiao Lo, Alicia Ang, Aurora Tan & Virginia Tan	The Tumaliuan & Jacinto Family
12:00 AM	Carmela & Natale Campisi	Kathy & Rob Traina
<b>Sun., Christmas Day "The Nativity of the Lord"</b>		
7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Frances & Joseph Kopacz	Daughter, Barbara & Jerry Santangelo
10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Haas & De Rogatis Families	Francine & Fred Haas
12:00 PM	Harry Foti	Wife, Norma



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

*Joseph Mc Nally                      Mary E. Williams*  
*Patricia Matasovsky                Fred De Angelis*



### DATES OF ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Mon., Dec. 19., at 7:00PM  
St. Luke, Toms River, ~ Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 7:00PM



### **"Poinsettia Angels"...**

are available for dedication of your loved ones after this weekend's Masses only.  
Donations are \$15 and \$25.

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

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato (child), Deacon 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, Joseph Italiano, James Joseph White, Francis Lewis Jr., Richard Coburger, Pat La Rocca, Claire Hansen, Anthony Cuccaro, Walter Windeknecht, Jane Windeknecht, Richard Link, Jean Stulich, Vera Steingraber, Marco Leone, Phil Gatti, Robert P., Diane Gallio, Peter Melluse, David Lagno, Mary Hayes, Joyce Palica, Maryanne Molner, Can Nguyen, James Rauh, Vito Ottomano, Alyssa Colosi (child), Pete Turner, Anne Silvestri, Hugh Noble, Donna Clemente, Diana Frassetto, Sheila Cahill, Debra Nacovsky, Bill Coles.

**We will be decorating  
St. Luke Church  
for Christmas  
On**



**Thursday, December 22nd at 6:00PM**

**All are invited to come together for  
pizza, laughter & joy!**

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

**December 25, 2016 ~ The Nativity of the Lord**

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

# Christmas Mass Schedule



## Christmas Eve Masses:

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016

4:00PM (Church & overflow in Parish center),

6:00PM & 12:00 Midnight Mass

## Christmas Day: Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016 -

7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, & 12:00PM



## “Mary, Holy Mother of God”

Sunday, January 1, 2017

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, Dec. 31 Vigil ~ 4:00PM & 5:30PM

Sunday, Jan. 1, New Years Day ~

7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM & 12:00AM.

**Note:** The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, Dec.26  
and Monday, Jan 2, 2017.

“Strengthened by this promise [of renewal and redemption for the faithful who continue to hope in his word], we can face difficulties in the confident knowledge that God’s reign has begun, and that we ourselves are called to be its joyful heralds in a world that yearns for justice, truth and peace. This Christmas, may we open our hearts to the message of salvation brought by the Christ Child, the Son of God who shows his great power by embracing smallness, weakness and poverty, in order to draw near to each of us.”

~ Pope Francis 12/14/2016

### 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, January 2nd**

### St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Meets second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center. **The Rosary recited at 1:00** followed by a meeting & social. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2017**; no in meetings Jan. or Feb.

## Religious Education News

**This is a Level 6 Mass Weekend.** Please remember to put your name on the front of the bulletin before you get it signed by someone in Church ministry. Turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

Monday, December 19, is the last day of PREP class before the Christmas break. There will be no PREP classes from December 20 through January 2, 2017. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

**Our Religious Education program is in great need of Substitute Teachers!** Can we call on you when a catechist is unable to come to class? If you could help us, please call the PREP office at 732 505-0108.

### Parishioners, Please Note:

If you are leaving New Jersey for the winter months, please call the Parish Office, 732-286-2222, so that we may stop delivery of your Church offering envelopes for the winter.

### 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:  
Tues., January 17, 2017  
(No meeting in December)**

### Prayer Shawl Makers

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,  
December 21st**

### SERVICE MEETINGS:

**Adler Aphasia Community Group, 10:00am-12:00pm, 1st & 3rd Fridays**, in Madonna Room. For info or to register, call Wendy Greenspan at 973-530-3981.

**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 more 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.

**Gamblers Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM** in Madonna Room

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

**Nar-Anon, Mondays, 7:30PM-9:00PM**, in Madonna Room

**Nar-Anon Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:30PM**, in Madonna Room

**Parent Al-Anon Meeting, Fridays, 7:00PM**, in Madonna Room. For more information, call Jeanie at 732-966-1382.

**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, January 6, 2017  
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

### Bereavement - Continuing Support Group Thursday Evenings

This support group offers a safe place to those who have experienced bereavement and feel the need for further support. This support can continue with our group as we help each other on our path to healing and friendship. **Registration is required.** Please call for additional meeting details: **Ann Ascione-Hardman: 732-244-8557.**

### Collections for:

<b>Holy Day, Dec. 8, 2016:</b>	<b>\$ 5,460.00</b>
<b>December 10 &amp; 11, 2016:</b>	<b>16,292.00 *</b>
<b>Religious Retirement Fund:</b>	<b>6,547.00</b>

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.

## This Week's Senior Moment

"It's easier to face the aging process when you know God is with you. Just look around and be aware of each day as it happens and you will definitely know ... God is with you in so many ways."

*"You Can Get Through This"*

Max Lucado

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

- Extraordinary Ministers
- Children' Choir
- Lector
- Children's Liturgy
- AV Ministry
- Choir
- Usher
- Altar Server

And more!

Please call the St. Luke Parish Office at  
732-286-2222 or

The Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.

## 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.

## Gifts by Misericordia

If you need a gift for that hard-to-buy-for person and want to help a good cause, go to

*Misericordia's Hearts & Flour Bakery.*

[www.misericordia.com/bakeryshop](http://www.misericordia.com/bakeryshop)



## St. Joseph's Carpenter Shop

Located inside St. Joseph Church, 685 Hooper Avenue, Toms River ~ 732-914-2457

Religious items of all types. Open Monday to Friday 9:30AM to 3:00PM, Sundays 8:30AM to 1:30PM. There is a beautiful selection of religious Christmas cards, ornaments and other Christmas items. Also available are Christmas Wafer Oplatek, Advent Wreaths and candles. Visa and Master Card are accepted and also special orders. Please stop in and enjoy this beautiful selection of gifts, rosaries, books and so much more.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Remember to shop Amazon Smile when buying Christmas gifts and help us to help the poor.** The St Luke Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is registered with Amazon Smile as a non profit organization. For anything that you buy through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the charity of your choice — in this case, St Luke Conference. Just go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1482577> that will take you to the St. Luke site. Note “**Supporting: St Luke Conference**” is now in the upper left corner of your page. You can shop Amazon as you always do (including Prime and One-Click). Bookmark or make the site Favorite so that you can easily return to it whenever you shop. We are coming into the Holiday Shopping season and more people spending money on Amazon Smile will mean more funds for the Society to help the needy.

**NOTE: There will not be a General Meeting of the St. Luke Conference this Tuesday (12/20/16). The next General Meeting will be on January 17, 2017.**

### 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.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: BAR SOAP. MAC & CHEESE AND PAPER TOWELS**

*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 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.**