

St. Luke Roman Catholic Church

1674 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, NJ 08755

Very Rev. Robert S. Grodnicki, Pastor

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Website: stlukestomsriver.org

DECEMBER 25, 2016

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 26, 2016 - JANUARY 1, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Grace Attanasio	Claude & Mary Madrazo
Tues. 7:30 AM	Carmelina Giliberti	Salvatore Giliberti Sr. & Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	John Langan	John & Pat Sevos
11:00 AM	Kim Garron & the Regan Family	Joanne & Gregory Kronowski
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Grace Attanasio	Suzanne Grassman
Fri. 7:30 AM	Donald Killoran	Ken & Jeanne Woods
11:00 AM	Lorraine T. Scozzari	Husband, Phil
Sat. 8:30 AM	William J. Hemberger	Jim & Joan Donachy
4:00 PM	John J. Orrico	Wife, Mary Orrico
5:30 PM	William P. O'Mara	Joe Ricci
Sun., Holy Day ~ "Mary, Holy Mother of God":		
7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members (Living)	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
10:00 AM	Florence Caccese	Anne Tracy, Daughter
12:00 PM	Angela Wills	The Limongello Family

To all our Parishioners & Visiting Families,

We would like to wish you a happy, healthy, blessed Christmas and New Year.!

Father Bob and Parish Staff



PLEASE NOTE: Confessions will not be heard on Saturday, December 31st, 2016.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Joan M. Aquitato Sylvia P. Greene
Nereida Almaguer Judith Pansini
Joseph Thomas Patterson II



"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.

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, John Waters, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Christopher Cirone, John De Millio.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 1, 2017 ~ Mary, Holy Mother of God

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

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, January 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, March 14th**

Religious Education News

This is a Level 7 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.

There will be no PREP classes from December 26 through January 2, 2017. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Friday evening, January 6, 2017. All Level 8 students are expected to attend with either a parent or their sponsor. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they begin their final preparations.

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:
Tuesday, January 17th**

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:
Wed., January 18th**

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

**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 December 17 & 18, 2016

Total: \$17,767.00 *

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.



Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **January 15, 2017**. 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.



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.**



Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

- Lily Ann Mazur ~ Daughter of Robert and Michelle Mazur
- Aiden John Muraglia ~ Son of Douglas and Farah Muraglia
- William John Toland ~ Son of John and Sara Toland



Attention ~

Parishioners affected by Celiac Disease:

Low-gluten altar breads are available for Communion at Masses at St. Luke Church for those with Celiac disease. These low-gluten breads meet the stipulations set forth by the Roman Catholic Church. Please let an usher know if you need a low-gluten host.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

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

And more!

Please call the St. Luke Parish Office at 732-286-2222 or The Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

My parents, and probably yours, would conclude every Dec. 25 with the same nervous question: "So... did you get everything you wanted?" Are you kidding me? Everything I wanted? Is this what we want to teach our children about life? That you can get everything you want?

Over the years, I've grown cynical of Christmas. I've run out of good gift ideas, gotten fed up with the shopping mall feeding frenzy and been downright angry at ungrateful people. It's made me want to write off the whole ridiculous holiday. (I told you I was Scrooge.) But there's another story to tell. When Mary finds out she's pregnant with the Jesus, she sings a song—a pretty interesting one:

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers. (Luke 1:52-55)

When I first read this, I swear I heard Santa Claus instantly drop dead of a heart attack. "He has sent the rich away empty ..." Does that sound like everything you wanted? Not quite.

God loves the poor. He is among them. And if we are going to celebrate the birth of His Son with any sense of conscience, we must be with them, as well. — Jeff Goins

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:
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS &
TOILET PAPER**

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

<http://www.stlukeconference.org/>

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.

***Annual March for life
in Washington DC***

*Join Fr. Jerome & Deacon Frank
Friday, January 27 after the 7AM Mass
at St. Joseph Church, Toms River*

- Attend rally & participate in the March*
- Meet with Congressman Chris Smith*
- Dinner stop on return trip*

*Anticipated return: 10-10:30PM
No cost—Bus trip donated by
Knights of Columbus Council #4969*

Seats by reservation only, Call:
Tom Murphy 732-914-0041
E-Mail: tjmurphy84@hotmail.com
Or Fr. Jerome 732-349-0018 ext. 2219
Email: frjerome@stjosephtomsriver.org

Please reserve by January 10

***SINGLES JOURNEY
Every Sunday, 11:45AM***

*St. Mary Church
Spiritual Center - Rm 10
Rt. 34, Colts Neck, NJ*

Singles Journey is a support and discussion group for adults over 40 that are widowed, divorced or never married. We meet every Sunday morning @ 11:45 am and we have facilitators that alternate every week to discuss different topics and challenges. We share our experiences and offer fellowship and support. **We do not accept fees of any kind.** The venue and time never changes. We are here to be here, for each other. **All are welcomed.**

Saint Joseph Grade School

711 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ
***Celebrating National Catholic Schools Week
January 29-February 3, 2017***

Join us on Sunday, January 29th at the 12 Noon Liturgy followed by OPEN HOUSE from 1:30-3:00PM
Come see all SJGS has to offer:

- Faith Formation and Challenging Academic Program
- Full Day 4 Year Old PreK Program
- Full Day Kindergarten Program
- Three of each Grade Level (K-8)
- AdvancEd Accreditation
- Certified Faculty and Staff
- State of the Art Technology Lab
- iPad Program
- STEM Resource Center
- Accelerated and Advanced Courses
- Active Athletic Association and Extra Curricular Activities
- Active PTA
- Transportation from surrounding school districts
- Fully Air Conditioned Classrooms
- Hot Lunch Menu with many options

Visit our website at www.stjoeschooltr.org
For a tour or enrollment information contact
Juliann James at jjames@sjgs.nj.k12us.com
or call 732-349-2355 x 2012

REGISTRATION for the 2017-2018 School Year:
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
at 10:00AM-12:00 Noon or 5:00-7:00PM.



SUPPORT GROUPS

AT

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH

935 Bennetts Mills Rd., Jackson, NJ

If you are experiencing sadness due to divorce, separation or loss of a loved one, we invite you to come to our support groups to meet others who can help you feel less alone.

**The Bereavement Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM and
the Divorced & Separated Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM.**

These are small group meetings run by a licensed counselor. A freewill donation of \$5 per person is requested.

For more information, call the St. Aloysius Parish Office at 732-370-0500 x 204 or
email at StAloysiusGonzagaGroup@gmail.com

REMEMBER—THERE IS HOPE