

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 12 - 18, 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Frank Paul Stabile	Wife, Anne
Tues. 7:30 AM	Felicia Grace Chiodi	The Chiodi Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Raul Soto	Marianna Rettagliata
11:00 AM	Josephine Piejak	Daughter, Irene Piejak
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Helen & Harry Plante	Daughter, Vivian
Fri. 7:30 AM	Thomas Reilly	Wife
11:00 AM	Thomas J. Flannagan	Wife, Pat
Sat. 8:30 AM	Josephine Kempton & Joan Kempton Nascak	Son & Brother, John Kempton Jr. Joan & Joe Lynch
4:00 PM	Frank Sasso	The Schnatterly Family
5:30 PM	Marilyn Panaccione	
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	Intentions Listed Below
8:30 AM	Multiple Intentions Mass	
10:00 AM	Patrica Franklin & Kenneth Theiller	Family
12:00 PM	Brian Berardi ~ 30th Anniv. In Heaven	Mom & Dad

Multiple Intentions Mass **Sunday, December 11, 2016 ~ 8:30AM**

<i>Lina Coluccelli</i>	R-Gloria Marchio
<i>Harry Foti</i>	R-Wife, Norma
<i>Felicia Grace Chiodi</i>	R-The Chiodi Family
<i>Peter V. Timpone</i>	R-Wife, Mary Timpone
<i>Rev. Robert A. O'Leary</i>	R-Family
<i>James Langon</i>	R-Kathy & Kevin Langon
<i>Florence Caccese</i>	R-Anne Tracy, Daughter
<i>Grace Zingone, Carmela & Natale Campisi</i>	R-Kathy & Rob Traina
<i>Brother Edwin Gallagher, Brother Philip Oswald & Brother Richard Fish (Living)</i>	R-Dee Dee
<i>Monica Marie Herman</i>	R-A J Spencer
<i>Joseph Rotondo</i>	R-John & Anna Williams
<i>Carol Tamaro</i>	R-Lisa Farley & Patti Maresca
<i>James Ryan</i>	R-Barbara Iodice
<i>Michael Fanuele</i>	R-Angela & Paul Dwyer
<i>Carol Craig</i>	R-Helen Donald
<i>Isabel Antico</i>	R-The Lubsen Family
<i>David Lagno (Liv.)</i>	R-Father, Edward Lagno & Sister, Daria
<i>Regina Ivan</i>	R-Husband, William
<i>Roderick Alberto (Liv.)</i>	R-Wife, Mae Alberto
<i>Donna Saliola</i>	R-The Merlino Family
<i>Salvatore Cicora</i>	R-The Cicora Family
<i>Rita Oxendine</i>	R-Ronnie & Ed Morgan
<i>Jean Ellen Byrnes</i>	R-Gail & Judy

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

Note: The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, December 26.



DATES OF ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Tues., Dec. 13, at 7:00 PM

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Toms River ~ Wed., Dec. 14,
at 12:00-1:30PM

St. Justin, Toms River ~ Fri., Dec. 16, at 7:00PM

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Mon., Dec. 19., at 7:00PM

St. Luke, Toms River, ~ Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 7:00PM



Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Brielle Marie Beverly ~ Daughter of Jenna & Kenneth Beverly
Jordyn Nevaeh Kampmeier ~ Daughter of Christina & Sean
Kampmeier

Mia Ariadna Odar ~ Daughter of Dayana Heffernan &
Franco Odar

Michael Anthony Ragusa ~ Son of Noelle & Michael Ragusa
Mason Alexander Riley ~ Son of Kimberly Coda & Edward Riley
Haley Mae Sprague ~ Daughter of Erica & Joseph Sprague

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

December 18, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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



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!

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.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Nancy C. Dracula Andrzej "Andre" Skora
James M. Daly Rita Oxendine

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, Joseph Mc Nally.



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.**



"Poinsettia Angels"...

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

This week's Senior Moment

"Around our holiday celebrations in particular it is important to remember that people who assist others in need and share themselves openly are proven to be healthier, happier and live longer more productive lives."

12 Keys to Ageless Spirituality
Dr. Richard Johnson, PhD

Our Promise to Protect, Our Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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

Reminder: The Annual Christmas Luncheon for Rosarians is on **Dec. 13 at 11:30AM** in the Parish Center. Advanced ticket purchase was required by Dec. 6th

(No Meetings in January & February 2017)

Religious Education News

This is a Level 5 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.

"BUCKS FOR BEDS" – The children's Yamba Uganda donation cans are due to the PREP office the week of December 12, 2016. Thank you for your generosity!

Don't forget to register for CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT!

We will be showing "THE SANTA CLAUSE" on Friday, Dec 16th from 7-9 pm in the Faith Formation Center.

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.

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, December 16th
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

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 meetings in
November & 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:
Wed., 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.

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.**

Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **December 18, 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.



Collections for December 3 & 4, 2016

First Collection Total: \$19,875.00 *
Second Collection Total: 6,213.00 *

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.

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



Healing Mass

St. Robert Bellarmine Church

December 12 at 6:30PM

61 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ

Celebrant: Fr. Pio M. Mandato, F.M.H.J

5:30PM - Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6:00PM - Reflection on our Blessed Mother

By: Sister Theresa May

All are welcome!



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.

WE NEED YOU . . .

As Extraordinary Ministers to serve at the Nursing Homes, the Homebound and at Mass.

We hold training sessions on a monthly basis.

“You are God’s hands and feet. You have been called.”

MINISTRY HOTLINE

848-226-6218

If interested in serving as Communion Ministers, please call the Ministry Hotline to sign up for training.



Bead & Craft Sale

This weekend, **after all the St. Luke Masses**, there will be a bead and craft sale to benefit **Yamba Uganda** and their projects with the women in Uganda. The women make beads, bracelets, baskets and other crafts. The beads are made from colorful, recycled paper and glue. Because this jewelry is made by hand, each piece is uniquely different. This year, we have many new style beads, different crafts, children’s gifts and hand carved religious statues. Please take a minute and stop after Mass. These items make wonderful Christmas gifts. It is the gift that keeps on giving. These beads are part of an income generating, micro-financing project, which then turns into medication, food, income and school fees. More importantly it gives the women and their children the gift of **HOPE !**



St. Vincent de Paul Society

This fall has been a busy time for the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry. During late October and November Vincentians signed up guests who wanted Thanksgiving dinners. They also collected turkeys, yams, potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing and vegetables for the dinners. The dinners were distributed to guests during their regular monthly visit to the pantry. Altogether, 129 Thanksgiving dinners were given out. Currently the pantry is going through a similar evolution for Christmas dinners, however, the delivery is different. The “fixings” are being packaged in donated boxes. Those boxes and turkeys will be distributed to guests, who had previously signed up, on the morning of Saturday December 17. It is possible that Santa may help in the distribution.

In November, in addition to the holiday dinner activity, the Food Pantry distributed 892 bags of food to 149 families consisting of 241 adults and 87 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.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
BAR SOAP. MAC & CHEESE AND
CRANBERRY SAUCE**

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.