

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 23 - 29, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	The Ruggier & Ruby Families	Martin & Barbara Ruby
Tues. 7:30 AM	Robert Freeman	The Stanzione Family
Wed. 7:30 AM	Rev. George S. Macho	The Macho Family
11:00 AM	Lawrence A. Torro	John & Patricia Sevos
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Mary V. Sanford	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barchitta
Fri. 7:30 AM	Pascuala Atienza	Daughter, Julie Cabalar
11:00 AM	Loretta Staar	Laura Raccuglia
Sat. 8:30 AM	John & Gerard Cleary	Sister, Anne Donoghue
4:00 PM	Frank Sasso	Wife, Marge
5:30 PM	Ben Izzo	Karen Middleton
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	John Hromy	The Hromy Family
10:00 AM	Michael Ditchkus	Mom, Eleanor
12:00 PM	Ida & Louis Pelaia	The Family



St. Luke Altar Flowers

January 21 - January 27, 2017

**In Front of Blessed Mother, St. Joseph,
the Tabernacle and the Candlerings**
Celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary

In Front of St. Jude
Special Intentions
Req. by R. Lapid

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



Blessing of Throats

Next weekend, January 28th and 29th, St. Luke Church will have a general blessing of the throats at each Mass in honor of St. Blase.



This Week's Senior Moment

"The elderly who have faith are like trees that continue to bear fruit. The elderly pass on history, doctrine, faith, and they leave those to us as an inheritance to be valued, and passed on to those who will follow us."

***Pope Francis
Homily, September 2014***



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Angelina Gadaleta Michael Vorrasi

Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, Cayden Napolitano, John Kempton, Simon Amato, 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, Diane Galliotto, Peter Melluse, David Lagno, Mary Hayes, Maryanne Molner, Can Nguyen, James Rauh, Vito Ottomano, Alyssa Colosi (child), Pete Turner, Anne Silvestri, Donna Clemente, Diana Frassetto, Sheila Cahill, Debra Nacovsky, Bill Coles, John Waters, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Christopher Cirone, John De Millio, Mickey Jackiewicz, Bishop John M. Smith, Tom Kelly, Mark La Rochelle, Norma Foti, Donna Marie Iorio, Keith Clayton.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers!

Extraordinary Ministers are desperately needed to visit and bring communion to our homebound parishioners. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and could devote some time to this important ministry for the homebound, please call the Parish Office at 732-286-2222.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 29, 2017

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12A

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

ORDINARY TIME

This weekend as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, it is a good time for us to understand what the Church has in mind with Ordinary Time.

Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

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, February 6th**

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 Level 3 Mass Weekend. Please remember to put your name on the front of the bulletin BEFORE you get it signed by someone in Parish Ministry. Turn in this signed bulletin at your next class.

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they begin final preparations for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, **March 9, 2017.**

Our Religious Education program is in great need of Substitute Catechists!

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

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, February 21st**

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., February 15th**

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.

Social Justice is following the Gospel of Jesus

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, February 10th
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.



Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **February 19, 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.

Collections for January 14 & 15, 2017

Total: \$18,880.00 *

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.

Recently Bereaved Support Group

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted. Mt 5:4*

When someone we love has been taken from us, we often find ourselves dealing with change and transition. Many offer their help, but do not always understand the loss we are feeling. Bereavement support groups are one way to find support from others who are going through the same process. We cannot go around, over or under the grief process. We need to go through it. We need to be good to ourselves, putting balance into our lives through prayer, reading, resting, relaxation and work. Grief takes time. Unrealistic expectations undermine the healing process.

The Parish of St. Luke Church is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group for the newly bereaved. You need not be a parishioner to attend. **The group will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30–3:00 pm in the Conference Room for nine consecutive weeks, beginning on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 through April 4, 2017.** Pre-registration is required. Please contact **Mary Alice Coghlan at 201-652-4305 to register.**

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.**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

Extraordinary Ministers
Children's Choir
Lector
Children's Liturgy
AV Ministry
Choir
Usher
Altar Server
SVDP
Catechist
RCIA
Social Sunday
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

Based on the success of the St. Rose Conference over the past 6 years, the Trenton Diocesan Council of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has agreed to expand the Vincent's Legacy furniture outreach ministry throughout the four counties of the diocese, beginning with Monmouth and Ocean counties. Work on this ministry takes place on Saturday mornings to accommodate the schedules of working professionals and students. Of course, retired volunteers are most welcomed to actively participate in this ministry as well. Volunteers do home visits to assess needs, pick up donated furniture, sort, assemble and label goods and deliver furniture to homes..

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: TOILET PAPER, MAC & CHEESE, TEA, LAUNDRY DETERGENT

*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.**

2016 Collection Statements

A record of your contributions to St. Luke Church is kept based on your envelope number. Statements with your total 2016 weekly donations for IRS will be issued upon request to the Parish Office, 732-286-2222. You will receive your requested statement at the end of January.