

Announcing two new virtual workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

If you are an EM for weekends, nursing homes or the homebound (or would like to learn more about these ministries), these presentations will be of great value to you.

Join us for a virtual workshop (webinar) on **Wednesday, Feb 1 and Feb 15, at St. Luke Parish - Faith Formation Center.** Workshop begins promptly at 7:30 pm. Please arrive by 7:15 pm - Room 10 (Upstairs). Program will last 90 minutes. Bring your own coffee and snacks if desired. Any questions and **to register, please call the Ministry Hotline 848-226-6218.**

Preparing to Serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Presented by Jessica DePrizio Cole
February 1, 2017 ~ 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Learn techniques for preparing yourself both practically and spiritually for your ministry. Reflect upon the task of administering communion and consider the role of prayer and reconciliation in proper spiritual preparation.

Become What You Receive Living as a Disciple of Christ

Presented by Jessica DePrizio Cole.
February 15, 2017 ~ 7:30 - 9:00 pm

The Body of Christ. The Blood of Christ. Contemplate these often spoken words and reflect on what it means to accept Christ's invitation to embrace the mission of discipleship so that you may truly become what you receive.

Baby Shower Thank You!

To all St. Luke Parishioners who donated so many beautiful and useful items ... Thank you so much for your amazing generosity! All donations will be sent to Good Counsel Homes and Birth Right. And thank you to all the adults who helped with the inventory, sorting and packaging.

The 8th Grade Confirmation Class and St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

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 4 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.

Congratulations to our second grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on January 18th!

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

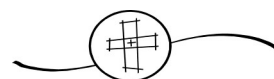
Meet on the 3rd Tuesday monthly, at 1:30pm to make Rosaries for the missions and local nursing homes. Instructions and materials provided.

**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.

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.

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.

This Week's Senior Moment

- "A goal in retirement is to continue to thrive, ■
- not simply to survive! Our faith can play a ■
- mammoth role for good in this whole en- ■
- deavor." ■
- "Even Better After 50 " ■
- Dr. Richard Johnson, PhD ■

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 ~ Feb. 9 - June 1, 2017

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
- Lector
- AV Ministry
- Usher
- SVdP Society
- RCIA
- Children's Choir
- Children's Liturgy
- Choir
- Altar Server
- Catechist
- 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

Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality. - *Pope Francis*

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: MAC AND CHEESE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BAR SOAP

*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.**

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.