

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 20 - 26, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Richard Link	Florence Pattee
Tues. 7:30 AM	Anna Falco	Wayne & Jeanne Farmer
Wed. 7:30 AM	Terrence Mc Clintock	Eileen & Bill Strallow
11:00 AM	Josephine Napatano	Daughter, Mary Ann Napatano & Family
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Michael Di Lillo	Wife, Gloria
Fri. 7:30 AM	Teresa Keogh	Eileen & Bill Strallow
11:00 AM	Joseph Harmazinski	Joe & Ann Fattizzi
Sat. 8:30 AM	Daniel Hladney	Brother, Robert Hladney
4:00 PM	Edward & Veronica Muldoon, Arthur J. Muldoon & Family	The Muldoon Family
5:30 PM	Margaret M. Lucas	Sister, Marilyn & Thomas Carney
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Edward Mennella	Parents, Carol & Anthony Mennella
10:00 AM	Beloved Mother, Mary Cajohn	Debbie & Steve Weingroff
12:00 PM	Michael Vorassi	Joe & Judi Welsch

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13 ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm "The Mass of the Lord's Supper" with
Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday, April 14 ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer;
3:00pm Sacred Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 15 ~ 9:00am Morning Prayer
11:00am Blessing of Easter Food

8:15pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 16 ~ Masses at 7:00am, 8:30am,
10:00am, & 12:00pm**

Communal Lenten Penance Services

St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Monday, April 3, 7:00PM
St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Monday, April 3, 7:00PM
Visitation, Brick ~ Tues., April 4, 2:00PM & 7:00PM
St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wed., April 5, 12:00PM
St. Justin, T.R. ~ Friday, April 7, 7:00PM
St. Luke, T.R. ~ Tuesday, April 11, 7:00PM

Stations of the Cross

**Join us at St. Luke Church
each Friday during Lent for
this beautiful devotion:**

March 24 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
March 30 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
April 7 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
April 14 (Good Friday) ~ at 7:00PM



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Robert Rieche Stephen Butera
Ethel De La Puente*

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, 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, Diane Galliotto, Peter Melluse, David Lagno, Maryanne Molner, Vito Ottomano, Alyssa Colosi (child), Anne Silvestri, Debra Nacovsky, Bill Coles, John Waters, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Mickey Jackiewicz, Bishop John M. Smith, Mark La Rochelle, Donna Marie Iorio, Keith Clayton, Arlene Sauer, Vivian Kircher, Colin Lockerbie, Jean Stulich, Susan Haas, Jackie Callahan Patterson, Robby Ferris, James Rauh, Fran Consorti, Vienna Zucaro (child), Sylvia Brown, Lisa Mayer, Anthony Cavallo, Paschal Cuillo, Louise Svarczkopf, Marianna C. Pontoriero, and D.P.N.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 26, 2017 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

FROM THE PASTOR. . .

There has been a great deal happening here at St. Luke.

We have received our first rebate from Faith To Move Mountains! We have set this first tranche of \$33,402.00 to address the roof, when weather permits. We thank you for your support!

On Tuesday, March 7th, Faith of Our Future, the Diocesan initiative to address the needs of our Church as we head into a future of fewer priests, began the next phase of preparation and planning. We will continue to update you, the faithful, as things develop.

On Thursday, March 9th, Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, Vicar General for the Diocese of Trenton, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 80 young adults from our Religious Education Program. It was a beautiful celebration and we ask that everyone continue to pray for these young adults that they continue to grow in faith and Christian charity throughout their lives.

On Saturday, March 18th, our Level 2 students intensified their preparation to answer the call to come to the Lord's Table with Communion Fun Day. We ask that you also pray for these young ones, as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

On Sunday, March 19th, our Catechumens/Elect will begin a new phase in their journey into the Church. Over the next 3 Sundays, at the 8:30 Mass, we will be "doing the Scrutinies". Catechumens are unbaptized persons who have chosen to take the journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and the Elect are those Catechumens who have been blessed by the Bishop in the Rite of Election). The Scrutinies are "rites for self-searching and repentance...and are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect (those preparing for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist); to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good." taken from 141 of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please pray for the 4 men who will be completing their journey at the Easter Vigil.

On Holy Thursday, we have Mandatum (aka-Washing of the Feet). If you are interested in being a part of this moving moment during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, please contact the Parish Office at 732-286-2222.

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, April 3**

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, April 11**

Religious Education News

This is a Level 2 & Basics of Faith 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.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 9, 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.

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.**

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, March 21**

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., April 19**

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.

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

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

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, March 31
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

"Senior Moments"

"A blessing of our time as maturing adults is to realize that this stage of life is full of possibilities...full of the desire to go on living, to seize our independence, to create new activities and to develop new networks of interesting new people."

"The Gift of Years"

Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

Collections for March 11 & 12, 2017

Total:	\$16632.50 *
Faith Direct-March:	\$ 7828.00

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.

Extraordinary Minister & Lector Training Sessions

March 21 – Lector Training for new Ministers of the Word:

Do you feel called to be a proclaimer of the Word at our liturgies? Would you like to learn more about this ministry and find out if it right for you? We are forming a new group and the first session will be held on Tuesday, March 21 from **3:30–5:00pm**. Please call the Ministry Hotline if you are interested. 848-226-6218.

April 4 – Communion Ministers for Nursing Homes and Homebound – Training for new Ministers of Care will be held on Tuesday, April 4 from **1:30–3:00pm**. Please call the Ministry hotline to pre-register 848-226-6218.



Palm Crosses

The St. Luke Rosary Altar Society will be selling Palm Crosses after all Masses on the weekend of **April 1 & 2, 2017, at \$10.00 each**. Thank you for your support.

Rosary Altar Society Candy Sale

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society is having an Old Fashion Candy Bar sale after all Masses on **April 8 & 9**. **Consider putting some in your Easter baskets! \$1.00 per 1.5oz bar**, plain milk chocolate, milk chocolate with either almond, caramel, crispy or peanut butter. Thank you for your kind support.

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

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold it's monthly General Meeting this Tuesday. Join us in the Narthex of the church at **5:30 PM for fellowship and to welcome our guests followed by the meeting at 6:00 PM. (Please note the time change.)** We are hosting participants in a Listening Session presented by the Toms River Family Health & Support Coalition to hear our suggestions and our insight on the needs of our community and the means to make changes. The coalition has identified the highest areas of need as 1) substance abuse, 2) senior isolation, 3) wellness, 4) food insecurity, 5) access to care, and 6) chronic disease. Join us this Tuesday to help those working to improve the lives of Toms River residents.

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:
TEA, COFFEE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT & 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.**

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.