

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 6 - 12, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Peter Timpone	Wife, Mary Timpone
Tues. 7:30 AM	Daniel Smith	Mother, Angela Giglio
Wed. 7:30 AM	Walter S. Russell ~ Brother of Sister Peggy Russell	Teri Frassetto & Maureen Mc Mahon
11:00 AM	Albert & Lena Loguirato	Anna & Michael Hardman
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Rita Sheehan	Jill Viggiano
Fri. 7:30 AM	Helen Reilly	Family
11:00 AM	Robert & Helen Murray	Robert & Mary Murray
Sat. 8:30 AM	Hugh Gardner	The Tiplady Family
4:00 PM	Mary & Tim Mangan Sr.	Tim & Mary Mangan
5:30 PM	PFC Vincent M. Frassetto	Parents, Teri & John Frassetto & Family
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Michael Aiello	Wife, Yolanda
10:00 AM	John Donald	Helen Donald
12:00 PM	Rose & Tony Farrugia	Lorraine & Tony Farrugia

### 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**



### Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Norma Foti* *Genevieve P. Schillaci*  
*Kimberly A. Maguire* *Joseph Esposito*  
*Rev. Monsignor Joseph C. Shenrock, P.A.*

### 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 Gallio, 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).

### Lenten Obligations

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics during Lent:

- The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).
- Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above.
- From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).
- The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics.
- The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year—often called the “Easter duty”—for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during Lent. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

Bishop O’Connell also encourages Catholics to get to confession and make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

### NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

*March 12, 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Lent*

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a  
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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



**Reminder:** Daylight savings time begins next weekend, Sunday, March 12. Please turn your clocks ahead one hour after midnight next Saturday night.



*From Pope Francis' Homily on Ash Wednesday*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey towards Easter. Lent is essentially a pilgrimage of hope, a season of penance and spiritual renewal that prepares us to share more fully in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. We relive the experience of the Exodus, in which the Chosen People journeyed towards the Promised Land and, through spiritual discipline and the gift of the Law, learned the love of God and neighbor.

Easter is Jesus' own exodus, his Passover from death to life, in which we participate through our rebirth in Baptism. By following Christ along the way of the Cross, we share in his victory over sin and death; by living the new life bestowed by the Holy Spirit in the communion of the Church, we are united more fully to the Lord in the sacraments, prayer and adoration. May our celebration of Lent renew our hope in Christ's promises, and our commitment to follow him ever more closely, so that at Easter, in union with Mary our Mother, we may rejoice in the gift of eternal life and the triumph of God's saving love.



**Join us at St. Luke Church each Friday during Lent for  
the beautiful devotion of Stations of the Cross:**

- March 10 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
- March 17 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
- 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

### 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, March 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 a Level 8 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.

**As per the 2016-2017 class schedule, there will be NO PREP classes on Tues, March 7, 2017.** Confirmation practice will take place on Tuesday, March 7 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. We will begin in the Parish Center and dismissal will be from the Church. Sponsors do NOT have to attend practice.

Please continue keep our Level 8 Students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 9, 2017 in your prayers!

**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.



### 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 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., April 19th**

### 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](http://www.paxteens.com)

**The next meeting: Friday, March 17th  
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.**

### Social Sunday



The next Social Sunday will be held on **March 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.

#### 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.

### Collections for February 25 & 26, 2017

**Total: \$16,204.00 \***

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](http://www.faithdirect.net).

**Thank you for your generous support.**

\* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.

## Extra-ordinary Minister & Lector Training Sessions

**March 14 – Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** – If you are interested in serving as a Communion Minister for our weekend liturgies, please join us for an orientation session on March 14 from **7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Please pre-register by leaving a message on the Ministry Hotline 848-226-6218.

**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 – 5:00 pm**. 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 – 3:00 pm**. Please call the Ministry hotline to pre-register 848-226-6218.

### *This Week's Senior Moment*

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps on learning stays young. One of life's greatest accomplishments is to keep the mind young, and be open to learn new things.”

*Henry Ford 1863 - 1947*

## 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

As you may know, we receive donations of toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, body lotion), blankets, sheets, pillow cases, cleaning supplies, coffee, tea, sweeteners and other products used in hotels from a wholesale supplier. We repackage some products for individual use and distribute them through our Food Pantry. The total amount of supplies donated is well in excess of our needs so we redistribute them to other organizations helping the poor. It started with 15 organizations, expanded to 23 and is now at 34 that include the HIV Center, Asbury Park - Tent City, Howell - Good Council Home, Riverside - Providence House, Whiting - Toms River Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Mary's Place, Ocean Grove - Catholic Charities, Ocean County & Christ Episcopal Church, Toms River, to name a few. We are blessed with this windfall and even more blessed to have the opportunity to share our bounty with others working to help the needy in our community.

#### 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:  
COFFEE, VANILLA ENSURE, & 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.**

### 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](http://www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share) or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222.