

St. Luke Roman Catholic Church

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APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 17 - 23, 2017

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Joseph Barchi Sr.	Wife, Frances Barchi
Tues.	7:30 AM	Sal Scarpa	Wife, Liz
Wed.	7:30 AM	Frank Santos	Niece, Maria Sardo-Lopes
	11:00 AM	Roy D'Alto	Wife, Joan
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Luis R. Colon	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Colasurdo, Sr.
Fri.	7:30 AM	Cira Marie Patti	Parents, Fran & Mike Patti
	11:00 AM	John & Ethel Reilly	Jean Owen
Sat.	8:30 AM	Theresa Molkenbur	Marie Keenan
	4:00 PM	Walter Fricke	Doris & Tom
	5:30 PM	Antonio Reale	The Reale Family
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	John B. & Nina Pasquali	Mary & Alfred Kinn
	10:00 AM	Ann D'Armiento	Husband, Ben
	12:00 PM	Yolanda Carraturo	Angela & Paul Dwyer



*To Our Parishioners & Visitors,
Easter is a lovely day, a joyous time of year for
thinking of family who are very close and dear ~ so
naturally at Easter, our thoughts turn to each of you.*

*Wishing You A Blessed Easter,
Fr. Bob, the Priests, Deacons & Staff*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 23, 2017

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

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, 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, Maryanne Molner, Vito Ottomano, Alyssa Colosi (child), Bill Coles, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Bishop John M. Smith, Donna Marie Iorio, Keith Clayton, Coliin Lockerbie, Robby Ferris, James Rauh, Fran Consorti, Vienna Zucaro (child), Sylvia Brown, Lisa Mayer, Anthony Cavallo, D.P.N., Paschal Cuillo, Marianna C. Pontoriero, Vincent Bono, Barry Rodman, Camille Fay, Mary Ann Napatano, Marie Gentile, Anthony Somma, Janet Hlavac, Larry Reagan, Marco Leone, Janet Hamadyk, Vivian Kircher, Mary Pat Love, Diane Galieto, Annette Torro, Thomas Repko.



Thank You!

The Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society thank all those who so kindly purchased Palm Crosses and candy bars from us over the last two weekends. We greatly appreciate your continuous support. Thank you & God bless.



Pray for the Recently Deceased
*Anna Silvestri Louise M. Svarczkopf
Mary Mangan*

Alleluia, He is Risen!

Our Lenten journey, which began on Ash Wednesday, has come to its conclusion. We have celebrated the greatest mysteries of our faith during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday). We have welcomed four men into full communion (completed the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. And beginning with “the Mother of All Vigil’s”- the Easter Vigil and through this glorious day, with the first Sunday Masses of the Lord’s Resurrection.

But while our Lenten journey has concluded, we are embarking on a new journey, our Easter Season. This season continues for 50 days until Pentecost. It is during this season that we rejoice in Christ’s victory over death and sin, hopefully more deeply and faithfully, wiser from our Lenten journey and participation in the Triduum. During this time, we will renew our Baptismal vows, for it is in Baptism that we die with Christ and are raised with Him to new life. Forty Days after that first Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord or Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. When we all gather at Mass on that Thursday (May 25th) we celebrate and are reminded in the words of St. Augustine:

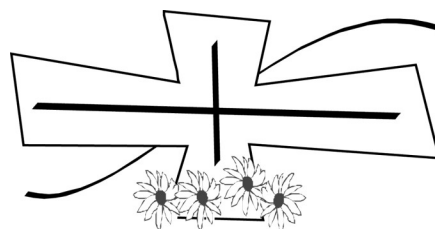
‘Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.’

But Jesus promised he would not leave us orphans, so it is the Holy Spirit which descends on the Feast of Pentecost. It is the birth of the Church. And on this day, we will have several people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation through our RCIA program, and thereby completing their Sacraments of Initiation and becoming full members of the Church!

Finally, a few words to all reading this, whether you are here faithfully each week or you just drop in occasionally:

It has been heartwarming to see, meet and celebrate these Sacred Mysteries of our Faith with you. Many faces are very familiar and others not so much, but all are welcome and we hope to see everyone again next week. Families should never be strangers!

HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!



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, May 1**

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, May 9**

Religious Education News

This is a Level 6 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.

According to the 2016-2017 schedule, there are **NO PREP CLASSES** and the PREP office is closed on Easter Monday, April 17, 2017. **Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.**

All grade levels have now completed the Family Life series for this school year. In order to keep costs down for next year, please return your Parent Connection booklets to the PREP office so they can be used again. Thank you!

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, April 28
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:
Tuesday, April 18**

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.

Bereavement - Continuing Support Group

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.**

The next meeting: Thursday, April 20 ~ 7:00PM

Attention Rosarians & Parishioners:

The Rosary Altar Society will be reciting the rosary on the first Sunday of every month immediately **after the 10:00AM Mass in the Chapel** rather than before the 8:30AM Mass. All attending Mass are welcome to join us. Please consider taking 15 minutes in honoring our Blessed Mother.

Collections for April 8 & 9, 2017

Total: \$22,244.00 *

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.

Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available in the St. Luke Narthex and Parish Office for your Mass intention requests for Mothers (living and deceased.) Please return your Mass request forms in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Mass Intentions will be remembered during the month of May in honor of Mother's Day.

 * **Sisters of Mercy 50/50 Raffle** *
 * The Sisters of Mercy hold a raffle each year to benefit *
 * the retired and infirmed Sisters of Mercy. The chances *
 * are \$25.00; the 10 prizes range from \$31,250.00 to *
 * \$1,250.00. Chances are available in the St. Luke *
 * Parish Office, Monday - Friday, and the Religious *
 * Ed Office, Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM. *
 * The drawing date is May 14, 2017 *

Save the Date!

Dining to Donate Fundraiser 
 at Perkins Restaurant, Rt. 37, Toms River
 Wednesday, April 19 - 7:00AM to 9:00PM
 Sponsored by St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

15% of eat-in, take-out or bakery purchases is given to us. All proceeds are for the statue of Mary which was ordered for the foyer near the Madonna Room. Flyers/coupons are on the table in the Narthex. **You must present a flyer to receive the donation.**

This Week's Senior Moment

We wish everyone in our wonderful parish all the happiness and blessings that Easter means for us all. We sing "Aleluia" with you all at this wonderful and happy time in our church year.

St. Luke Parish Outreach for Maturing Adults

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

What does Easter mean for my neighbors who live in abject poverty? Firstly, let's recognize that Jesus chose to identify with the most vulnerable children and people at the bottom of the heap throughout his life and ultimate death. Jesus was not some nice, polite do-gooder. He was not an American pastor who preached personal responsibility, good citizenship, positive thinking, respectability and American values. Jesus was no Joel Osteen. No one would be threatened by such a bland personal morality, because it never extends beyond ourselves. It never offers an alternative to a selfish system that is Bad News for the poor. Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador once lamented, "A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed—what gospel is that?" This Easter, let us recommit to walking in His radical footsteps by recognizing that it's not ALL about us. Let us deny ourselves, remember the poor, and take up the cross. For it is only in dying that we find life.

~ Craig Greenfield

SVdP General Meeting Tuesday 6:30PM in Narthex

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:

VANILLA ENSURE, JELLY, PAPER TOWELS

Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy.
 God Bless!

<http://www.stlukeconference.org/>

Women's Retreat Day

Thursday, May 4, 2017 ~ 9:30AM-3:00PM

St. Joseph by the Sea
 So. Mantaloking, NJ

Sponsored by the St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Open to all women of St. Luke Parish. There will be a lecture, Rosary and Mass; Coffee in AM and Lunch at noon will be provided. Carpool transportation from St. Luke Church or on your own. **Cost is \$45.00.** Call Noreen Muller, 732-255-4834, for more information or bring a check to the St. Luke Office.