

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ AUGUST 21 - 27, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Eleanor Biggins	Tom & Doris Biggins
Tues. 7:30 AM	Dorothy Kosciuk	Linda & Stu Goldman
Wed. 7:30 AM	Peter Ryan	Lionel & Jean Simon
11:00 AM	Lina Coluccelli	Gloria Marchio
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Michael Limongello	The Nilan Family
Fri. 7:30 AM	Daniel Juliano	Theresa Dougherty
11:00 AM	Robert Furze	Doris & Tom Biggins
Sat. 8:30 AM	Patrick Hamada	The Lapid & Hamada Family
4:00 PM	Anthony Romano	Sister, Nancy Stio
5:30 PM	Gabriel Verde	Angelo & Irene Scribellito
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Alfred & Adele Aimone	The Family
10:00 AM	Rudolph V. Ricci	Dawn Ricci & Tony De Lorenzo
12:00 PM	Michael Babish	Lorraine & Tony Farrugia

### Labor Day Mass

**Monday, September 4, 2017**

**Mass Time: 9:00AM**

**Note:** The Parish and Religious Ed offices will be closed.



### Altar Flowers



**Aug. 12 - Aug. 18, 2017** ~ Candle Rings:

***In Memory of Our Daughter, Christine Diesso***

***On Her 30th Anniversary in Heaven***

*Req. by Barbara & Marco Cutinello*

**Aug. 19 - Aug. 25, 2017** ~ Candle Rings:

***In Loving Memory of Thomas Morris***

*Req. by his loving wife, Carmen Morris*

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

### Thank You!

St. Luke has been blessed by several generous donations that should be acknowledged:

New Communion Cups donated  
in Loving Memory of Michael Fanuele.

St. Jude statue in the Church  
donated by Skip & Jean Donoghue-Simon.

Blessed Mother statue, soon to be placed by  
the Madonna Room, by the Rosary Altar Society.

**Thank you all for your generosity.**



### Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Patrick Blewett*

### Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Deacon Bob Puglisi, Jo Hardardt, Chuck Kraut, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Martha Olmstead, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Jenny Ralph, James Joseph White, Francis Lewis Jr., Richard Coburger, Pat La Rocca, Claire Hansen, Anthony Cuccaro, Vito Ottomano, Alyssa Colosi (child), Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Bishop John M. Smith, Janet Hlavac, Carol Auletto, Dave Nelms, Rev. Gerry McCarron, Rev. Michael Waites, Jean Stulich, Angeline Magana (child), John Wolcott, Maryanne Molner, Barbara Marriotti, Matthew Saunders, Rosemarie Steuerman, Murial Wittmann, Bill Coles, Fran Consorti, Grace Fusco, Minerva Doncesesz, Clara Rynkiewicz, Chris Valentine, Arlene De Jura, Maryann Gallassio, Gail Cook, John Sevos, Patricia Sevos, Connie Burke, Anthony Somma, Jeffery W. Alexander, Mary Aloia, Anthony Cavallo, Larry Reagan, James Rauh, Bill Smith, Mary Ann Perkins, John Pediston, Arlene Kopin, Vivian Kircher, Carolyn Schelest, Regina Monahan, John Mastronardi, Patsy O'Leary, Rose Cutillo, Rev. Joseph Hlubik, George Royael, Marianne Kuhlthau, Jim Mc Mahon

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*August 27, 2017*

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

**St. Luke Parish Office Summer Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
and Fridays, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**



*Save the Date . . .*

**St. Nicholas Ball  
Sunday, December 3, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

**Practice of Faith:** We all have moments when, like Peter walking on the water, we become frightened and begin to sink. The only way to maintain our faith is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. Some people find that the practice of Centering Prayer – a restful listening for God in silence – is an effective way to deepen intimacy with Christ. Try sitting quietly with God for ten to fifteen minutes each morning this week. Begin with the words of the prophet Samuel to the Lord: “Speak, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10), then breathe in and out slowly, focusing on a sacred word or very short phrase. It might be, for example, “Speak, Lord.” When you feel your mind wandering, simply return gently to your word. When you finish, give thanks to God for time spent together.

Fruits of centering prayer are rarely noticed during prayer itself, but in increased patience and peace through-out one’s day. See if, over time, these changes occur in you; make note of them. Find out more in this helpful introduction: <http://www.uscatholic.org/articles/201311/sit-down-and-be-quiet-how-practice-contemplative-meditation-28077>. To learn more, consult the experts: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/category/category/centering-prayer>.

### St. Luke Annual Communion Breakfast

October 1, 2017—After 8:30AM Mass  
Clarion Hotel, Rt. 37, Toms River

Sponsored by St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

Speaker from “Through the Eyes of Mary.”

Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses  
through Sept. 17. Cost is \$20.



### **White Mass**

A White Mass honoring all who serve in healthcare, will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at St. Luke Church**. Light refreshments will follow. If you are in the healthcare field, please come, and if you know someone in the healthcare field, please invite them.

## Support Group Forming for Newly Bereaved

*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 **Thursday mornings from 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon** in the Parish Conference Room for nine consecutive weeks, **beginning on Thursday, September 21 and ending on November 16, 2017**. Pre-registration is required.

**Please call the Bereavement Office at 848-226-6220 and leave a message to register. We will call you back.**

### 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, Sept. 11**

### 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., Sept. 20**



**The First Sunday of every month, the Rosarians pray the Rosary after the 10:00 Mass in the chapel. All are invited to join us on Sept. 3.**

### 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, Sept. 19**

### 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, Sept. 12**

### 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.

**Alcoholics Anonymous for Women, 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.

**Compassionate Friends, 7:00PM, 1st Tuesday** each month in Augustine Room; support for those grieving death of a child.

### Parish Religious Education Program

**ATTENTION!** We are in need of a Third Grade catechist for Monday at 4:30pm. One of our dedicated teachers regrettably had to leave due to her work schedule. Please call the PREP office at 732 505 0108 to volunteer.

#### *Something to think and pray about...*

If you cannot commit to teaching every week PREP is also in need of Substitute Teachers! (Someone to call when there is a need).

**Please call the office to join the St Luke PREP team!** This program cannot meet the spiritual needs of our children without **YOU**, our dedicated volunteers!

#### **REMINDER: Catechist Meeting**

**Tuesday 8/29/17**

**6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center**

### Pax Youth Group

7th & 8th Graders are invited to join; games, activities, hang out & pizza while getting closer to God! August events to be announced. **Check out our web site: [www.paxteens.com](http://www.paxteens.com)**

### *This Week's Senior Moment*

"A key factor in living a successful retirement is the degree to which we have found a sense of our own personal life purpose that allows us to connect better with ourselves ... and with God."

*"Creating a Successful Retirement"*

**Dr. Richard Johnson, Ph.D.**

### Collections for August 12 & 13, 2017

**Total: \$17,099.00 \***

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

**Thank you for your generous support.**

\* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.



## PARISHIONERS' PICNIC

*Celebrate the 35th Anniversary  
of St. Luke Parish*

**Sunday, September 17, 2017 ~ 1:30PM—5:30PM**

Wristband/Ticket Sales are on sale this weekend, in the Narthex. From August 21<sup>st</sup>—September 8<sup>th</sup> they will also be available in the Parish Office. \$5/person-ages 10-?; \$3/person-ages 5-9; Free under 5.

### ***Let the Preparations Begin!***

We are looking for **COPIES of PICTURES** that show our parish from its very beginning.

If you have any pictures from past events, we would love a copy for our History Board, which will be unveiled for the first time at our **September 17th Picnic**.

Please put the date (or approximate date) and the occasion on the back of the picture and drop it off in the box located in the Narthex.



## ***Bishop's Anniversary Blessing***

**Sunday, October 8, 2017 ~**

**3:00PM Mass**

*At St. Aloysius, Jackson, NJ*

**All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or longer  
Wedding Anniversary during 2017 are invited.**

*Anniversary couples wishing to attend may complete a  
registration form at St. Luke Parish Office.*

*(Anniversary couples must be in  
a valid Catholic Marriage.)*

**Deadline to register is September 7, 2017**

## **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**

**[stlukeconference.org](http://stlukeconference.org)**

**Back To School** - For the 21 million children who go hungry during the summer months without free school lunch, September signals an end to searing stomach pangs. But it also raises concerns about what they will wear on their backs and stuff in their knapsacks. According to the U.S. Census, between the years of 2000 and 2010, the percentage of children living in poverty increased by nearly a third. As more poor students make their way back to school, they'll have to grapple with the typical anxieties related to bullying and math homework, and how they will fit in if they can't afford new clothes or school supplies. As the first day of classes quickly creeps up, nonprofits across the country are realizing how critical of a role they play in giving disadvantaged kids the basics – and the confidence – they need to succeed in academics. - *Huffington*

**Once again, this year, the Food Pantry is accepting donations of school supplies to help our student-guests to gear up to get excited to go back to school. You can bring school supplies to the pantry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 10AM to 12:30PM or leave them in "The Ark", the big wooden box in the 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**

Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1482577>.

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.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:  
COFFEE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SOUP, TEA,  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

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



## **RCIA**

The St. Luke RCIA team is already beginning the journey towards the celebration of the Sacraments at Easter. If you or a family member, friend or neighbor are interested in receiving or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation) please don't wait—NOW IS THE TIME! Contact our team at 848-226-6217—all inquiries are answered promptly.

## **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.