

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ OCTOBER 23-29, 2017

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Eddy Lapid	The Lapid & Hamada Family
Tues.	7:30 AM	The Trombetta Family	Daughter
Wed.	7:30 AM	Louise M. Svarczkopf	Anthony Svarczkopf
	11:00 AM	Alejandina Navedo	Rick & Kristin Ferraro
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Lottie Drach	Daughter, Pat Napolitano
Fri.	7:30 AM	Milagros Tolentino	The Tolentino Sisters
	11:00 AM	Christina La Salle	Theresa Torre
Sat.	8:30 AM	Doll Del Monte	Karla & Mark O'Connor
	4:00 PM	Donald S. Killoran, and Denis & Sarah Burns	Maureen Killoran
	5:30 PM	Joseph Esposito	The St. Luke 5:30 Ushers
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Members	St. Vincent de Paul Society
	10:00 AM	Vernon Stovall	Wife, Connie Stovall
	12:00 PM	Beloved Mother, Rosetta Sublett, Beloved Sister, Theresa Torres, and Cathie Archipoli	Marie & Pat Alfano



All Saints Day **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** *A Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass Times:

Vigil Masses, Tuesday., Oct. 31 ~ 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Wednesday, Nov. 1 ~ 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 11:00AM

Note: *The Parish and Religious Ed Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 1st, in observance of All Saints Day.*



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who worked on our Annual White Mass, especially: June Brandes Chu, Sandra Bacani, Lisa Fernandez, Michelle Miller, Agnes Monta & Kathleen Muzzio and Tom Hinz and the Choir-we are still speaking about your beautiful rendition of "Your Heart Today" and for which we are grateful to Jocelyn Bautista for bringing it to this celebration of all healthcare professionals.

This Week's Senior Moment

"Retirement challenges us to listen to the sounds of our souls. We learn to see flashes of God's love everywhere, and open ourselves more fully to the virtues that have been latent within us during our busy lives prior to retirement."

"Creating a Successful Retirement -
Finding Peace & Purpose"
Dr. Richard Johnson, PhD



Pray for the Recently Deceased *Robert Karaska Leonard Maselli*

Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, John Kempton, Simon Amato, 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, Angeline Magana (child), Bill Coles, Fran Consorti, Grace Fusco, Chris Valentine, Arlene De Jura, Maryann Gallassio, John Sevos, Patricia Sevos, Connie Burke, Mary Aloia, Larry Reagan, James Rauh, Mary Ann Perkins, John Pediston, Arlene Kopin, Vivian Kircher, Carolyn Schelest, Regina Monahan, John Mastronardi, Rose Cutillo, Rev. Joseph Hlubik, George Royael, Jane Cirignano, Anthony Maskello, Rozanne Gerald, Chellesa Chorelus (child), Peter Kalibat, (infant), Gregorio Alcid, Jean Stulich, Arlene Scala, Emily Mascola, Carol D'Oriano, Marion Valeri, Steven Haas, Michael Kurtz, Peter Martino, Anna Martino, Felicia May, Michael Howard, Elizabeth Marino.



Altar Flowers

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ***October 29, 2017***

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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

"Folly is a form of 'not listening', one might literally say a nescio, 'I do not know', I do not listen. The inability to hearken to the Word: when the Word does not enter, I do not let it in because I do not listen. The fool does not listen. He believes he is listening, but he does not listen. He does his own thing, always-and for this reason the Word of God cannot enter into his heart, and there is no place for love. And if it enters, it enters distilled, transformed by my own conception of reality. The fools do not know how to listen, and this deafness leads to corruption [by vanity, by appearance, by external beauty, by outward justice, the idolatry of consumerism and ideology, the search for a 'comfortable god']. The Word of God does not enter, there is no place for love and in the end there is no place for freedom. ...They are not free and do not listen: this deafness leaves no room neither for love, nor for freedom; it always leads us to slavery. Do I listen to the Word of God? Do I let it in? This Word, of which we have heard in the singing of the Alleluia-the Word of God is alive, effective, revealing the feelings and thoughts of the heart. It cuts, it gets inside. Do I let this Word in, or am I deaf to it? Do I transform it into idolatrous habits, or into ideology? This it does not enter: this is the folly of Christians. ...There are foolish Christians and even foolish shepherds. Saint Augustine takes the stick to them with gusto because the folly of the shepherds hurts the flock. And if we fall into this stupidity, we move away from Him and He feels this nostalgia-nostalgia for us -and Jesus wept with this longing cry, weeping over Jerusalem: it was nostalgia for a people He had chosen, a people He loved, but who had gone away for foolishness, who preferred appearances, idols or ideologies." - *Pope Francis*



HAPPENINGS AT ST. LUKE....

Just a brief update for everyone on what is going on...

-We are in the process of securing a roofer to replace & repair the roof of the Parish Center and the Church-thanks to the generosity of our parishioners through Faith to Move Mountains.

-We are exploring the possibility of installing a solar field in order to reduce energy costs and energy grid usage.

-We are developing plans for an herb and meditation garden.

-Our SVdP is also developing plans for a community garden.

Additionally.....

Details on all of these happenings, events to celebrate our 35th Anniversary and much more are/will be available on our website: www.stlukesriver.org

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!

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,
November 6**

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex. Please return your remembrance requests so that we may pray for your deceased loved ones on November 2nd.

Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **October 29**. 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.

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, November 14**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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., November 15**

Parish Religious Education Program

This is a Level 3 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.

Something to think and pray about... If you cannot commit to teaching every week, the 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.

This program cannot meet the spiritual needs of our children without YOU, our dedicated volunteers!

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.

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, October 27 at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

Bereavement - Continuing Support Group

**Thursday Evenings, through November 30, 2017
7:00PM to 8:30PM**

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. **Please call St. Luke Bereavement Office to register, 848-226-6220**; leave your name & phone number and someone will call you back.

Collections for October 14 & 15, 2017

Total: \$16,411.00 *

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.**



Marian Advocates Needed

The Rosary Altar Society is looking for **Marian Advocate volunteers**, people who will recite the rosary once or twice a month in a local nursing home for the residents. It is greatly appreciated by them and a wonderful way to honor Mary by promoting devotion to her. Please call the Parish Office, 732-286-2222, if you are interested in this ministry.

Memorial Mass at St. Luke Church Sunday, November 12, 2017 ~3:00PM

All the deceased who had funerals at St. Luke Church from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 will be remembered at this special Memorial Mass.

2018 Mass Book Opening

The 2018 Mass Book will open on **Wednesday, November 8, 2017, from 1:00PM-3:00PM and from 6:00PM-7:00PM** at the Parish Office. **Limit of 3 Announced Masses** per registered family for weekdays and weekends at \$15.00 each. **Please Note: Starting in 2018, each Announced Mass will have two separate intentions. (Two separate families will be able to book the same Mass time.)** Multiple Intentions Masses (the third Sunday of each month at 8:30AM Mass) at \$10.00 each, are unlimited.



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 848-226-6217.**

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

The ninth Annual "Poverty Benchmarks" showed that 12% of residents in Ocean County live in households with incomes below 100% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL). That figure is less in Monmouth County, at 8.2%. In Ocean County, the official poverty level in 2006, the first year of the study, was at 8.8%. It held steady until it jumped from 7.9% in 2009 to 11.2% in 2010. The poverty rate dipped slightly to 10.2% in 2013, before inching up to a high of 12% in 2014. The federal poverty level for a family of four is \$23,800. However, Legal Services of New Jersey, the group that conducted the study, factors cost of living, which is high in N.J., into its equation, and it sets the figure for a family of four anywhere from \$64,238 to \$73,371, the report said. In New Jersey, 2.8 million adults and 800,000 children lived in poverty in 2014. The poverty level in the state is 40% higher than it was before the 2008 economic meltdown.

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, MAC & CHEESE, VANILLA ENSURE,
CANNED CORN, PAPER TOWELS**

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

Virtual Workshops and New Lector Orientation Fall 2017 Lector Series

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 is right for you? If you have already answered the call to this ministry and would like to deepen your relationship with the word of God and share in the spiritual, biblical and technical preparation with other readers, you are strongly encouraged to attend the LTP Virtual Workshop Series being offered at St. Luke Parish this Fall.

Virtual Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center**. Pre-registration is required so please call the **Ministry Hotline @ 848-226-6218 with any questions and to sign up**.