

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 4 - 10, 2017

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Patricia Louise Wilson	Rey & Evie Mendoza
Tues.	7:30 AM	Venus Olsen	Sue Freeman
Wed.	7:30 AM	Jerry Torlucci	Deanna & John Hohmann
	11:00 AM	Dorothy Cornacchio	Husband, Sal Cornacchio
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Frank Biondi	Deanna & John Hohmann
	Holy Day Vigil Masses:		
	4:00 PM	Mary Gregorio	Daughter, Rosemary
	7:00 PM	Marion Cotto	The Family
	Fri., Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary:		
	7:00 AM	Vincent Marino	His Wife
	8:30 AM	Regina Ivan	Husband, William & Children, Gary & Kathleen
	11:00 AM	Frank Torre	Dolores Torre
Sat.	8:30 AM	Raymond Gregson	Mark & Lucille Homowitz
	4:00 PM	Mary Clancy	Marie Clancy
	5:30 PM	Burton Nickerson	Wife, Mercy & Family
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Ellen Eichler	Pat Mc Garvey
	10:00 AM	Joseph Romano	Wife, Carol Romano
	12:00 PM	Mario & Josephine Lanzarone	Daughter, Rosalie Wetzler



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8, 2017 (Holy Day of Obligation)



Pray for the Recently Deceased

<i>James W. Towers</i>	<i>Gracito C. Rivera</i>
<i>Margaret C. Riccitelli</i>	<i>John J. Welch</i>
<i>Michael Kurtz</i>	<i>Antonia Rinaldi</i>
<i>Cecilia A. Murphy</i>	

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, (child), Bill Coles, Fran Consorti, Grace Fusco, Arlene De Jura, John Sevos, Patricia Sevos, John Pediston, Vivian Kircher, Carolyn Schelest, Regina Monahan, John Mastronardi, Rose Cutillo, Rev. Joseph Hlubik, 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, Peter Martino, Anna Martino, Felicia May, Michael Howard, Elizabeth Marino, Teodora Warner (child), Rosemarie Steurman, Marianne Mazzei, Tom Nardini, Meghan Stahl, Laura Higgins, Roger Foco, Larry Reagan, Carla De Jura Resetar, Clara Antoncich, James Rauh, Mary Aloia, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Barbara Walsh, Teresa Medvetz, Daniel Carey.

Mass Times: Thursday, Dec. 7 ~ 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Friday, Dec. 8 ~ 7:00AM, 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Note: The Parish and Religious Ed offices will be closed on Dec. 8 in observance of the holy day.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

Sunday, December 24 ~
 4:00PM (Church & overflow in Parish center),
 6:00PM & 12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25 ~
 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:00AM, & 12:00PM

Note: The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

Dates of Advent Penance Services

St. Justin, Toms River ~ Fri., Dec. 15, at 7:00PM
 St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Mon., Dec. 18, at 7:00PM
St. Luke, Toms River, ~ Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:00PM
 St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Tues., Dec. 19, at 7:00 PM
 St. Maximillian Kolbe, Toms River ~ Wed., Dec. 20,
 at 12:00-1:30PM

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS December 10, 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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

2018—The Year of Grace

The wonderful season of Advent has begun. Our Advent wreath graces the foot of the Sanctuary. Its circle of evergreens reminding us of the eternity of God and the everlasting life that comes through Jesus Christ. Its 4 candles reminding us of the 4 weeks of Advent—our time of preparation and anticipation of Christ truly being born in our hearts and souls and actions and his Second Coming (Be ALERT! the Gospel tells us). Its 3 purple candles, which are lit on the first, second and fourth Sunday of Advent, representing: hope, faith and peace. The rose candle, which is lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, which is also known as Gaudete Sunday, representing joy.

During this Advent season, we will also celebrate The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8th. The celebration of this feast day began in 1708, when Pope Clement XI promulgated the document *Commissi Nobis*. The Church received a formal declaration of the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* in 1854. December 8th is a holy day of obligation and is the patronal feast day of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, Spain, Philippines, and the United States.

At St. Luke, on December 7th at 2:00 pm, on the eve of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will bless our new statue of the Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus. The statue was purchased by monies raised and donated by the Rosary Altar Society. All are invited to join us by the Madonna Room as we honor our Blessed Mother, whose YES brought our salvation into this world.

Prayer on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Father,

The image of the Virgin is found in your Church.

Mary had a faith that your Spirit

prepared and a love that

never knew sin,

for you kept her sinless from the first

moment of her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love,

in our hearts her readiness of faith.

Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

~ from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

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:
Mon. December 4**



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 December 3.

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, December 15 at
7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center

Parish Religious Education Program

This is a Level 5 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!

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., December 20**

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society

The Christmas Meeting for Rosarians will be on **Tuesday, December 12 at 12:00 noon** at the La Bove Grand Restaurant. **Advanced ticket purchase required.** For information, call 732-994-1280

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.



Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **December 17**. 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.



"Poinsettia Angels"

Once again, we have Poinsettia Angels available for you to remember your loved at Christmas. Donations toward the Poinsettias are \$15 or \$25 and are available in the Narthex after weekend Masses. You will be able to make a donation and fill out a Poinsettia Angel with your own intention. These will be placed in the Poinsettias on the evening we decorate the Church for Christmas.

Collections for :

November 18 & 19:	\$15,941.00 *
November 25 & 26:	\$21,356.00 *

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.



Call for New Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion

"The Eucharist constitutes the very life of the Church, for the Lord said, I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst."

If you are interested in serving as a Communion Minister, please join us for one of the orientation & training Sessions in the St. Luke Church Narthex:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 ~ 3:00 – 4:30 pm or 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Pre-registration is required. Leave message on Ministry Hotline: 848-226-6218

Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Luciana Christina Cross ~ Daughter of Jason and Donna Cross

Joseph Ryan Stango ~ Son of Ryan and Danielle Stango

Layla Lolita Texidor-Barajas ~ Daughter of Samantha Texidor



Thank You!

The Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry sincerely thank all those who made our 4th. Annual Craft Sale for Yamba Uganda a success. Over \$2,000 was raised through your kind purchases and generous donations. Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you abundantly.



Bead & Craft Sale

On the weekend of December 9th and 10th, after all the Masses, there will be a bead and craft sale to benefit "Yamba Uganda." Thanks to your generosity, last year's proceeds were used to help start to build a girl's dormitory at Ziroobwe. The girls no longer are sleeping on the floor. Some of them are sleeping in beds for the first time in their lives. This year, we hope to start building a bathing room for the girls. We have many new style beads, different crafts, children's gifts and hand carved religious statues. Please take a minute and stop after Mass. This year give a gift from "Yamba". It is the gift that keeps on giving!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

- Extraordinary Ministers
- Lector
- AV Ministry
- Usher
- SVdP Society
- RCIA
- Children' Choir
- Children's Liturgy
- Choir
- Altar Server
- Catechist
- Social Sunday

And more!

Please call the The Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



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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:

MAC & CHEESE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, INSTANT POTATOES, CAKE MIX, PAPER TOWELS

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

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.**

This Week's Senior Moment

"To believe that God does all things out of love for us is the basis of what ought to be our childlike trust in His silent nudges to us ... no matter how far along we are in the wisdom of our years."

"In Jesus We Trust"

George A. Maloney, S.J.