

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3, 2017

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Ann D'Armiento	Husband, Ben
Tues.	7:30 AM	Donald Edward Garrell	Wife, May Garrell
Wed.	7:30 AM	Harry & Norma Foti	Family
	11:00 AM	Yolanda Salvatore	The Balsamo Family
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Edward Mach	The Family
Fri.	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving	Patricia Mc Gowan
	11:00 AM	Walter Fricke	Doris & Tom
Sat.	8:30 AM	Louise M. Svarczkopf	Husband, George & Family
	4:00 PM	Manny Mannarino	Wife, Laura
	5:30 PM	Jessica Bongiovanni	The Leppert & Bongiovanni Family
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
	10:00 AM	Edward Mennella	Parents, Carol & Anthony Mennella
	12:00 PM	John Wetzler	Wife, Rosalie



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2017

(Holy Day of Obligation)

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.



DATES OF ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Tues., Dec. 19, at 7:00 PM

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Toms River ~ Wed., Dec. 20,
at 12:00-1:30PM

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



Altar Flowers

November 25 - December 1, 2017



Tabernacle:

For Jack Hawryluk

Req. With Love, Mom & Your Family

By The Blessed Mother:

In Memory of Jack Bartlett ~ Happy Birthday

Req. by Nancy & Family

To order flowers for the week for any occasion, contact Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222. Requests should be made two weeks in advance. **Please note, no flowers (other than poinsettias) will be placed in the church during Advent.**



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Angeline Magana

Ariel Marang

Warren "Rusty" Boutilier

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, Michael Kurtz, 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.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

December 3, 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Readings may be found at:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

ADVENT

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed—or cursed—with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything; for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things; that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

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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**

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.

Parish Religious Education Program

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.

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!

Bereavement - Continuing Support Group

Tuesday Evening, November 28

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 or for more information, 848-226-6220;** leave your name & phone number and someone will call you back.



"Poinsettia Angels"

Once again, we will have Poinsettia Angels available for you to remember your loved ones on the Altar at Christmas. Donations toward the Poinsettias are \$15 & \$25. Beginning this weekend, 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.



Church of St. Luke 8th Annual Gala

St. Nicholas Ball

Dinner/Dance

Sunday, December 3, 2017 ~ 6:00 to 10:00PM

Eagle Ridge Country Club, Lakewood, NJ

Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Ticket forms are available in the Church Narthex until November 25 and can be turned in, with payment, at the Parish Office. Don't miss the fun!



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 and training sessions:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
3:00 – 4:30 pm or 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Meet in Narthex

Pre-registration is required.

Leave message on Ministry Hotline: 848 226 6218

The Roman Catholic Churches of Toms River invites you to attend a very special presentation that embodies the spirit of joy, humility and peace of the season.

The Holy Innocents Society,
St. Justin Center of Learning will be presenting their

Annual Christmas Pageant
together with the St. Justin's Children's Choir.

Saturday, December 9th
St. Justin Church, Fischer Boulevard, Toms River

We invite all parishioners from our cohort parishes to join us in this beautiful birthday celebration for the Baby Jesus. We are asking that in lieu of admission price, to please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society Food Bank. The doors will open 10:15. Light refreshments will be served. Santa will also be attending, we hope to see you there! **Information: Call Walter or Pat @ 732.255.6216**

This Week's Senior Moment

"Giving thanks is the power that sustains us through our entire maturation process, but especially in our later years. We must always be thankful to God for the life experiences that have given us the wisdom of our years."

"Creating a Successful Retirement"
Dr. Richard Johnson, PhD

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 The Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



St. Vincent de Paul Society stlukeconference.org

"When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am the LORD your God." -- *Leviticus 23:22*.

In the modern world, gleaning is practiced by humanitarian groups, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which distribute the gleaned food to the poor and hungry. Today, in the St Luke Conference, this includes the collection of food from bagel bakeries, supermarkets and convenience stores at the end of the day that would otherwise be thrown away. Gleaning is an important component of our food supply for the needy.

Thanks for all who provided turkeys to make our guests Thanksgiving a blessed day. Soon we will be starting our collection to provide Christmas dinners. We will especially need small turkey breasts since we have so many single guests.

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:

PAPER TOWELS.

LAUNDRY DETERGENT. COFFEE

*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.**

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 or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222.