

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 11 - 17, 2017

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Neri Almeguer	Dawn Ricci & Tony De Lorenzo
Tues.	7:30 AM	Frank Paul Stabile	Wife, Anne
Wed.	7:30 AM	Philip Bartus	Susan & John Demillio
	11:00 AM	Thomas J. Flannagan	Wife, Patricia
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Josephine Piejak	Daughter, Irene Piejak
Fri.	7:30 AM	Thomas Reilly	Wife
	11:00 AM	Caridad Urbina Paguio	Rey & Evie Mendoza
Sat.	8:30 AM	Josephine Kempton & Joan Kempton Nascak	Son & Brother, John Kempton Jr.
	4:00 PM	Salvatore Romano	Daughter, Nancy Stio
	5:30 PM	Eleanor Biggins	Doris & Tom Biggins
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	Intentions Listed Below
	8:30 AM	Multiple Intentions Mass	The Cicora Family
	10:00 AM	Salvatore Cicora	Mom & Dad
	12:00 PM	Brian Berardi	

Multiple Intentions Mass Sunday, December 17, 2017 ~ 8:30AM

Jane, Anthony & Michael Sellner &
Edwin Dullum R-The Sellner Family
Pat Napatano R-Daughter, Mary Ann Napatano & Family
Lina Coluccelli R-Gloria Marchio
Florence Caccese R-Anne Tracy, Daughter
Joseph & Frances Kopacz R-Daughter, Barbara & Jerry Santangelo
Emilia & David Santangelo R-Son, Jerry & Barbara Santangelo
Harry & Norma Foti R-Family
Peter Timpone R-Wife, Mary Timpone
Donald S. Killoran & Sally Burns R-Maureen Killoran
Marie & James Feehan R-Daughter, Marie Corrigan
Louise M. Svarczkopf R-Husband, George & Family
Mary Mangan R-Husband, Timothy
Peter Carey R-Timothy Mangan
Kay Lockwood R-Family
Carol Mennella R-Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lucia
James Carr R-Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jones
Brother Phillip Oswald ~ Happy Birthday (Living) R-Dee
Brother Edwin Gallagher ~ Happy Birthday (Living) R-Dee
Gail Cook R-Mr. & Mrs. Peter Turner
Vincent Cappelleri R-Elizabeth & Albert Buccellato
Richard De Luca R-Larry & Gloria Abate
Robert O'Laughlin R-Joan Russo
Robert Seiler R-Sharen & John Scinto
Pope Pius XII R-Ed Lagno
The Soldiers of Christ R-Ed Lagno
Nicholas Di Giacomo R-John & Susan De Millio
Richard Rivers R-Henrietta Jotzat
Warren Boutilier R-Marge & Jerry

This Sunday at the 8:30 am Mass we celebrate the

Rite of Acceptance for Catechumens.

This Rite is part of RCIA and welcomes those who are choosing to become Catholic and preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. We are honored to journey with 4 catechumens and 7 candidates who are completing their Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation). We ask that you pray for these catechumens and candidates.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Carmen D. Morris Dora Maria Robledo
Eileen Olson Domenick La Sorsa
Dora A. Gallipoli

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, Arlene De Jura, Vivian Kircher, Rev. Joseph Hlubik, Chellesa Chorelus (child), Gregorio Alcidi, 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, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Rev. Gene Roberts, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, Peter Kalibat, John Curtin, Ed Drach., Marie O'Connor, Barbara Marriotti.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS December 17, 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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



Did you know that Advent is only three full weeks this year? The fourth week of Advent lasts only a short time (hours) before we begin the Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord! Which brings us to the need to clear up some confusion some may have as to the Mass schedule for the weekend of December 23rd and 24th and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. So here is how we celebrate:

Saturday, December 23rd:

8:30 am

NO CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th:

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th-Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm—Church

4:00 pm—Parish Center

6:00 pm

Monday, December 25th-Christmas Day:

12:00 am—Midnight

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

Parish and Religious Education offices are closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.

We also invite all parishioners to join us as we decorate the Church and Parish Center for Christmas on Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 pm.

Also, an excellent resource to help you through this Advent—it is so easy to be overwhelmed—is: onlineministries.creighton.edu.

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, January 8, 2018



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 January 7, 2018.

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, January 16, 2018

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

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

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 4 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!

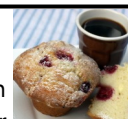
Can we call on YOU when a catechist is unable to come to class? If you could help us, please call the PREP office at 732 505-0108.

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

Pax Youth Group

7th & 8th Graders are invited to join in 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.

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 December 2 & 3, 2017

1st Collection Total:	\$20,563.00 *
2nd Collection total:	\$5,992.00 *

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.

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 afternoons from 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. in the Parish Conference Room for nine consecutive weeks, beginning on Thursday, January 11 and continuing through March 8, 2018. Pre-registration is required. **To register, please call the Bereavement Office at 848-226-6220 and leave a message.** We will call you back.

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



Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Ethan Angelo Bautista ~ Son of
Raphael and Clarisse Bautista
Raymond Robert Maccaquano ~ Son of
Robert and Gina Maccaquano
Aidan Abraham Schlisserman ~ Son of
Evan and Susan Schlisserman



WE NEED YOU

The need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound and to those in our Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities is critical. Sharing the Eucharist with the least of our sisters and brothers is a wonderful honor and privilege!

If you can help, please call the
Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.

This Week's Senior Moment

"A blessing of these (senior) years is the ongoing opportunity to step energetically into the here and now ... because we spend far too much of life preparing for the future rather than enjoying the blessings of the present."

"The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully"
Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

stlukeconference.org

In November 2017, the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry provided 1,217 bags of food to 189 Families consisting of 334 Adults and 96 Children. In November, the pantry gave an average of 6.4 bags of groceries to every family.

The food pantry also provided thanksgiving meals to 163 families. Last Thanksgiving we provided dinners to 129 families. This is an increase of 26% in families served over last year. Fortunately we have the support and dedicated volunteers to provide this service.

In November, St. Luke Conference provided financial aid to 13 guests to assist in payment of Rent, Utilities and Motel (Homeless) for a total of \$5,445.

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.**