

# St. Luke Roman Catholic Church

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## DECEMBER 24, 2017

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
<b>Mon., Christmas Day Masses ~ The Nativity of the Lord:</b>		
7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Joseph & Frances Kopacz	Daughter, Barbara & Jerry Santangelo
10:00 AM	John Charles Hansen	Peggy Hansen
12:00 PM	Gilda Larity	Kevin & Kathy Langon
Tues. 7:30 AM	John Gulla	Mary Lou Rajkowski
Wed. 7:30 AM	Carmelina Giliberti	Salvatore Giliberti & Family
11:00 AM	Helen & Richard Bator	Sister, Vivian Plante
Thurs. 7:30 AM	John Gulla	Ruthe Corbally
Fri. 7:30 AM	Donald Muller	Doreen & Richard Muller
11:00 AM	Perry Sanford	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barchitta
Sat. 8:30 AM	Raymond Gregson	Joseph & Mary Ann Pellegrino
4:00 PM	The Haas & De Rogatis Families	Francine & Fred Haas
5:30 PM	Beatrice Regan & Kim Garron	Gregory & Joanne Kronowski
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Joseph Papp	Charlotte Streno
10:00 AM	Margaret Gulino	Husband, Charlie
12:00 PM	John Orrico	Wife, Mary Orrico

*To all our Parishioners &  
Visiting Families,*

*We would like to wish you a  
happy, healthy, blessed  
Christmas and New Year!*

*Father Bob and Parish Staff*



**"Mary, Holy Mother of God"**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

**(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year)**

9:00AM Mass only (No 7:30AM Mass)

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS December 31, 2017**

1st Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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



### **Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Peter J. Kalibat

Doris Conlon

Paul L. Gratzel

Ralph A. Padrone

### **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, Lillian Schneller, Bob Schneller, Bishop John M. Smith, Janet Hlavac, Carol Auletto, Arlene De Jura, Vivian Kircher, Rev. Joseph Hlubik, Chellesa Chorelus (child), 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, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Rev. Gene Roberts, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, John Curtin, Marie O'Connor, Barbara Marriotti, Phillip Di Bello, Josephine Mc Cabe, Patricia Duran, Jack Reuther, Beverly Nalducci, Joanne Demont, Kevin Hufford.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Confessions will not be heard on  
Saturday, December 30, 2017.



### ***Saint Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer***

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which you alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude  
for your infinite goodness.  
Join them together in your love.  
And give us your heavenly peace.  
Amen.

*We wish you a Blessed Christmas and please remember all those who are alone  
or lonely or homeless this Christmas.*

### 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

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, March 13, 2018  
(No Meetings in Jan. & Feb.)**

### 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., January 17,  
2018**

### 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 2 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.

**LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION RETREAT** to be held FRI - JAN 5, 2018 7-10 pm in the Parish Center.

**LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION FUN DAY** to be held SAT - JAN 6, 2018 in the Faith Formation Center.

Group A - 9:30 am Group B - 1:00 pm

*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; games, activities, hang out & pizza while getting closer to God! Check out our web site: [www.paxteens.com](http://www.paxteens.com)

**The next meeting: Friday, January 5, 2018,  
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

### This Week's Senior Moment

"May the birth of Christ ignite your heart with love, illuminate your spirit with joy, and inspire you and your family this season and throughout the year ahead."

Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA  
President, Villanova University

### Collections for December 16 & 17, 2017

**Total: \$19,728.00 \***

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.

## 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.**



### Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **January 21, 2018**. 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.

### Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

*Chase Thomas Sempkowski ~ Son of  
Daniel and Katie Sempkowski*  
*Samuel Kwabena Gyamfi Obeng ~ Son of  
George and Catherine Obeng*



### Save the Date!

## Fraud Prevention Seminar

**Wednesday, January 19, 2018**

*(After 11:00am chapel Mass)*

**St. Luke Parish Center ~ 12:00pm to 1:30pm**

Snacks will be available

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**Seminar Presenters from  
The Ocean County Department of Consumer Affairs**

- Stephen Scaturro, Director
- Edward Mc Bride, Deputy Director

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*Come learn how to avoid being scammed, and  
what to do about it if your are!*

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

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

And more!

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



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

**stlukeconference.org**

"Do not hold back good from those to whom it is owing, when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do it." (Proverbs 3:27) The poor, the hungry, and the afflicted do not suffer only at Christmastime. If you perceive that someone needs help and it is within "the power of your hand" to assist, why wait for a holiday to act? Your kindness and compassionate actions will be blessed. "Every first day of the week let each of you at his own house set something aside in store as he may be prospering." (1 Corinthians 16:2) The apostle Paul gave that advice to early Christians who wanted to help the poor. Could you 'set aside,' or budget, some money that you can regularly give to individuals or to an organization that uses its funds wisely? In this way, you ensure that you care for the needy while still giving within your means.

### 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

You shop – Amazon donates.

**<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,  
PAPER TOWELS, SOUP, STORAGE BAGS  
MAC AND CHEESE, CAN CORN

*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.**