

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 22 - 28, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Peter Thrunk	Frank & Tonianne Smith & Family
		Dorothy Gornick	Chuck & Marlene Kern
Tues.	7:30 AM	Carlo Segreto	Frank & Nina Smith & Family
		Jeff Van Etten	Martin & Denise Smith
Wed.	7:30 AM	Priscila Epino ~ 40 days death anniv.	Ellen Epino
		Maureen Urbaniak	The Hromy Family
	11:00 AM	Michelle Medvetz	James & Helen Gibbons
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Dolores Fasano, Happy Anniversary	Husband, Louis
Fri.	7:30 AM	Robert Donoghue	The Donoghue Family
		Michelle Medvetz	Cmdr. James Sneddon & Members of VFW Post 8885, Greenbriar Woodlands
	11:00 AM	Ed Drach	Sister, Pat Napolitano
Sat.	8:30 AM	For our sisters and brothers who suffered and died on the "Trail of Tears"	
	4:00 PM	That we hear Christ's message of love and inclusion	
	5:30 PM	End of nuclear proliferation through peaceful means	
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Gail Cook	Harriet & Al Bruzzese
		Deceased Members of the Bruzzese & Burtis Families	Harriet & Al Bruzzese
	10:00 AM	Michael Killeen	Wife, Jennifer
		Yan Mary Lin	Family
	12:00 PM	Joan & Ted Myszka (Living) ~ 65th Wedding Anniversary	The Myszka Family
		John Fratello	Wife, Maria & Children

Newly Baptized Member of St. Luke Church

*John Barrett Caswell ~ Son of
Scott and Dawn Caswell*



St. Luke Altar Flowers

January 20 - 26, 2018

In Front of St. Joseph:

Special Intention

Req. by Reynaldo Lapid

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



Blessing of Throats

The weekend of February 3 & 4, 2018,
St. Luke Church will have a general
blessing of the throats at each Mass
in honor of St. Blasé.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Michelle Medvetz Concetta Sireci
Anne Pescatore*

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, Elizabeth Marino, Teodora Warner (child), Rosemarie Steurman, Marianne Mazzei, Tom Nardini, Meghan Stahl, Laura Higgins, Roger Foco, Larry Reagan, Carla De Jura Resetar, James Rauh, Mary Aloia, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Barbara Walsh, Teresa Medvetz, Daniel Carey, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, John Curtin, Marie O'Connor, Barbara Marriotti, Phillip Di Bello, Patricia Duran, Jack Reuther, Beverly Nalducci, Joanne Demont, Kevin Hufford, Mark La Rochelle, Bob Porvavnik, Daniel Washington, Bernard Grillo, Dominick Bongiorno, Brother Robert Martineau, Phyllis Kindler.

This Week's Senior Moment

"Aging challenges us to remember that God uses our natural human condition as a teaching aid so that we can better accept the power of God's love ever more personally."

*"12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality ...
Powerful lessons on Living Agelessly"
Dr. Richard Johnson, PhD*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 28, 2018

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

A Letter from Deacon Lou

January 2018

My dear fellow parishioners,

I was ordained a deacon in the Trenton Diocese on May 14, 1994. My first assignment was at St. Justin Martyr Parish. I transferred to St. Luke Parish in May 2001. As most of you know, I have had Parkinson's for the past ten years. My symptoms have worsened and new ones presented themselves to the point that it has become very difficult to continue to carry out my duties as a deacon. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that I must write this letter to announce my retirement as of February 1, 2018. My last assigned Mass is at 12:00 pm on Sunday, January 28th.

I am grateful to the late Fr. Lou Kralovich for welcoming me into St. Luke Parish in 2001. I thank Fr. Bob, our pastor, for his continued support over the past several years. I want to thank Deacon Joe DeMaria and Deacon Bob Pladek who made every effort to make things easier for me during the last couple of years. I thank all of our altar servers. They have been a very big help for me.

Although there is no monetary compensation for deacons, the rewards I have received are priceless and more than I could have imagined. I married all of my children, baptized all of my grandchildren, gave most of them their First Holy Communion and assisted at my mother's Funeral Mass. I have had the privilege of doing this for other family members and friends as well. I feel the greatest privilege has been to stand within feet of the altar during the Consecration, when the celebrant miraculously changes simple bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

I thank you for your friendship, your love and support, your kind words, handshakes, hugs and for laughing at my jokes over the years. I am not going anywhere; but, instead of being up at the altar during Mass, I will be in the pew with my wife, Sharyn, sitting next to you. I look forward to your continued handshakes and hugs; and know for sure, I will have many more jokes to tell. I will continue to be the Spiritual Director for the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Rosary Altar Society, and perhaps something else every now and then.

Thank you for allowing me to serve God and you here at St. Luke's. It has been my sincere joy and honor. Please keep me in your prayers as I will continue to pray for you. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Deacon Lou

Deacon Lou Cartnick

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, February 5**



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 February 4th.

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, February 20**

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
(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., February 21**

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.

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they begin their final preparations for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

The First Reconciliation Celebration for our Level 2 Students will take place on Wednesday, Jan 24 2018 at 4:30 pm in the Church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

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

The next meeting: Friday, February 2, at 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Center.



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.

Collections for January 13 & 14, 2018

Total: \$17,397.00 *

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.

2017 Collection Statements

A record of your contributions to St. Luke Church is kept based on your envelope number. Statements with your total 2017 weekly donations for IRS will be issued upon request to the Parish Office, 732-286-2222. You will receive your requested statement at the beginning of February.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers!

Extraordinary Ministers are desperately needed to visit and bring communion to our homebound parishioners. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and could devote some time to this important ministry for the homebound, please call the Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.

Our Promise to Protect, Our Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at:

abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities



Bake Sale

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 29
The Weekend of January 27 & 28,
in the St. Luke Narthex, after all Masses.

Buy a special treat at the same time help the Boy Scouts!

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 Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



St. Vincent de Paul Society stlukeconference.org

General Meeting – New Date and Location

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold it's monthly General Meeting this **Thursday, January 25**. For those interested in the Society and its work, please join us in the **Parish Center at 6:30PM** for fellowship followed by our meeting.

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.

Visit <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:

VANILLA ENSURE, COFFEE, TEA,
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.**

Please Note New Parish Office Hours:

The Parish Office: 9:00AM-4:00PM Monday through Thursday; 9:00AM-12:00PM on Fridays.

Religious Ed Office: Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-4:00PM, closed on Fridays. (no change)

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.