

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 8 - 14, 2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Equestrian Ladies of Virginia (Living)	Eddie Lagno
	Jesse Luis (Living)	Eddie Lagno
Tues. 7:30 AM	Leonard Maselli	Wife, Nicoletta & Children
	John Corigliano (Living)	Pat Vella
Wed. 7:30 AM	Vincente Epino	Ellen Epino
11:00 AM	Philomena Kindregan	Lynn & Jim Gannon
	Joseph Rizzo	The Lis Garden
Thurs. 7:30 AM	For those suffering from chronic illness	
Fri. 7:30 AM	For those we have been asked to pray for	
11:00 AM	For our government officials	
Sat. 8:30 AM	For mercy and forgiveness	
4:00 PM	Marvin Schneider	The Lapid & Hamada Family
	Joseph Della Fave	Lee & Frank, Jim & Jenny Mets
5:30 PM	Lt. Michael Federico	Mark & Karla O'Connor
	Kathy Shouldice	Mark & Karla O'Connor
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	Mario Desabota	Maria Desabota
	Gail Cook	Joan Mennella
10:00 AM	Alfred & Josephine Verga	Tom & Juanita Moriarty
	Neil Fitzpatrick	The Salvatore Family
12:00 PM	Joseph Sullivan	Donna & Michael Dalelio
	Robert Higgins	MMCSC Case Management Department

Martin Luther King Day

January 15, 2018

Mass Time: 7:30 AM



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Jane Cirignano Elizabeth L. Romano
Daniel Santa Maria Michael J. Howard

Please Note: The Parish Office & Religious Ed Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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, 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.



St. Luke Altar Flowers

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

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 by the beginning of February.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 14, 2018

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 Gospel: John 1:35-42

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

Please Note New 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)



Merry Christmas!

This weekend with our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, we end our Christmas Season and enter into Ordinary Time. It is the Feast of the Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi and the revelation of the infant Jesus as a king—God Incarnate. Have you ever wondered why God made himself known to those who lived on the fringes of society and outcasts (shepherds) and to outsiders and foreigners (Magi) but not to the powers of the world? Why were their eyes open while others remained closed? Why were their hearts ready to receive Mercy Incarnate yet others remained closed? On New Year's Eve, Pope Francis asked the question: "What can the Lord give to someone whose heart is full of themselves, of their own success?" This self-centeredness is what blinded Herod and the authorities from seeing Emmanuel-God with us.

While there are many traditions associated with this celebration including the giving of gifts, baking and eating of King Cakes, the writing of "K + M + B + the year" in chalk above the door lintel, and, if you haven't already, you'll be packing away all of your Christmas decorations including your crèche. But as we put away the 'evidence' of Christmas, what remains? Were our eyes opened? Were our hearts opened? Were we changed? And what does that mean as we go forward?

Ordinary Time will be quickly punctuated by the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. As Pope Francis also offered on New Year's Eve, let us "choose to do good, taking advantage of opportunities to give good witness that we're disciples of Christ."

And to our Lord, thank you for loving us so much, that you chose to make yourself small and vulnerable and become one of us. And may we always strive to love the same way.

Also, please remain safe and healthy in this very cold weather and with colds and the flu season well underway. And remember, it is not a sin to miss Mass if you are not feeling well.

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



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

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., January 17

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 8 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.

There will be no Religious Ed classes on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15.

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, January 12, 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:

December 23 & 24:	\$16,113.00 *
Christmas:	48,516.00 *
December 30 & 31:	16,829.00 *
Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary:	1,465.00 *

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 Nar-thex 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.

This Week's Senior Moment

"Retirement challenges us to take advantage of the newly found personal time we have at this stage in our life ... and listen to the sounds of our souls. God is ready to speak to us, we just have to listen to hear Him."

"Creating a Successful Retirement"

Dr. Richard Johnson, Ph.D.

Save the Date!

Fraud Prevention Seminar

Friday, January 19, 2018

(After 11:00am chapel Mass)

St. Luke Parish Center

12:00pm to 1:30pm

Snacks will be available

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

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

*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**

In December 2017, the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry provided 1,135 bags of food to 179 Families consisting of 323 Adults and 77 Children. In December, the pantry gave an average of 6.3 bags of groceries to every family.

The food pantry also provided Christmas meals to 153 families. Last Christmas we provided dinners to 129 families. This is an increase of 24 families served over last year. Fortunately we have the support and dedicated volunteers to provide this service.

Rev. Steve needs winter coats and warm clothing, blankets & propane tanks for those wintering over in Howell. These can be dropped off at the Food Pantry during regular hours.

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:

**COFFEE, TEA
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, 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.**