

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Jonathan Gonzalez (Living) Mary Treadwell	Clara Antoncich Sisters, Rose & Elizabeth & Nephew, Kevin
Tues.	7:30 AM	Bernie Irving Caesar Daraio	Maura & Tracy Mc Kenna & Families Judy & Hank Cerelli
Wed.	7:30 AM	Raymond Sabo	Kathleen Kriegbaum
	11:00 AM	Thomas J. Flannagan The Morrill Family	Wife, Pat Daughter & Sister, Pat
Thurs.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Fri.	7:30 AM	Helen & Richard Bator	Vivian Plante
	11:00 AM	The Malkunas Family	Mary Ann Farese
Sat.	8:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	4:00 PM	Michael Di Lillo Frank Sasso	Wife, Gloria Wife, Marge
	5:30 PM	Margaret Perrotta	Mary & Tom Fraher
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Allison Kidney Caesar J. Daraio	John & Mary Nadasky Carl & Annmarie Marshall
	10:00 AM	Peter Wasko The Ditchkus Family	The Wasko Family Eleanor Ditchkus
	12:00 PM	Kim Maguire –1st Anniv. in Heaven Maria Grazia Giannotta	John J. Maguire Jr. Daughter, Maria Lazzaro

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 19, 2018

Mass Time: 7:30AM

Parish Office & Religious Ed office will be closed



Communal Lenten Penance Services

St. Barnabas, Bayville ~ Monday, March 19, 7:00PM
 St. Maximilian Kolbe, T.R. ~ Wed., March 21, 12:00PM
 St. Joseph, Toms River ~ Thursday, March 22, 7:00PM
 St. Justin, Toms River. ~ Friday, March 23, 7:00PM
St. Luke, Toms River ~ Tuesday, March 27, 7:00PM

**Join us at St. Luke Church each Friday during Lent
for the beautiful devotion of**

The Stations of the Cross:

February 16 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
 February 23 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
 March 2 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
 March 9 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
 March 16 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
 March 23 ~ After 11:00AM Mass & at 7:00PM
 March 30 (Good Friday) ~ at 7:00PM

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 25, 2018

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Patricia A. Marcinak William Bachmann
Alan Alleva*

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, 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), Carol D'Oriano, Steven Haas, Teodora Warner (child), 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, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, John Curtin, 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, Christopher Cirone, Paul Azotea, Joanne Kronowski, Helen Donald, Ron Jobin, Jonathan Gonzalez, Barbara Walsh, Marie Wisnieski, John Cirignano.



Pope Francis General Audience on 12/20/2017—Catechesis on the Mass

Then there is the *sign of the Cross*. The presiding priest traces the sign on himself and all the members of the assembly do likewise, knowing that the liturgical act is performed “in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” And here I will mention another tiny subject. Have you seen how children make the sign of the Cross? They do not know what they are doing: sometimes they make a design, which is not the sign of the Cross. Please, mom and dad, grandparents, teach the children, from the beginning — from a tender age — to make the sign of the Cross properly. And explain to them that it is having Jesus’ Cross as protection. The Mass begins with the sign of the Cross. The whole prayer moves, so to speak, within the space of the Most Holy Trinity — “In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” — which is the space of infinite communion; it has as its beginning and end the love of the Triune God, made manifest and given to us in the Cross of Christ. In fact his Paschal Mystery is the gift of the Trinity, and the Eucharist flows ever from his pierced Heart. When we make the sign of the Cross, therefore, we not only commemorate our Baptism, but affirm that the liturgical prayer is the encounter with God in Jesus Christ, who became flesh, died on the Cross and rose in glory for us.

Thus, the priest offers the *liturgical Greeting* with the expression: “The Lord be with you” or something similar — there are several; and the assembly responds: “And with your spirit”. We are in a dialogue; we are at the beginning of the Mass and we must think about the significance of all these gestures and words. We are entering a “symphony”, in which various tones of voice resonate, including moments of silence, in view of creating “harmony” among all the participants, which is to acknowledge that they are animated by a unique Spirit and for the same aim. Indeed, by the priest’s “Greeting and the people’s response, the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest” (*General Instructions of the Roman Missal*, n. 50). In this way we express the common faith and the mutual wish to abide with the Lord and to live in unity with the entire community.

And this is a prayerful symphony which is being created, and it immediately presents a very moving moment, because the presiding priest invites everyone to acknowledge their sins. We are all sinners. I do not know, perhaps someone among you is not a sinner.... If someone is not a sinner, raise your hand, please, so we can all see. But there are no hands raised, okay: you have good faith! All of us are sinners; and for this reason at the start of Mass we ask forgiveness. It is the *Act of Penitence*.

It is not a matter of only thinking about the sins committed, but much more: it is the invitation to confess our sins before God and before the community, before our brothers and sisters, with humility and sincerity, like the tax collector at the Temple. If the Eucharist truly renders present the Paschal Mystery, meaning Christ’s passing from death to life, then the first thing we have to do is recognize our own situation of death in order to rise again with him to new life. This helps us understand how important the Act of Penitence is. And we will return to this theme in the next catechesis.

We are going to explain the Mass step by step. But please: teach the children to make the sign of the Cross properly, please!

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, March 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 March 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**

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**

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**

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.

A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" for your generous support of our Level 8 Confirmation Bake Sale "Sweets for Your Sweetie" this past weekend. We raised an amazing \$1,540 to benefit the Center in Asbury Park. In addition, we learned that by working together we can make great things happen and put our faith into action!

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, March 2
at 7:00-9:00PM** in the Parish Center.

Bereavement - Continuing Support Group Thursday Evenings

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. **Registration is required.** Please call to register or for additional meeting details: **848-226-6220**.

Collections for February 10 & 11, 2018

Total: \$14,914.00 *

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.

This Week's Senior Moment

"A new definition of retirement is emerging that reveals a time of life filled with vibrancy, vitality and a conscious structured personal effort to enhance one's relationship with God."

"Creating a Successful Retirement with Peace and Purpose"

Dr. Richard P. Johnson, PhD

"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew." ~ *Pope Francis*

Annulment Information Sessions

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors **Annulment Information Sessions** annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. The local sessions are: **Ocean County** on March 8, 7:30pm, at St. Mary, Barnegat; **Monmouth County** on March 1, 7:30pm at St. Michael, Long Branch and March 12, 7:30pm at St. Mary, Colt's Neck. For more information or other locations, call 609-406-7411 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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 – 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 February 22**. For those interested in the Society and its work, please join us in the Parish Center at **6:45 PM** for fellowship followed by our meeting.

In January 2018, the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry provided 1,049 bags of food to 157 Families consisting of 289 Adults and 72 Children.

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, VANILLA ENSURE,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

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.**



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