

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4, 2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Alan Alleva	Chuck & Marlene Kern
Tues. 7:30 AM	Marlene Nepomucino	The Lapid & Hamada Family
	Michael Vorrasi	Mother, Anne
Wed. 7:30 AM	Catherine & John Mc Carthy (Living)	John Mc Carthy
11:00 AM	Lawrence Torro	Wife, Annette
Thurs. 7:30 AM	Joseph & Maria Tagliaferro	Carmen & Carmela Pelaia
	Margaret Mc Laughlin	Daughter, Alice Cariello
Fri. 7:30 AM	Daniel Hladney	Brother, Robert Hladney
11:00 AM	Robert & Helen Murray	Robert & Mary Murray
	Gail Landolfi	husband Bob, sons Rob & Jon
Sat. 8:30 AM	Thomas Scrudato	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Denesopolis
	Lucy Ann Terrone	Kelly Zuzic
4:00 PM	Connie Sireci	Ruthe Corbally
	Frank Corbally	Wife, Ruthe
5:30 PM	Jessie Ismaelito	Carmela Kaiser, Daughter
	Melonne Ade (Living)	Family
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
8:30 AM	The Rosary Altar Society Members	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
	Nellie & James Kelly	Pat & Tom Kelly
10:00 AM	Anthony Rapolla	Wife, Eleanor & Family
	Michael Federico	The Hawryluk Family
12:00 PM	Romola & Carla Ciaffi (Living) ~ 55th Wedding Anniversary	Gloria Marchio
	Joseph Modzelewski	Son, Larry & Maureen Modzelewski

TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION-St. Luke's website is: www.stluketomsriver.org

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



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Reverend Charles M. Yastishock
Lucy Ann Terrone Eleanor T. Guarini
Bob Porvaznik

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 Choresus (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, 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, Charles Nazzaro, John Hohmann, Mary Camarota, Isabella Borzumato, Charles Gagliano.

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

The Stations of the Cross:

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

This Week's Senior Moment

"Helping elderly people who isolate because of their negative view of aging can often be accomplished first by helping them change their attitude about aging itself. Remember, aging is not a diagnosis but simply the title of what can be the next satisfying chapter of their lives."

"Aging as a Spiritual Journey"

Eugene C. Bianchi, PhD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 4, 2018

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

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

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Taking up the catecheses on the Eucharistic Celebration, today we reflect, in the context of the rites of introduction, on the *penitential act*. In its sobriety, it fosters the attitude with which to dispose oneself to celebrate worthily the holy mysteries, namely, acknowledging our sins before God and brethren; acknowledging that we are sinners. In fact, the priest's invitation is addressed to the whole community in prayer, because we are all sinners. What can the Lord give to one whose heart is already full of himself, of his success? Nothing, because one who is presumptuous is incapable of receiving forgiveness, satiated as he is with his presumed justice. We think of the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, where only the latter – the publican — goes home justified, namely, forgiven (Cf. *Luke* 18:9-14). One who is aware of his miseries and lowers his eyes with humility, feels God's merciful look resting on him. We know from experience that only one who is able to acknowledge his mistakes and asks for forgiveness, receives the understanding and forgiveness of others.

To listen in silence to the voice of conscience enables us to recognize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided, that is, by choices that are contrary to the Gospel. Therefore, at the beginning of the Mass, we carry out communally the penitential act through a formula of *general confession*, pronounced in the *first person singular*. Each one confesses to God and to brethren "to have sinned much in thoughts, words, deeds and omissions." Yes, also in omissions, namely, of having neglected to do the good that one could have done. Often we feel we are good because — we say — "I haven't done wrong to any one." In reality, it's not enough not to have wronged our neighbor, we must choose to do good taking up occasions to give good witness that we are disciples of Jesus. It's good to stress that we confess, *be it to God or to brothers*, that we are sinners: this helps us to understand the dimension of sin that, while it separates us from God, also divides us from our brethren and vice versa. Sin breaks: it breaks the relationship with God and it breaks the relationship with brethren, the relationship in the family, in society and in the community: Sin always breaks, separates, divides.

The words we say with the mouth are accompanied by the *gesture of beating our breast*, acknowledging that I have sinned by my own fault, and not that of others. It often happens in fact that, out of fear and shame, we point the finger to accuse others. It costs to admit that we are culpable, but it does us good to confess it sincerely, to confess our sins. I remember a story, which an old missionary told, of a woman who went to confession and began to tell the errors of her husband; then she went on to tell the errors of her mother-in-law and then the sins of neighbors. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, lady, tell me, have you finished? — Very good: you have finished with others' sins. Now begin to tell yours." We must tell our sins!

After the confession of sin, we beseech the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and the Saints to pray to the Lord for us. In this also, the *communion of Saints* is precious: namely, the intercession of these "friends and models of life" (Preface of November 12) sustains us in the journey towards full communion with God, when sin will be definitively annihilated.

Beyond the "I confess," the penitential act can be done with other formulas, for instance: "Have mercy upon us, O Lord / We have sinned against you. / Show us thy steadfast love, O Lord. / And grant us thy salvation" (Cf. *Psalms* 123:3; 85:8; *Jeremiah* 14:20). Especially on Sunday, the blessing and the aspersion of water can be carried out in memory of our Baptism (Cf. *OGMR*, 51), which cancels all sins. And, as part of the penitential act, it's also possible to sing the *Kyrie eleison*: with the ancient Greek expression, we acclaim the Lord — Kyrios — and implore His mercy (*Ibid.*, 52).

Sacred Scripture offers us luminous examples of "penitent" figures that, looking into themselves after having committed a sin, find the courage to take off the mask and open themselves to the grace that renews the heart. We think of King David and of the words attributed to him in the Psalm: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions" (51:3). We think of the Prodigal Son who returns to the Father; or to the publican's invocation: "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (*Luke* 18:13). We think also of Saint Peter, of Zacchaeus, of the Samaritan woman. To measure oneself with the frailty of the clay of which we are kneaded is an experience that strengthens us: while it makes us deal with our weakness, it opens the heart to invoke the divine mercy, which transforms and converts. And this is what we do in the penitential act at the beginning of the Mass.

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, March 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

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., March 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 Tuesday 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 1 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; 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**.

Social Sunday



The next Social Sunday will be held on **March 18, 2018**. After all Masses everyone is invited to gather in the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship. Please join us to meet new friends or renew old acquaintances.

Collections for February 17 & 18, 2018

Total: \$16,101.00 *

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.**

Newly Baptized Members of St. Luke Church

Emma Catherine Vaccaro ~ Daughter of
Patsy and JoAnn Vaccaro
Elowyn Mae Burns ~ Daughter of
John Michael and Elaine Burns
Leah Rey Lamb Tinio ~ Daughter of
John and Shannon Tinio
John Anthony Kovacs II ~ Son of
Danielle Vicente and John Kovacs
Brody Daniel and Braylen Christopher Moser ~ Sons of
Mariah Field and Robert Moser



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.

On February 12, 2013, before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary the following was submitted for the record by the United States Committee of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):
"Proposals to Reduce Gun Violence: Protecting our Communities While Respecting the Second Amendment."

- Require universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limit civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
- Make gun trafficking a federal crime, and;
- Improve access to mental health care for those who may be prone to violence.

In addition to policies intended to curb gun violence, we must also look to our entertainers, especially film producers and video game creators, and encourage them to reflect on how their profit motives have allowed the proliferation of movies, television programs, video games, and other entertainment that glorify violence and pray on the vulnerabilities of our young people. Such portrayals of violence have desensitized all of us.

usccb.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

We wish to thank all of you for your generous donations to the Ash Wednesday collection. The St. Luke Conference depends very much on these donations to support our work with the poor in our community and donations are still coming in – God Bless!

On Thursday, February 15, about 30 SVdP members enjoyed an evening at the JBJ Soul Kitchen in the B.E.A.T. Center, 1769 Hooper Ave., Toms River. A good Meal, wonderful fellowship and support for the work of the kitchen. **The Soul Kitchen – 732-731-1414 – 5PM to 7PM is open to the public. Proceeds from the restaurant benefit the needy families in our area.**

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, JELLY, VANILLA ENSURE,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS**

Thank You For Helping Us To Help The Needy. God Bless!

“These victims have been robbed of their futures, but so have their parents, classmates and our nation. Yes we ask God’s blessing on the families of the victims, their classmates, teachers & community. We owe them that as we help them carry the burden of their suffering. But when it is so clear that direct action can be taken to prevent another day like this one, we cannot stand by and shrug our shoulders. Let us extend a hand to those suffering alienation and illness and help them find understanding, treatment & peace. Let us make it clear to our elected officials that the weapons and ammunition that facilitate this carnage have no place in our culture. We owe it to our children to protect the cherished freedoms so many have fought & died for: to worship, learn and work in safety. That is true patriotism. Leaders in our country who are in a position to make meaningful changes, need to hear the cries of the wounded & bereaved and open their hearts to the possibility of peace. Let us work & pray to that end.”

Cardinal Blase Cupich.

“We need to pray for the victims & their families because—as I witnessed firsthand at Columbine—their suffering is intense & long lasting. And we need to be angry: angry at our lawmakers for doing so little to prevent these catastrophes.”

Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM