

St. Luke Roman Catholic Church

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APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 2 - 8, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Edmund Burke	Peggy & Hugh Sharkey
Tues.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Wed.	7:30 AM	Victor Gagliano	Brother, Frank & Mary Gagliano
		Louise M. Svarczkopf	Husband, George
	11:00 AM	Tony Lehrer	Irene Piejak
		Nicholas Drach	Daughter, Pat Napolitano
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Pauline Denton	The Lapid & Hamada Family
Fri.	7:30 AM	Felicia May	Vincent & Marilyn Perito
		Vicente Epino	Ellen Epino
	11:00 AM	John Flynn	Margaret & Michael Flynn
		Brian Budd	The Tiplady Family
Sat.	8:30 AM	Rufino Lapid	The Lapid & Hamada Family
	4:00 PM	Ann Zika Persich	Sister, Mary Lou Sherry
		Louise Vanderway	Husband, George
	5:30 PM	Mary Mangan	Husband, Timothy Mangan
		Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dudas Sr. (Living) ~ 64th Wedding Anniversary	Joan Vuyovich & Family
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	10:00 AM	Nora Farrell	Margaret Daly
		Robert Porvaznik	St. Vincent de Paul Society
	12:00 PM	Vilma Lorenzini	Husband, Dave & children, Chris & Jackie
		Michael Hegarty	Harry & Betty Hart



To Our Parishioners & Visitors,

We wish you...

The gladness of Easter which is Hope,

The promise of Easter which is Peace,

The Spirit of Easter which is Love.

*Fr. Bob, the Priests, Deacons &
Staff of St. Luke*



Pray for the Recently Deceased

Ann M. Riordan

Gil Feliciano

Please Pray for the Sick

Myn Greuter, Joan Greuter, Elisa Greuter, Linda Greuter, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Jo Hardardt, Pat Petzold, Nina Parisi, Margaret Boland, Martha Olmstead, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Jenny Ralph, 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 Chorus (child), Carol D'Oriano, Steven Haas, Teodora Warner (child), Tom Nardini, Carla De Jura Resetar, Loretta Calcagni, Maryann Molner, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Phillip Di Bello, Jack Reuther, Joanne Demont, Daniel Washington, Bernard Grillo, Dominick Bongiorno, Brother Robert Martineau, Christopher Cirone, Paul Azotea, Joanne Kronowski, Helen Donald, Ron Jobin, Jonathan Gonzalez, Marie Wisnieski, John Cirignano, John Hohmann, Mary Camarota, Isabella Borzumato, Charles Gagliano, Jolanta Tylenda, John Mc Carthy, Catherine Mc Carthy, Ben Cala, Thomas Avena, Christine Luccarelli, Larry Reagan.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 8, 2018

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading: I John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!! HAPPY EASTER!!

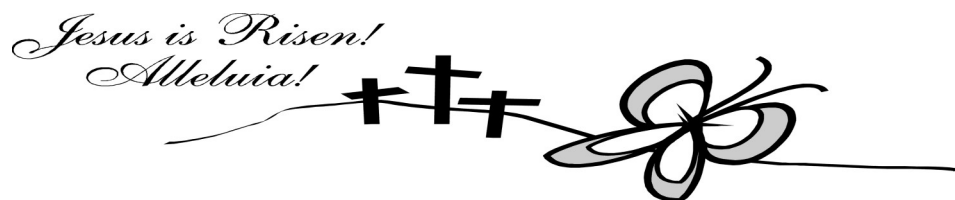
At our Easter Vigil, we welcomed into our parish family, 4 newly initiated Catholics: Hannah Franka, Rachael Landes, Madison Marino and Kevin Matthis, please continue to pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith. At the end of the Easter Season, the Feast of Pentecost, we will celebrate Confirmation for those who have been baptized but have to complete their Sacraments of Initiation with the conferral of Confirmation. If you know of anyone who desires Confirmation, please contact us ASAP!

With the beauty of Holy Week just past and this glorious day we celebrate today, we need to recognize that we are just now beginning our celebration of Easter. The Easter Season is not just 1 day, it lasts 50 days! And we hope you continue to celebrate with your extended family here at St. Luke and Happy Easter!

LOVE OVERCAME

Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release
redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travelers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the savior has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of
heaven and earth
Is complete.

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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, April 2**

The Sisters of Mercy will be in the Narthex selling 50/50 Chances at \$25 each to benefit the infirmed & retired Sisters on April 14 & 15. 10 Prizes will be awarded from \$25,000 to \$1,000. Drawing date is May 20, 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, April 17**

Parish Religious Education Program

This is a Level 4 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.

As per the 2017-2018 St Luke class schedule, there is NO CCD during Easter Week. Classes resume on MONDAY APRIL 9, 2018. Have a joyful Easter Break!

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!

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., April 18**

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, April 10**

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.

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, April 20
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.

This Week's Senior Moment

Heart-felt wishes for a Happy Easter Sunday, and a grace-filled Easter Season with an immense awareness that God's son, Jesus, died and then rose from the dead ... because He loves YOU!

St. Luke Parish Outreach for Maturing Adults

Collections for March 24 & 25, 2018

Total: \$21,631.00 *

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.

Support Group 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 evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm** in the Conference Room for nine consecutive weeks, **beginning on Thursday, April 19 and ending on June 14, 2018.** Pre-registration is required. Please call the Bereavement office at 848-226-6220 and leave your name and number. We will call you back.

Thank You!

The Ladies of the St. Luke Rosary Altar Society wish to thank everyone who supported our Palm Cross Sale and our Candy Sale. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity. May God bless you all.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tools for a Happy Retirement ! Tuesday, April 24, 2018

St. Luke Parish Center

Registration: 9:30am

Program: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Please bring your own lunch

Snacks, coffee, tea will be available

Seminar Parishioners & Facilitators:

- Tim Brennan, EdD

- Gemma Brennan, EdD

Come learn some simple tools to help you add more peace, serenity and mindfulness during your retirement years!



Social Sunday

The next Social Sunday will be held on **April 15, 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.

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

This Easter, let us celebrate the ultimate act of love carried out by this controversial, radical trouble-maker who challenged the status quo and the religious establishment. Easter is truly Good News for our poor neighbors. It is the high point of the story of Jesus, who embodied God's wild and untameable love for the vulnerable and the broken. And ultimately laid down his life to overcome the death and violence that enslaves us all. It is the story of a upside-down Kingdom that will come on earth as it is in heaven - a Kingdom that is nothing like the society we find ourselves in. A Kingdom that is Good News for the poor. This Easter, let us recommit to walking in His radical footsteps by recognizing that it's not ALL about us. Let us deny ourselves, remember the poor, and take up the cross. For it is only in dying that we find life. - Craig Greenfield

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, PAPER TOWELS,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, VANILLA ESSENCE**

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.**