

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 19 - 25, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Tues.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Wed.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	William Bachmann Giuseppina & Pasquale Di Nicola	The Ordecki Family Daughter, Grace
Thurs.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Fri.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	Kevin Hollywood Michael Di Lillo	Margaret Daly Wife, Gloria
Sat.	8:30 AM	Lucy Ann Terrone Ellen Epino ~ Happy Birthday (Living)	Daughter, Debbie Pritch The Alberto Family
	4:00 PM	Manny Mannarino Carol Mennella & Son, Edward	Wife, Laura Anthony Mennella
	5:30 PM	Debbie Tomore	Irene Bialas & Richard Pante
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners Daniel Hladney	Brother, Robert Hladney
	8:30 AM	Michelle Medvetz Bob Porvaznik	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomaszewski Friends
	10:00 AM	Edward Oltarzewski Edward & Alice Swartz	Fred & Maria Oltarzewski Vivian Plante
	12:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Maurice Family Richard Cannon	Melonne Ada Mom & Dad, Barbara & Jim

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

**There will be no confessions heard at St. Luke
 From March 28th - April 6th.**

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

The Stations of the Cross:

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS March 25, 2018 ~ Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47
 Readings may be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>



Pray for the Recently Deceased

*Rose Volturo William F. Ivan
 Mary Ellen Golda John G. Butler*

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, 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, Teresa Medvetz, Patrick Maloney, Maria Markus, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Robert Mc Laughlin, John Curtin, Phillip Di Bello, Patricia Duran, Jack Reuther, Joanne Demont, Mark La Rochelle, 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 Tylanda, John Mc Carthy, Catherine Mc Carthy, Ben Cala, Thomas Averna, Christine Luccarelli.



**THE PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK &
 EASTER SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE IN
 THE BULLETIN CARTS**



St. Luke Newly Baptized Member

*Caleb James Rivera ~ Son of
 Christine and Gracito Rivera Jr.*

Catechesis on the Mass—part 1, “The Gospel”

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Let us continue with the catechesis on the Holy Mass. We had reached the readings.

The dialogue between God and his people, developed in the Liturgy of the Word of the Mass, culminates in the proclamation of the Gospel. It precedes the chanting of the Alleluia — or, during Lent, another acclamation — with which “the assembly of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to it in the Gospel”.^[1] As the mysteries of Christ illuminate the entire biblical revelation, likewise, in the Liturgy of the Word, the Gospel constitutes the light for understanding the meaning of the biblical texts which precede it, both of the Old and the New Testaments. Indeed, “Christ himself is the centre and fullness of the whole of Scripture”.^[2] Jesus Christ is always at the centre, always.

Therefore the liturgy itself distinguishes the Gospel from the other readings and surrounds it with particular honour and veneration.^[3] Indeed, its reading is reserved to the ordained minister, who concludes by kissing the Book; it calls us to stand up to listen and to make the sign of the Cross on our forehead, our mouth and our breast; the candles and incense honour Christ, who, through the Gospel reading, makes his effective Word resonate. From these signs, the assembly recognizes the presence of Christ who gives them the “Good News” which converts and transforms. What occurs is a direct discourse, as attested by the acclamations with which we respond to the proclamation: “Glory to you, O Lord” and “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”. We stand up to listen to the Gospel: but it is Christ who is speaking to us, there. And this is why we are attentive, because it is a direct conversation. It is the Lord who is speaking to us.

Thus, in the Mass we do not read the Gospel in order to know how things happened, but rather, we listen to the Gospel in order to realize what Jesus once did and said; and that Word is living, the Word of Jesus that is in the Gospel is alive and touches my heart. Therefore, listening to the Gospel is very important, with an open heart, because it is the living Word. Saint Augustine writes: “The Gospel is the mouth of Christ. He is seated in heaven, but he has not stopped speaking on earth”.^[4] If it is true that in the liturgy “Christ is still proclaiming His Gospel”,^[5] it follows that, by participating in the Mass, we must give him a response. We listen to the Gospel and we must give a response in our life.

Pope Francis, General Audience, February 6, 2018

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 March 17 & 18, March 24 & 25. 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, March 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., March 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, April 10

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.

Just a reminder for all Level 2 Parents & Students...
Communion Fun Day – Saturday, March 24, 2018
Group A 9:30 am / Group B 1:00 pm
We will meet upstairs in the Faith Formation Center.

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!

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, March 23,
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.

Rosary Altar Society Candy Sale

St. Luke Rosary Altar Society is having an "Old Fashion Candy Bar" sale after all Masses on **Palm Sunday, March 24 & 25. Each bar is \$1.00.** Great stuffer for Easter Baskets! Thank you for your kind support.

Collections for March 10 & 11, 2018

Total: \$17,363.00 *

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.**

This Week's Senior Moment

"An aging person can continue life's journey with perspective: love is more important than always being right, compassion is more important than negativity, and listening intently to a friend is often more important than expressing personal opinions.

"Enjoying Retirement...Living Life to the Fullest"
Leonard Doohan, SJ

"Please do not water down your faith in Jesus Christ. We dilute fruit drinks — orange, apple or banana juice — but please do not drink a diluted form of faith. Faith is whole and entire, not something that you water down. It is faith in Jesus. It is faith in the son of God made man, who loved me and who died for me."

- Pope Francis (World Youth Day, July 25, 2013).

Palm Sunday

On March 25th, we will celebrate the final Sunday of Lent-Palm Sunday. This commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted as a king and within a week, executed as a criminal. There will be Palms available for you to take. Each Palm is a double, meaning that the one you take has TWO palm strips. Please be mindful that everyone who worships would like some palm. (If you need to dispose of last year's Palm strips, please bury them in your garden-do not bring them back to the parish). We also remind you that the liturgies can run a bit longer due to the reading of the Passion. This can affect the parking situation. Please remember we are Catholic Christians and the love and compassion God calls us to, and we experience in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, needs to extend to the Parking Lot.



Come Out & Enjoy a Fun Day of Golf

(Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus,
Toms River)

**The Bob Phillips Memorial Charity Golf Outing
At Gamblers Ridge Golf Club
Friday, May 11, 2018**

Food, Beverages, Prizes ~ \$100 per Golfer
Call to reserve a spot: Ray Gabbia 732-279-3300
Or Glenn Frantz 732-864-7239

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**

Since 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has offered charitable works to those in need.

Each conference is sponsored by their local church. St. Luke Conference, in Toms River, has been helping those in need in our local community for the last 9 years. We are 100% volunteer staffed and we assist with food, rent, utilities and a vast array of resource referrals to hundreds of families a year, many of which would not be able to meet their basic needs without our help. Many of these people who come to us for assistance are elderly, disabled or single parents trying to raise children on limited resources. We are proud to be their strength and support when there seems to be no other hope.

The St. Luke Conference of the SVdP will hold it's monthly General Meeting this Thursday at 7:00PM. 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:
COFFEE, TEA, PAPER TOWELS,
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.**

No Greater Love

**A Vibrant Musical Drama Celebrating
the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ**
at St. Justin the Martyr Church,
975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River
Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 4:00pm

The Xavier Company is a unique group of Christian performing artists in residence at NYC's Saint Francis Xavier Church. Freewill offering; refreshments in the Parish Hall after performance. For further info contact the St. Justin parish office at 732-270-3980.