

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Mary Cajohn Gail Cook	Daughter, Deborah & Stephen Weingroff Bill Cook
Tues. 7:30 AM	Mary, Martin & Fred Fett Yolanda Salvatore	Evelyn & Robert Macho Husband, John P. Salvatore
Wed. 7:30 AM	Anthony Cariello Teresa & Gennaro Cariello	Wife, Alice Daughter-in-law, Alice
11:00 AM	Louise Vanderway Pearl Dougherty	Husband, George Daughters, Kathy & Barbara
Thurs. 7:00 PM	Holy Thursday ~ The Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Fri. 3:00 PM	Good Friday ~ Sacred Liturgy	
Sat. 8:15 PM	Easter Vigil ~	St. Luke Parishioners
Sun. ~ Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord:		
7:00 AM	Mary Reilly	Mr. & Mrs. James Murray
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members Bao Yu Zheng	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society The Gao Family
10:00 AM	Rosaria Rosello Maria Berardo & Stephanie Kaminoff	Daughter, Maria Cangiano Anna Ascione-Hardman & Michael Hardman
12:00 PM	Dora Gallipoli Yan Zhu Lin	Ron & Margie George Family

St. Luke Parish Communal Lenten Penance Service Tuesday, March 27, 7:00PM



Pray for the Recently Deceased
Loretta Mc Cabe Waldemar Wojcik
Jonathan Stephan Fey

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

**Join us at St. Luke Church for the beautiful devotion
of**

The Stations of the Cross

March 30 (Good Friday) ~ at 7:00PM

St. Luke's Newly Baptized Members

Alanna Rose De Rogatis ~ Daughter of
Rosamarie and Anthony De Rogatis
 Jayce Alden Jackson ~ Son of
Marisa and Brian Jackson
 Sarah O'Neil Parisi ~ Daughter of
Monica and David Parisi
 Jack Michael Parisi ~ Son of
Monica and David Parisi



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

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| - Extraordinary Ministers | - Children's 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.

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 Aversa, Christine Luccarelli.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 1, 2018 ~ Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

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

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

How We Commemorate the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

This Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday which commemorates Jesus entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted with palm branches and cries and "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!". Within days, he would be abandoned, beaten, condemned, spat upon, mocked, ridiculed and crucified. My how we change when God doesn't fit our expectations of him or doesn't do what we want him to do.

This week, beginning with Palm Sunday, is the week that changed the world. The question is, will it change our hearts?

The Church offers many liturgies, not to help us recollect past events, but to make them present and real to us so that we may conform our lives to them. Hopefully, you will be able to be present and participate in all of them. If not, please commit to as many as you can.

On Monday, March 26th, the Diocese of Trenton celebrates the Chrism Mass with Bishop O'Connell and the priests and deacons of the diocese. This will take place at St. Robert Bellarmine, the Co-Cathedral, in Freehold at 7:30 pm. EVERYONE is encouraged to come! Bishop O'Connell will be consecrating the sacramental holy oils to be used in the parishes for the coming year.

On Tuesday, March 27th, we will celebrate God's mercy with our Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 pm.

On Wednesday, March 28th, we will observe the regular Mass Schedule— 7:30 am and 11:00 am.

On Thursday, March 29th, we will observe Morning Prayer at 9:00 am and the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm. This is the first day of the Triduum. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will have the washing of the feet (Jesus, a servant to all), followed by a candlelit procession to the Altar of Repose (in the Chapel) and Adoration until 11:00 pm. We leave the church in silence and darkness-the Passion of our Lord has begun.

On Friday, March 30th, we will observe Morning Prayer at 9:00 am and the Sacred Liturgy at 3:00 pm (the hour of our Lord's death). We will have Adoration of the Cross. In ancient times, shepherds kept track of their flock by placing pebbles in a pouch or slingshot. Stones are also a symbol of our soul or a mark of remembrance-stones never die. Also, in the Bible, an altar is usually comprised of a pile of stones. The altar at St. Luke is made of stone, and inscribed on the back is "In Finem Dilexit Eos" which translates "He loved them until the end". Our crucifix sits above the altar-the altar where Jesus is made present under the species of bread and wine. At the end of the liturgy, if you so choose, you are invited to place a stone at the foot of the cross. We will have a Good Friday version of Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

On Saturday, March 31st, we will observe Morning Prayer at 9:00 am. At 11:00 am we invite everyone to bring their basket of Easter Food to the church to be blessed. At 8:15 pm we will begin the Easter Vigil with the lighting of the Easter Fire on the Plaza. We will enter the church in darkness-but not for long. This is the first Mass of Easter and Jesus is Risen! Death has no power over him! We will also welcome into the Church 4 new members: Hannah Franka, Rachael Landes, Madison Marino and Kevin Matthis. If you have never experienced Easter Vigil-you must. Do not be afraid!

On Sunday, April 1st, we will observe our normal Sunday Mass schedule: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

We will celebrate the Easter season until the Feast of Pentecost on May 20th.

So, this is not solely the week that changed the world, it is the week that STILL changes the world, if we are changed.

ALLELUIA!

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 24 & 25 and 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 5 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 will be NO CCD CLASSES from Thursday, March 29 through Thursday, April 5. PREP classes will 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

"Our maturing years can be thought of as God's gifts of time to us so that we can more finely cut and polish the diamond that is our relationship with Him."

*"12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality ...
Powerful Lessons on Living Agelessly"*

Richard P. Johnson, PhD

Collections for March 17 & 18, 2018

Total: \$17,562.00 *

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 Wednesday, 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.

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!



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.

POAC Autism Services Fundraiser Event at

FIVE BELOW

Route 37, Toms River

March 24, 2018—March 31, 2018

Monday-Saturday, 10am-9pm, Sunday 10am to 7pm

10% of total dollars spent will be donated to POAC Autism Services

You must bring a flyer to the event for POAC to receive credit for your purchase. Flyers are located on the table in the St. Luke Narthex.



St. Vincent de Paul Society **stlukeconference.org**

As he rode into Jerusalem, the crowd greeted Jesus as the one who would fulfill their desires.

It was a moment of triumph. Many Christians focus on Jesus as a triumphant figure. However, this is only one side of Jesus and one dimension of God. If we continue to focus on triumphant, powerful Jesus, we see only the human constructions of Jesus becoming Christ and a part of the Trinity. We will fail to recognize the humanity of Jesus. We forget that Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus (*John 11:35*). Jesus prayed before his impending arrest and execution, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (*Luke 22:42*). Jesus loved the poor and was the poor. Jesus was born poor, lived poor and died poor. Despite these and other examples, Christians often want to ignore or push aside the humanity of Jesus who cared for the poor.

In February 2018,, the St. Luke Conference Food Pantry provided 1034 bags of food to 149 Families consisting of 265 Adults and 69 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, PAPER TOWELS, STORAGE BAGS, 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.**