

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 5 - 11, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Gertrude Mullaney	Chuck & Marlene Kern
Tues.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
Wed.	7:30 AM	Daniel Smith	Angela Giglio
	11:00 AM	Albert & Margaret Otranto	Robert & Mary Murray
Thurs.	7:30 AM	Craig Malecki	Mom, Bernadette Malecki & Ann Guzzardi
Fri.	7:30 AM	Rita Sheehan	Friend, Jill
	11:00 AM	Special Intention	Patricia Lee
Sat.	8:30 AM	Carmela Auriemma	Eileen & Bill Strallow
	4:00 PM	Betty Caputo	Dolores Zonghetti
	5:30 PM	John J. Donald	Wife, Helen Donald
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Mario Desabota	Tereza Perin
		Allison Kidney	Fran Petik
	10:00 AM	PFC Vincent M. Frassetto, USMC	Parents, John & Teri Frassetto
		Rose Marie Tomburo	Husband, Anthony Tomburo
	12:00 PM	Patrick J. Blewett	Wife, Marcella
		The Bilaitis Family	Eleanor Ditchkus

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

### ***The Stations of the Cross:***

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

### **THE SCRUTINIES**

We are now entering the Third Week of Lent. Over the next three weeks (3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays) at the 8:30 am Mass, we will be celebrating what we call the "Scrutinies" These very special rites are celebrated at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us at the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election. Since the Elect are present at the 8:30 Liturgy, we use the readings from Year A for the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent. These are ancient rites and they may, at first seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We all need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the area of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin-in what we do and what we fail to do. We all really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers. Our Elect, Hannah, Rachael, Madison & Kevin, ask that you pray for them as they continue towards full reception of the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

### ***NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS***

***March 11, 2018***

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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



### **Pray for the Recently Deceased**

*Vivian Puccio  
Barbara Walsh*

*Helen Antonic  
Charles Nazzaro*

### **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 Chorus (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, 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, Marie Wisnieski, John Cirignano, John Hohmann, Mary Camarota, Isabella Borzumato, Charles Gagliano, Yolanta Tylanda, John Mc Carthy, Catherine Mc Carthy, Catherine Otto.

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### **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  
after Tuesday, March 27th, until  
Saturday, April 7th.**

## The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the course of the catecheses on the Eucharistic Celebration, we reflected on the Penitential Act that helps us to strip ourselves from our presumptions and to present ourselves to God as we really are, conscious of being sinners, in the hope of being forgiven.

In fact, the gratitude expressed in the “Gloria” comes to life from the encounter between human misery and divine mercy; <it is> “a very ancient and venerable hymn with which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and beseeches God the Father and the Lamb” (*Ordinamento Generale del Messale Romano*, 53).

The beginning of this hymn – “Glory to God in the highest” — takes up the song of the Angels at Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, joyful proclamation of the embrace between Heaven and earth. This song involves us also, recollected in prayer: “Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will.” After the “Gloria,” or when this isn’t, immediately after the Penitential Act, the prayer takes a particular form in the prayer called “Collect,” through which is expressed the character proper of the celebration, variable according to the days and the times of the year (Cf. *Ibid.*, 54). With the invitation “Let us pray,” the priest exhorts the people to recollect themselves with him in a *moment of silence*, in order to be conscious of being in the presence of God and have arise, in each one’s heart, the personal intentions with which he takes part in the Mass (Cf. *Ibid.*, 54). The priest says “Let us pray”, and then comes a moment of silence, and each one thinks of the things of which he is in need, what he wishes to ask for in prayer.

The silence isn’t reduced to the absence of words, <but> rather in disposing oneself to listen to other voices: that of our heart and, especially, the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the liturgy, the nature of the sacred silence depends on the moment in which it takes place: “During the Penitential Act and after the invitation to prayer, it helps recollection; after the Reading or the homily, it’s a call to meditate briefly on what one has heard; after Communion, it fosters interior prayer of praise and supplication” (*Ibid.*, 4r5). Therefore, before the initial prayer, silence helps to recollect ourselves in ourselves and to think why we are there. See then the importance of listening to our spirit to then open it to the Lord. Perhaps we come from days of toil, of joy, of sorrow, and we want to say it to the Lord, to invoke His help, to ask that He be close to us; we <might> have sick relatives and friends or who are going through difficult trials; we want to entrust to God the fate of the Church and of the world. And for this the brief silence is useful, before the priest, *gathering the intentions of each one*, expresses in a loud voice to God, in the name of all, the common prayer that ends the Rites of Introduction, doing in fact the “*Collect*” of the individual intentions. I earnestly recommend to priests to observe this moment of silence and not go in a hurry: “Let us pray,” and that silence be kept. I recommend this to priests. Without this silence, we risk neglecting the recollection of the soul.

The priest recites this supplication, this Collect prayer, with his arms spread, which is the attitude of the worshipper, assumed by Christians from the first centuries — as the frescoes of the Roman catacombs attest — to imitate Christ with His arms open on the wood of the cross. And there, Christ is the Worshipper and is at the same time the prayer! In the Crucified we recognize the Priest that offers to God the worship that pleases Him, namely, filial obedience.

In the Roman Rite the prayers are concise but rich in meaning: beautiful meditations can be made on these prayers, which are so beautiful! To return to meditate the texts, also outside of the Mass, can help us to learn how to address God, what to ask for, what words to use. May the liturgy be able to become for all of us a true school of prayer.

**-Pope Francis, General Audience, January 10, 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, 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 this Sunday, 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 8 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 PREP class schedule, there will be NO CLASS this week: Tuesday - Thursday.

- March 6 – Confirmation Reconciliation Service
- March 7 – Confirmation Practice
- March 8 – Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers!

### 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](http://www.paxteens.com)

**The next meeting: Friday, March 16  
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 24 & 25, 2018

**Total: \$14,210.00 \***

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](http://www.faithdirect.net).

**Thank you for your generous support.**

\* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through FaithDirect.



### 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.

### ST. LUKE CHURCH HAS ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS IN OCEAN COUNTY -

#### THE FUNERAL MINISTRY!

We are a very unique group with a goal of making funeral Masses personal & memorable. We are currently looking for new members, who will be thoroughly trained, to assist families at this overwhelming time.

Give us a try—we look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Genevieve Conroy at 732-822-5699



### Palm Crosses

The St. Luke Rosary Altar Society will be selling Palm Crosses after all Masses on the weekend of **March 17 & 18, 2017, at \$10.00 each**. They will ONLY be sold the weekend BEFORE Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support.

### 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.

### God's Special People Collection

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4969, will be in the St. Luke Narthex after all Masses the **weekend of March 10 & 11 for their annual God's Special People collection**. Each year, collected funds are donated to local groups and organizations that provide services to children and adults with special needs, including Easter Seals, Our Special Kids of Toms River, 21 Plus, the Holy Innocents Society, the New Lisbon Developmental Center and the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



### Reminder:

Daylight savings time begins next weekend, Sunday, March 11. Please turn your clocks ahead one hour after midnight next Saturday night.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our need for volunteers for ministry is ongoing.

- Extraordinary Ministers
- Lector
- AV Ministry
- Usher
- SVdP Society
- RCIA
- Children's Choir
- Children's Liturgy
- Choir
- Altar Server
- Catechist
- Social Sunday

And more!

Please call the Ministry Hotline at 848-226-6218.



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

By making himself poor, Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as Saint Paul says "that by his poverty you might become rich". This is no mere play on words or a catch phrase. Rather, it sums up God's logic, the logic of love, the logic of the incarnation and the cross. God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety. Christ's love is different! When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion; he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners, and to take upon himself the burden of our sins. In this way he chose to comfort us, to save us, to free us from our misery. It is striking that the Apostle states that we were set free, not by Christ's riches but by his poverty. - Pope Francis

**We thank the students of Mr. Kempton's 8th Grade CCD class for their enthusiastic support, that contributed to the success, of the SVdP Walk for the Poor.**

### 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, CANNED CORN & STRING BEANS,  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS**

**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.**

### This Week's Senior Moment

"Blame, judgment, criticism, resentment, brooding, anger: these are the vehicles of ill health, thieves of our vitality, and huge distractions in our goal to enhance our relationship with God during years of the aging process."

*"12 Keys to Ageless Spirituality ...  
Powerful Lessons in Living Agelessly"*

Richard Johnson, PhD