

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 23 - 29, 2018

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Fr. Bob Grodnicki 30th Anniversary in the Priesthood Ann D'Armiento	Husband, Ben
Tues.	7:30 AM	In Memory of Brian Connelly	Parents, Helen & John Connelly
Wed.	7:30 AM	For Missionaries	
	11:00 AM	Mary & Edward F. Leppert Giuseppina & Pasquale Di Nicola	The Leppert Family Daughters, Grace & Anne Marie
Thurs.	7:30 AM	For those who are persecuted for the Faith	
Fri.	7:30 AM	For the faithful departed	
	11:00 AM	Paul Weinland (Living)	Pat & John Sevos
Sat.	8:30 AM	For the spread of the Good News	
	4:00 PM	Robert Mc Crackin	Mary & Lois
	5:30 PM	Tedd Maliszewski	Teresa & Boguslaw Kurpiewski
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	
	8:30 AM	Louise Falco	Dr. & Mrs. Lamberto Nobleza
	10:00 AM	Nick Nickerson	Wife, Mercy
		Gil Feliciano	Pat & Pat O'Connor
	12:00 PM	Jeanne Sakoor Freake	Valerie & Bob Gill
		JD Shevlin	Dave Lorenzini & Family

Ascension of The Lord ~ May 10, 2018 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times:

Wed., May 9 - 4:00PM & 7:00PM

Thurs., May 10 - 7:00AM, 8:30AM & 11:00AM

The Feast of the Ascension occurs 40 days after the Resurrection celebrated on that glorious Easter morning when the women found the tomb empty. This Holy day marks Jesus' return to His Father, thereby giving us all hope in His promise:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you [in my Father's House], I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 14:3)

Note: The Parish & CCD Offices will be closed on the Holy Day, Thursday, May 10.



Pray for the Recently Deceased

James J. Eustice
Evelyn Devenney

Thomas Aversa
John Walsh

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 Tylanda, John Mc Carthy, Catherine Mc Carthy, Ben Cala, Christine Luccarelli, Larry Reagan, Mr. Virgilio, James Rauh, Maria Plinio, Paul Weinland, Nancy Szczepan, Jose "Tony" Torres, Rev. Dan Collins.

Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available in the St. Luke Narthex and Parish Office for your Mass intention requests for Mothers (living and deceased.) Please return your Mass request forms in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Mass Intentions will be remembered during the month of May in honor of Mother's Day.

St. Luke Church has joined Investors Bank's Care2Share Affinity Program.

For every account you link to the Church of St. Luke, Investors Bank will donate monies based upon the average balance of the linked deposits. Additional Information can be obtained at any Investors Bank branch, at www.myinvestorsbank.com/Care2Share or by speaking with Kathleen Muzzio at 732-286-2222.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ***April 29, 2018***

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31
2nd Reading: I John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

From Pope Francis' Catechesis on the Mass

General Audience, February 14, 2018

(Part 1 of 2)

We are continuing with the catechesis on the Mass. To what does listening to the Bible readings, which are elaborated upon in the homily, respond? It responds to a right: the spiritual right of the People of God to receive abundantly from the treasury of the Word of God (cf. *General Introduction to the Lectionary*, 45). When we go to Mass, each of us has the right to receive in abundance the Word of God read well, said well and then, explained well in the homily. It is a right! And when the Word of God is not read well, not preached with fervour by the deacon, by the priest or by the bishop, then the faithful are deprived of a right. We have the right to hear the Word of God. The Lord speaks for everyone, Pastors and the faithful. He knocks at the heart of those who participate in the Mass, each one in his or her condition of life, age, situation. The Lord comforts, calls, brings forth sprouts of a new and reconciled life. And this is through his Word. His Word knocks at the heart and changes hearts!

Therefore, after the homily, a moment of silence allows the seed received to settle in the soul, so that intentions to heed what the Spirit has suggested to each person may sprout. Silence after the homily. A good moment of silence must be observed there, and each one should ponder what he or she has heard.

After this silence, how does the Mass continue? The personal response of faith is integrated in the Church's *Profession of Faith*, expressed in the *Creed*. We all recite the *Creed* in the Mass. Recited by the entire assembly, the *Symbolum* manifests the common response to what is heard together from the Word of God (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 185-197). There is an essential nexus between listening and faith. They are linked. Indeed, this — faith — does not arise from human imagination, but, as Saint Paul recalls, “comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ” (Rom 10:17). Thus, faith is nourished by what is heard and leads to the Sacrament. In this way, reciting the *Creed* enables the liturgical assembly to “call to mind and confess the great mysteries of the faith ... before these mysteries are celebrated in the Eucharist” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67).

The *Symbolum of Faith* joins the Eucharist to Baptism, received “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”, and recalls that the Sacraments are understood in the light of the faith of the Church.

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, May 7

The Sisters of Mercy will be in the Narthex selling 50/50 Chances at \$25 each this weekend to benefit the infirmed & retired Sisters. 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, May 15

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., May 16

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, May 8

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, April 27
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 **May 20, 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 April 14 & 15, 2018

Total: \$16,416.00 *

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.

Thank you for your generous support.

* Weekly total does not reflect contributions through **FaithDirect**.

St. Luke Newly Baptized Members

Ethan Cole Gardner ~ Son of
Lissa and Michael Gardner
Liam Benjamin Gill ~ Son of
Caryn and Stephen Gill
Salvatore Manuel Lucas ~ Son of
Christina Scali and Andrew Lucas
Michaela Mazzetta ~ Daughter of
Candice and Anthony Mazzetta
Gavin Horacio Miranda ~ Son of
Kelly and Horacio Miranda



***If you are retired...
you will not want to miss this!***

"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

Our Parish Workshop Leaders:

- Tim Brennan, EdD
- Gemma Brennan, EdD

*Come learn some simple tools to help you boost
your happiness and peace of mind
during your well-deserved retirement years!*

St. Vincent de Paul Society

stlukeconference.org

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY - JULY 23, 2018

SVdP 3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Westlake Golf and Country Club

Golfers and Sponsors are welcome. Brochures are available at the SVdP Food Pantry. For more information, call Paul Capelli, 732-278-8406.

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, PAPER TOWELS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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



Dining To Donate at Perkins Restaurant

Rt. 37 E., Toms River

This Wednesday, April 25, 7am to 9pm.

15% of check before tax and gratuities will be given to the **St. Luke Rosary Altar Society**. Flyers/coupons are required to receive the donation and are available in the bulletin carts. As always, thank you for your support. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

R.C.I.A.



*Journey
Of
Faith*

RCIA does not take the Summer Off
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? Any questions-

Contact 848-226-6217.

**Someone will return your call,
promptly.**

Sands Casino-Resort, Bethlehem

June 19, 2018

Sponsored by St. Luke Church's
St. Vincent de Paul Society

\$45.00 per person ~ package includes \$30.00 slot play +
\$5.00 Food Voucher + On Board Snack
Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation

Call Charlie Rott 732-581-8024 or
John Connelly 732-232-7184 to sign up.