

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2018

<u>Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon. 7:30 AM	Vito & Dolores Ottomano (Living)	John & Cathy Mc Carthy
Tues. 7:30 AM	Soledad Tolentino (Living)	The Tolentino sisters
	Charles Hamada	The Lapid & Hamada Family
	Jean Higley	Elizabeth Pingrey
Wed. 7:30 AM	Lucy Ann Terrone	Frank & Carmella Lorusso
	Rev. Robert A. O'Leary	Family
11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Isenberg & Petrie Family	Pat Forthuber
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Thurs. 7:30 AM	John & Catherine Mc Carthy (Living)	Family
Fri. 7:30 AM	Barbara M. Reilly	Anna O'Dwyer
11:00 AM	Bobby Porvaznik	Chris & Frank Campagna
	Mrs. Sadie Hall	Bert & Diana Nobleza
Sat. 8:30 AM	Evangelization—the Mission of Laity	Pope Francis
4:00 PM	Thomas Reilly	Wife
	Jane Eska	Mr. & Mrs. Louis La Rocca
5:30 PM	Joseph Daly	Wife, Margaret & Family
	Robert L. Palumbo	Wife, Josephine
Sun. 7:00 AM	St. Luke Parishioners	St. Luke Rosary Altar Society
8:30 AM	Rosary Altar Society Members (Living)	Pat & Tom Kelly
	Elizabeth & James Conlin	Daughter, Emily Farinaccio & Fam.
10:00 AM	Rosa & Federico Lapietra	Betty Juliano
	Carmen Morris	Children
12:00 PM	Rose & Sam D'Alessio	
	PFC James Langon USMC ~ 35th Anniversary	
	In Heaven	Kathy & Kevin Langon

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



Pray for the Recently Deceased
Ann Nitti Raymond Gillick

Mass Times:

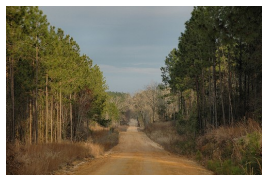
Wed., May 9 - 4:00PM & 7:00PM

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

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



For the month of May, we pray with Pope Francis for Evangelization-the Mission of Laity: that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



SENIOR MOMENT

“Bless not only the road but the bumps in the road.
They are all part of our higher journey.”

The Artist's Way
Julia Cameron

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 Chorelus (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, 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 Hohmann, Mary Camarota, Isabella Borzumato, Charles Gagliano, Jolanta Tylanda, John McCarthy, Catherine McCarthy, Ben Cala, Christine Luccarelli, Larry Reagan, Mr. Virgilio, James Rauh, Maria Plinio, Paul Weinland, Nancy Szczepan, Jose “Tony” Torres, Rev. Dan Collins, Landyn Ernst (child), James Sage, Mike Smith, Marilyn LaRosa.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS ~ May 6, 2018

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2nd Reading: I John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

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



RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

In 1988 the National Conference of Catholic Bishops mandated RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) as the normative process of conversion for adults on their way to becoming Catholics with the publishing of the ritual texts. This followed the request of the Second Vatican Council which restored the RCIA in 1972. Since its restoration, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has had a major impact on the life of the parish, as well as the foundation for catechetical formation of both youth and adults. The Diocese is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of this event on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. at the co-cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold. It is open to those in catechetical ministry and interested parishioners. There are breakout sessions, an address by Nick Wagner (founder & Director of Team RCIA) and a light breakfast and lunch. You can register for this event at: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/30yearsofrcia>.

At St. Luke, we are in our 35th year as a parish family. During these 35 years (34 out of 35), we have journeyed with many people who have desired to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. This Easter Vigil, we welcomed, through RCIA, four people who chose to be Catholic and are now preparing 7 individuals for reception of Confirmation at Pentecost. But it doesn't end there—our journey in faith doesn't have a graduation—it is a lifelong journey—not only for those who have experienced RCIA, but all “cradle-Catholics” as well. Our RCIA team is already working with individuals who are inquiring about being Catholic as well as others who are seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. We ask you to pray for our newly initiated, those seeking Confirmation and that we continue to have a robust RCIA program!

And if you wish to lend your time and talent or know someone who is seeking what the Church has to offer or just has some questions, contact our Team at 848-226-6217.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

We are beginning final preparations for First Holy Communion on May 12th. We are blessed to have 75 girls and boys called to the Lord's Table for the first time during the Masses at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. They have been officially preparing for this day for two years! They have been learning about the importance of the Eucharist—that it is truly Jesus Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity made present on the Altar, whom they are receiving. What a tremendous day for our Parish family! We ask that you remember these girls and boys in your prayers and that they continue to come to the Table for the strength, love and peace that only Christ can give.

Please note that there will be NO CONFESSIONS heard on Saturday, May 12th.

Next week we will continue with Pope Francis' catechesis on the Mass.

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 First Sunday of every month, the Rosarians pray the Rosary after the 10:00 Mass in the chapel. All are invited to join us next on May 6.

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

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

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

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

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, St Luke Church will welcome our Level 2 students to the Table of the Lord. Please keep these children in your prayers as they make their final preparations to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

PREP CLASSES end for the year on Monday, May 7, 2018.

The registration process for next year will begin on Monday, June 4. Papers will be mailed to all registered families in late May.

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, May 11
at 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Center.

Bereavement - Continuing Support Group

Thursday Evenings though June 7 ~ 7:00-8:30pm

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**.

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.

Collections for April 21 & 22, 2018

Total: \$17,630.00 *

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**.

Lector Training for New Ministers of the Word

*The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue,
That I may know how to speak to the weary a word
that will rouse them. - Isaiah 50:4*

Do you feel called to be a proclaimer of the Word at our liturgies? Would you like to learn more about this ministry and find out if it is right for you? If you have already answered the call to this ministry and would like to deepen your relationship with the word of God and share in the spiritual, biblical and technical preparation with other readers, you are invited to attend the Lector Workshop Series being offered at St. Luke Parish. Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 7th at 4 pm.** Please register by leaving a message on the Ministry Hot Line 848-226-6218.

Sisters of Mercy 50/50 Raffle

The Sisters of Mercy hold a raffle each year to benefit the retired and infirmed Sisters of Mercy. The chances are \$25.00; with 10 prizes will be awarded from \$25,000.00 to \$1,000.00. **Chances are available in the St. Luke Parish Office.** The drawing date is May 20, 2018.

Our Promise to Protect, Our Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at: **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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

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.

I encourage financial experts and political leaders to ponder the words of [Saint John Chrysostom], one of the sages of antiquity: "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs. - Pope Francis

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,**

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

In a footnote (in *Gaudete et Exsultate*) about how saints are happy and usually have a good sense of humor, Pope Francis quoted a prayer attributed to the English martyr, St. Thomas More:

"Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbling, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'.

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke and to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others."