

March 25, 2018 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

My Brothers and Sisters of St. Luke Parish

We have walked the Lenten journey together and have felt the starkness of the desert and the reality of hunger. Lent is that time in our lives when we can most be in touch with the adult Jesus as He invites us to follow Him - to come and see.

Several years ago I visited a man who was up in years and at this point in his journey was near the end. He was tired but always able to smile and say an appreciative word or two as I brought him communion. Often he would reflect on how much he had learned about God and his personal faith in this the evening hours of life. He said that he never thought he would have a close relationship with God, leading an ordinary life and did not consider himself an extraordinary catholic, but he actually felt that he was closer now than at any other time in his life. I asked him why he thought that. His answer was *"...I stopped running, I let Him catch up to me."* The awesome mystery of God's power, I believe lies in our decision to let Him catch up to us. It is in that moment that we can realize how much God worships the ground we walk on and accepts us right where we are. I don't know about you but I find that most important in my life. God has no agenda other than to invite us to come along on a journey of a lifetime. I believe that the call to holiness is to let God embrace us, and work through us. That cannot happen if we insist on running. With my crazy schedule I need to hear that more and to rely on the fact that I am accepted by God unconditionally.

I want to invite you to continue your Lenten walk by joining us for the very special Holy Week services. This special time in the life of our church and community helps me to feel the sacredness of my relationship with God and with you. Holy Week begins with accepting Palm to celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We all know what will happen at the end of the week. Tuesday night gives us the opportunity to experience healing and forgiveness at our Service of Reconciliation. Our Holy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter services will help us to recognize the attitude Jesus had in giving His life freely to all. We can certainly relate to that in our personal efforts to give our lives to those who depend on us and to those whom we find it difficult to give to. Please consider joining us - it would not be the same without you.

As a growing community we depend upon your generosity with time, talent and treasure. Our young people have reminded me of how much they need us to help them become a part of this wonderful community. This is a priority. The adult community has also reminded me of the need to feel welcomed and to become enriched through the Eucharist. This is a priority! Everything we have and do at St. Luke Parish comes through the generosity of people like you. Easter is only one day on the church calendar, but the effects of Easter and new life remain with us through the year. I ask you to be as generous as you can, individually and as a family, this Easter Sunday. Your investment in our parish community, I promise, will bear much fruit in the years to come. I pray that this Easter will bring you much love and inner joy and Peace. I look forward to seeing you.

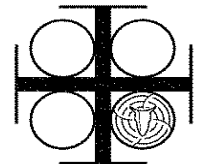
Peace and all good things, Happy Easter!

Rev. Michael J. Drury, Pastor

SAINT LUKE PARISH

Embracing the Vision ~

Nourishing our Faith



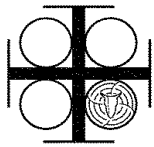
Our Mission

STATEMENT

The mission of St. Luke Parish is to create a welcoming, faith filled, religious environment where relationships – both spiritual and personal – are built upon the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are a vibrant Catholic community open to diverse attitudes, approaches and paths, centered on Catholic principles and beliefs. Works of charity, human concerns and spiritual development are fostered and nurtured through participation in the sacraments, our parish liturgies and ministries. We are a people of dreams, seeking to experience Christ in ourselves, our families, the community and the world around us.

ST. LUKE PARISH

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Please visit our website at www.stlukeparishlv.com



Regular Mass Schedule

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9am

Saturday Evening ~ 5pm

Sunday Mornings ~
7:45am, 9:30am & 11:15am

Regular Office Hours

(The facility is closed on Tuesday)

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday
8:00am-3:00pm

Friday
8:00am-2:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4pm or by individual appointment with Father Mike at any time.

Baptisms ~ Parents are urged to begin preparation for this sacrament three months prior to delivery. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at 12:45pm. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

Christian Marriage ~ The couple should contact the office one year before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament.

Ministry to the Sick ~ If anyone among you is physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick or shut in, please call the office so that we can be attentive to those who are in need.

Hospital Visitation ~ Please notify the Parish office when a member of the family is in the hospital due to illness.

Confirmation, First Eucharist & Reconciliation ~ Though immediate preparation is given to all before receiving these sacraments, candidates are expected to receive a Christian upbringing in their family life through formal religious education classes and at Sunday worship in the years prior to receiving these sacraments.

Parish Membership ~ Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify us.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Rachel's Vineyard ~ Natural Family Planning, Adoption Services, Post Abortion Healing and Reconciliation 973-777-8818
Adoption@CatholicCharities.org and RachelsVineyard.org

Alcoholics Anonymous ~ 1-800-245-1377

DAYTOP ~ A non-profit substance abuse treatment and education program for adolescents, located in Mendham 1-888-4DAYTOP

Please take advantage of our

ELECTRONIC GIVING

for your weekly donations. This will greatly reduce the cost incurred with the current envelope system. We are strongly encouraging all of our parishioners who presently use the very costly paper envelopes to switch to our very secure online bill pay. It is very simple to use. Any questions please call our business office at 908-876-3515 ext 20 and they will be happy to step you through the process - *thank you for your continued generosity and support. ~ Father Mike*

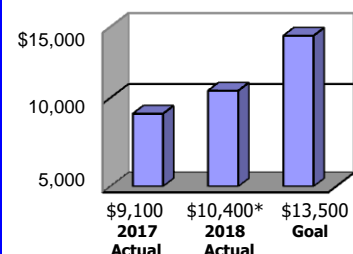
Please remember St. Luke Parish in your estate planning



Find us at St. Luke Parish Long Valley, NJ

Parish FINANCES

March 17 & 18, 2018



* \$4,400 was donated via Faith Direct

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office & the Diocese Victims

Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 ext 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C.,

Chancellor/ Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 ext 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website:

www.patersondiocese.org.

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First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: *Mark 14:1—15:47*

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 24

5:00pm Edward Alai

Sunday, March 25

7:45am Anna & Jade Nalsinik

9:30am Sarah Crowley

11:15am Wendy Homan

Monday, March 26

9:00am Victor Garcia

Nelly Garcia Vazquez

Wednesday, March 28

9:00am Nils Peterson

Thursday, March 29

9:00am Prayer Service

8:00pm Parishioners

Friday, March 30

9:00am Prayer Service

4:00pm Parishioners

8:00pm Parishioners

Saturday, March 31

8:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, April 1

6:30am Parishioners

7:45am Parishioners

9:30am Parishioners

11:15am Parishioners

Volunteer Ministries and Supported Organizations

Adult Spirituality & Meditation	Deacon Ray Chimileski	908-832-6965
Altar Care	Pat DiGiorgio	908-832-5054
Altar Servers	Amy Noonan	973-800-6511
Antioch	Tony Amaral	201-618-4692
Art & Environment	Rhonda Donovan	908-684-9196
Baptism Prep	Dave & Jen Meehan	908-876-9818
Building & Grounds	Fred Fania	908-832-2561
Boy Scout Troop 436	Glen Arndt	732-675-9658
Career Transitions	Bob Dunne	908-234-2793
Choir – Adult & Chimes	Kathe deRose	908-876-9747
Choir – Children's & SAS	Len Entrabartolo	908-884-1702
Compassionate Hearts	Dee Parker	908-343-1930
CYO Basketball	Paul Prata	973-876-1014
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Romano	973-895-3521
Finance Council	Ron Cohen	908-879-3056
Good Works Ministry	Laurie Briggs	908-813-2606
The Jen Thibault Hospitality Comm.	Nancy Blanchard	908-876-3359
Eucharistic & Faith Outreach	John Hennessy	518-573-9984
Caring Hearts/Helping Hands	Heather Temples	908-797-5395
	Art Catalusci	908-876-9626
Knights of Columbus	Tony De Stefano	973-975-8684
Lectors	Marge Moore	908-303-1812
Liturgical Formation	Deacon Kevin Cleary	908-625-7847
Liturgy of the Word w/Children	Michelle Boiko	908-656-0882
Men's Cornerstone	Stan Moyer	908-879-0906
Operation ChillOut	Deacon Ray Chimileski	908-832-6965
Rite of Christian Initiation	Deacon Tom Healy	908-879-9451
Special Needs Ministry	Marie Peppas	908-832-9594
Ushers / Welcomers	Jim Moore	908-399-0270
Visual Ministry	Kerry Walsh	973-525-8827
Wedding Consultant	Lyn Ertle	908-876-3515
Women's Cornerstone	Sharon Vuskalns	908-832-0633

Mark Your Calendars!



Annual Blood Drive

Good Friday
3/30/18

In the Parish Center

For more information,
contact Eileen
Callahan at
leencallahan@gmail.com



Lent



Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 27th

Parish Service of Reconciliation at 8pm

Holy Thursday, March 29th

9:00am ~ Prayer Service

8:00pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30th

9:00am ~ Prayer Service

11:45am ~ Ecumenical Crosswalk for Peace

4:00pm ~ Family Service

8:00pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 31st

12:00 noon ~ Blessing of Easter Food

8:00pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1st

6:30am ~ Outdoor Sunrise Mass

7:45am ~ 9:30am ~ 11:15am Masses

Sunday 03/25	Monday 03/26	Tuesday 03/27	Wednesday 03/28	Thursday 03/29	Friday 03/30	Saturday 03/31
	Private Confessions 7pm Meditation 7pm RCIA 7:45pm	Office Closed Parish Service of Reconciliation 8pm		Holy Thursday	Good Friday Blood Drive	Holy Saturday RCIA Retreat
Regular Mass Schedule	9:00am Mass		9:00am Mass	See Holy Week Schedule	See Holy Week Schedule	See Holy Week Schedule



MINISTRY Announcements and Community News

Thank you to everyone that took a tag from our **Easter Giving Tree** in the narthex. Donated items are due back no later than March 25th. All the families greatly appreciate your continued generosity!

Our **Lenten Parish Service of Reconciliation** will take place on Tuesday, March 27th at 8pm. This is a beautiful service that embraces the sacrament of penance. The church is usually filled to capacity so please come early and bring your family and friends!

The Sisters of Christian Charity invite you to **Lenten Vespers**, Sunday evening prayer, during Lent at 4:30pm in their Motherhouse Chapel in Mendham.

The **Ecumenical Crosswalk for Peace** will once again be held on Good Friday, March 30th beginning 11:45am at the Long Valley Presbyterian Church. This is an excellent family activity that is in community with all the Christian churches in Long Valley.

Mark your calendars for the **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** on April 15th. Stop in before or after mass for a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, juice/coffee and of course – pancakes! The God Squad members will be serving from 8-11am. See the parish website for more details.

St Mark's Wine Tasting & Dinner ~ on Friday, April 6th from 7 to 10pm stop in to taste a variety of wines from around the globe. These wines of exceptional value will be paired with hot and cold buffet. Cost is \$30/person (\$25/person if paid by April 1st) Contact St Mark's at 908-850-0652 for more information.

Lazarus Choir ~ This choir specifically sings at funerals. If you would like to be a part of this special group, please contact Kathe deRose at 908-876-9747. All are welcome!

The **Adult Choir** rehearses every Thursday night at 7:30pm. For more information, call Membership Chair, Jackie Tridente at 867-7320 or Kathe deRose at 876-9747.

Sing Alleluia Sing! (SAS Choir) ~ This contemporary music group is open to all people 13 and over. For some exciting new music and a new look at old music give us a try. Please contact Len Entrabartolo at 908-884-1702 or at len.entrabartolo@gmail.com with questions.

The **Children's Choir** needs you! All children age 4 and older are welcome. Contact Len Entrabartolo at 908-884-1702 or at len.entrabartolo@gmail.com with questions.

For Our Brothers and Sisters ~ Please pray for those who suffer the distress of illness and all of our parish homebound. *If you're a family member, and would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Lyn at 908-876-3515. Also, let us know if a locally hospitalized or homebound relative would like to receive a visit from one of our Eucharistic Ministers.*

The ladies of Women's Cornerstone are **collecting new and gently used handbags/purses and necessities** for women staying at Eva's Village shelters in Paterson New Jersey. It is our hope that these purses will lift the spirits of women getting back on their feet after troubled times. Donations can be placed in a drop box located in the narthex where you can grab a helpful list of donation needs. Donations will be accepted until April 14th.

Sponsor an Easter plant to decorate our sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes can be found in the narthex. Please clearly print the names and return this weekend but no later than Sunday, March 25th.

Best Lent Ever ~ is a free email program based on the bestselling novel "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly, America's best selling Catholic author. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent and the free program will guide you through all 40 chapters of the book.

The end of the year **tax statements for your 2017 contributions** will not be mailed. Please contact Jody in the parish office at 908-876-3515 during regular office hours or by email at jody@stlukely.org to request a copy. If you donate electronically through Faith Direct, a statement will be mailed to you shortly.

Compassionate Hearts Ministry ~ There are times when we are faced with the unexpected loss of those we love, a difficult life event or serious illness. Contact Dee Parker at 908-343-1930 for much needed support and resources during this period.

Please check the **Quellen Spiritual Center** website at www.quellenspiritualcenter.org or call 973-543-6528 for information regarding all programs being offered at their Mendham location.

Join us for a very special event on Sunday, April 8th at 3pm at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for **Our Sisters in Concert**. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives to the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available.



St. Luke Catholic Preschool ~ Susan Keating, Director

This Week's Theme: Happy Easter

Preschool will be closed Monday, March 26th through Monday, April 2nd for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 3rd. Happy Easter and enjoy this time with your family!

RELIGIOUS



EDUCATION



Please check the website for your next class date/time.

Reminder: all Jr High Students and 2nd Grade Students need to sign in when attending mass. Sign in sheets are located in the narthex.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

- 1 ~ Check the Religious Education Facebook page.
- 2 ~ Check the parish website – it will be posted on the homepage.
- 3 ~ Call the parish office, there will be an outgoing message regarding class cancellations.



The Almsgiving Box Activity

The Lenten discipline of almsgiving ~ helping those in need ~ is not just a generous thing to do; it is a practical way to improve your community.

If you brought home the CRS donation box provided, please return the almsgiving box at the Good Friday Family Service on March 30th.



All Jr High and Confirmation Students

are expected to attend the

Parish Service of Reconciliation

on Tuesday, **March 27th** at **8:00pm**.

This is not a class. Come with your family.

This is wonderful opportunity to receive God's Love and Grace.



First Eucharist Information

First Eucharist Parent / Child Practice Dates

Will be held in the main worship area – please arrive on time and enter through the main doors.

Practice for the **April 28th 10:00am Communion** is on **Wednesday, April 25th at 4:30pm**

Practice for the **April 28th 1:00pm Communion** is on **Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00pm**

Practice for the **May 5th 10:00am Communion** is on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 4:30pm**

Practice for the **May 5th 1:00pm Communion** is on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00pm**

Attendance is required and each practice is specific to THAT First Eucharist. Therefore you are unable to switch practice nights/times. Any questions please contact Maureen Murtagh at 908-876-3515 or maureen@stlukeelv.org.



→ All Confirmation Candidates ←

Your **next Confirmation Class** and **6:00pm Mass** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 8th**.

Please confirm class times with your Catechist.

Like us on Facebook! St. Luke Religious Education and follow us on TWITTER @StLukeCCD



It doesn't matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, or what your current family or marital situation is. It doesn't matter what your past or present religious affiliation is. ALL are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at St. Luke Parish.

If you're new and would like to join our parish family please fill out the form below. WELCOME.

JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY!!! If you have not had the opportunity to register your family with your St. Luke Parish Family, please visit our website (www.stlukeparishlv.com), stop in the parish office to pick up a registration form or we can mail one to you. Please give us your address below and drop it in the collection basket, or mail it to: St. Luke Parish P.O. Box 416, Long Valley, NJ 07853.

Yes! I would like to register as a parishioner of St. Luke.

Name: _____ Address: _____

***If you move to another parish, or change your address, please remember to notify the parish office. ***