

January 15, 2017 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Change

*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2 (NLT)*

Brrr... just seeing the word *change* can send shivers down our spine. Sometimes change is good - we look forward to it, albeit with some trepidation. But often, change is not so easy to accept, it shakes us at the core, it takes us out of our comfort zone. It often imposes on us some level of discomfort, pain and uncertainty. Whether we realize it or not it sets us on a course to a new reality. There can be no denying it, change is an inescapable part of the journey of life. The challenge becomes not so much what change does to us, but rather what we do with it.

All of us experience change in our everyday lives. Some changes are small and easily managed, often without any thought or much effort. Others, require some thought, a new plan to handle the fallout. Still others are really big and life changing and require all of our strength to deal with. The loss of a beloved family member that takes with it a part of us, the loss of a job or career that strips us of our identity and confidence, an illness that threatens our very life here on earth. These changes challenge us deeply at all levels - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Why is this happening to me? How could God let this happen? How will I ever overcome this? What am I going to do now?

If you think about it, Jesus was all about change, as the prophets before him foretold. Today we would call him a change agent. His mission was indeed to carve a new pathway through the wilderness, by changing the very core of society's values. He knew the outcome, even before he started His journey, yet he persisted through the toughest of consequences and achieved victory over death itself. If I were only a little bit as brave as He! I think we can all call to mind examples of those among us walking in Jesus' footsteps, and taking their changes with the same courage, a step at a time.

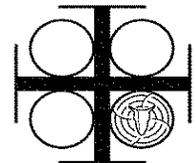
Fr. Mike has reflected on this topic a few times in his sermons. He advises us that on this journey, courage and faith are essential - God is our one and only constant. It is also so important that we realize the need for help, you will find God in doing so. We are so fortunate to have Fr. Mike and our brothers and sisters of the St. Luke family. There is a wonderful support system here for those who seek guidance on their journey. In addition to my wife Kathy and my own family, the Men's Cornerstone group has been an anchor for me as I walk my change journey. Words cannot express the admiration and appreciation I have for my Cornerstone brothers and for Fr. Mike. Just having someone to talk to, to open up to, to know that you are not alone, to hear, see and accept that there is a new life waiting for you is so important in taking charge of your journey. And with each step you take, you begin to "learn God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Jack Simpson  
Parishioner

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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## Our Parish Staff

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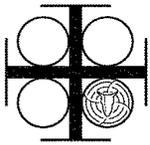
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To reach the Trustees, please call the office.

**Parish Phone** 908-876-3515 **Parish FAX** 908-876-5277

**Please visit our website at [www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com)**



## 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](mailto:Adoption@CatholicCharities.org) and [RachelsVineyard.org](http://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

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](http://www.patersondiocese.org).



## 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)

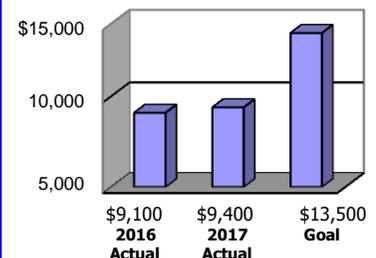
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday  
8:00am-3:00pm

Friday  
8:00am-2:00pm

Thanks to everyone for the generous Christmas collection of \$41,400. We also received a very charitable donation of \$25,000 from a parishioner. We have been truly blessed this Christmas! Your continued support is very much appreciated. Peace and all good things ~ Father Mike

## Parish FINANCES

January 7&8, 2017



# January 15, 2017 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Reading: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

## Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

## Gospel: *John 1:29-34*

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** ~ Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ~ Matthew 4:12-23

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, January 14

5:00pm Elvira Tortora McLees

#### Sunday, January 15

7:45am Gabe LoSapio  
9:30am John Battista  
11:15am Gabe LoSapio

#### Monday, January 16

9:00am NO MASS

#### Wednesday, January 18

9:00am Andrew Stanilious

#### Friday, January 20

9:00am Rose Christian  
Laurinda Galvao

#### Saturday, January 21

5:00pm Gabe LoSapio

#### Sunday, January 22

7:45am Gabe LoSapio  
9:30am Helen Pacente  
11:15am John Battista  
Florence Servedio

### Volunteer Ministries and Supported Organizations

Adult Spirituality & Meditation	Deacon Ray Chimileski	908-832-6965
Altar Care	Pat DiGiorgio	908-832-5054
Altar Servers	Jackie Leach	908-876-9314
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	Charlie Briggs	908-813-2606
Compassionate Hearts	Dee Parker	908-343-1930
CYO Basketball	Mike Selvaggi	908-852-5041
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	Ken Schmidt	908-832-2222
Liturgical Formation	Deacon Kevin Cleary	908-876-9242
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
Parish Playgroup	Shelly Beyer	908-244-6975
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
Wedding Consultant	Lyn Ertle	908-876-3515
Women's Cornerstone	Sharon Vuskalns	908-832-0633

### St. Luke's Catholic Preschool Program



Registration for the

#### 2017-2018 School Year

will be January 24, 25 & 26, 2017 from 12 to 1pm in the Preschool.

Forms can be found on the periodical table in the narthex or on the St. Luke website.

Upon Registration, a \$50 non-refundable check is required to reserve your child's enrollment. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at [preschool@stlukevl.org](mailto:preschool@stlukevl.org).



SAVE THE DATE!

### Wines of the World Fundraiser

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON!

Sponsored by the Special Needs Ministry

### God Squad We are on a Mission

Youth Group for high school students

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

-- January 16<sup>th</sup> --

9:30am – 1:30pm Eva's Kitchen  
(Participants must be registered)

-- January 25<sup>th</sup> --

6:30pm God Squad Meeting & Basketball

-- February 8<sup>th</sup> --

6:30pm God Squad Meeting

-- February 12<sup>th</sup> --

1:00 – 3:30pm Paragon Village Trip

Visit the Teen Ministry page on [www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com) for a full list!

Sunday 01/15	Monday 01/16	Tuesday 01/17	Wednesday 01/18	Thursday 01/19	Friday 01/20	Saturday 01/21
Hospitality	<b>Office Closed</b> CYO Basketball Meditation 7pm RCIA 7:45pm	<b>Facility Closed</b>	CYO Basketball Finance Council Meeting 7pm	CYO Basketball Adult Choir 7pm	Parish Center Closed 	Funeral 11am Baptism 1pm Reconciliation 4pm
<b>Regular Mass Schedule</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>9:00am Mass</b>		<b>9:00am Mass</b>	<b>5:00pm Mass</b>

## MINISTRY Announcements and Community News

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Be Rich in Good Works.* If you have not yet responded to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2016 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2017. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org).

The Long Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **Basketball Free Throw Contest** on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 12pm in the Parish Center. All boys and girls from 10 to 14 years of age are encouraged to participate!

Mark your calendar! **Antioch 71** is March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence in Chester. Any questions, contact Tony Amaral at 201-618-4692.

The end of the year **tax statements for your 2016 contributions** will not be mailed. Should you need a statement for tax purposes, please contact Jody in the parish office at 908-876-3515 during regular office hours or by email at [jody@stlukelv.org](mailto:jody@stlukelv.org). If you donate electronically through Faith Direct, a statement will be mailed to you shortly.

**Eucharist & Prayer Visitation for the Sick** – With the lack of communication with hospitals, nursing homes and rehab centers, we seldom find out when our parishioners are in one of these facilities unless the family notifies us. The Holy Eucharist can be brought to these individuals by a Eucharistic Minister. We also attend to the disabled, aged and shut in. Please notify Jody in the Parish office at 908-876-3515 so we can be attentive to those in need.

**Kindergarten Registration in Tewksbury Township** for 2017/2018 is taking place in January. Registration documents are available at the Tewksbury Elementary School or can be e-mailed to you. Contact Eileen Callahan at [ecallahan@tewksburyschools.org](mailto:ecallahan@tewksburyschools.org) or call her at 908-832-2594 x2001 with any 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.*

**Grieving for a Loved One?** There are times when we are faced with the unexpected loss of those we love. The Compassionate Hearts Ministry offers parishioners and their families much needed support and resources during this period. Contact Dee Parker at 908-343-1930 in times of need.

As we begin a new year, join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in **Faith Direct for automated giving**. Sign up today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is **NJ476**. You can also call Faith Direct toll-free at 866-507-8757.

**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 Tridante at 867-7320 or Kathe deRose at 876-9747.

The **Children's Choir** needs you! All children age 4 and older are welcome. Contact Charlie or Laurie Briggs 813-2606 with questions or email us at [charlie@superiorpowder.com](mailto:charlie@superiorpowder.com).

**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 call Charlie Briggs at 813-2606 or email at [Charlie@superiorpowder.com](mailto:Charlie@superiorpowder.com) with questions.

Come join the **Chime Choir**. We're looking for new people to join the group. If you'd like to try it out, call or speak to either Kathe deRose at 876-9747 or Linda Quinn at 689-3338.



## St. Luke Catholic Preschool

Susan Keating, Director

### This Week's Theme: Winter Birds

We are learning the letter O, the number 5, the color white and all about the star. Don't forget about our pajama party on January 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Please Note:** School will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.



# RELIGIOUS



# EDUCATION



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

**Reminder:** all Jr High Students and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 National Catholic Education ACRE Assessment

The Diocese of Paterson has mandated that each parish administer the National Catholic Education ACRE Assessment to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation (10<sup>th</sup> grade) students during the month of January. The information gathered provides us with valuable feedback on our catechetical programs. Testing will take place during regular CCD classes and a study guide can be found at our website ([www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com)) on the Religious Education page. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen at 908-876-3515.



**Protecting God's Children** information can be found on our website ([www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com)). Go to the homepage, choose the resources link and click on the "Child Protection Information" button on the navigation toolbar.

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



### **First Eucharist Parent Meeting**

→ **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** ←  
at 12:30pm in the parish center

This will be your ONLY opportunity to request a celebration date and sacrament classes. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

Any questions, contact Maureen at [maureen@stlukeparishlv.com](mailto:maureen@stlukeparishlv.com) or at 908-876-3515. Don't forget your calendars!

### → **All Confirmation Candidates** ←

Your next Confirmation class is scheduled for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please check class times with your catechists.

**Also,** If your child DID NOT receive any Sacraments (Baptism – First Eucharist) at St. Luke Parish please submit a **copy of their BAPTISMAL Certificate**. Any questions, call Maureen at 908-876-3515 or email her at [Maureen@stlukeparishlv.com](mailto:Maureen@stlukeparishlv.com)

### → **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Candidates** ←

Please make sure all of your assignments have been submitted! Hand in any missing paperwork at your next class.

### → **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Candidates** ←

the following items are due NOW:

- 1 - Sponsor Information Sheet
- 2 - Sponsor Certification (from the sponsors parish if the sponsor does not attend St. Luke's)
- 3 - Story of your Saint (Choosing a Confirmation Name)

**Any questions please contact Maureen at** [maureen@stlukeparishlv.com](mailto:maureen@stlukeparishlv.com)



Looking for **Ministry Partnership opportunities?** Visit the Religious Education page at [www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com).



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](http://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. \*\*\**