

January 22, 2017 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"How m' I doin?"

One of the more colorful public figures I admired in public life was Ed Koch, mayor of New York City from 1978-1989. He had a way of winning you over, regardless of your political affiliation. His trademark "how m' I doin?" cut through partisanship and always yielded an immediate thumbs up or down from a happy or disgruntled constituent. Hizzoner solicited people's comments long before aspiring corporate execs were flocking to 360 degree feedback seminars to enhance their bottom line. Headstrong and iron willed with his staff, Koch really seemed to listen to the voice of the guy on the street.

The turning of the year gives us an opportunity to take stock of "how we're doin" relative to our living the gospel - building a balance sheet of plusses, minuses and question marks. Using Matthew 25 as our base, we have a short list of simple, doable gospel-driven actions we can measure ourselves against. Here we go, starting from the top - how well did we feed the hungry and quench the thirsty? Did we pitch in during our Thanksgiving drive to struggling families in Paterson or our canned goods collections to our local Long Valley food bank? Did we remember to drop off a case of life-saving water from Memorial Day through Labor Day for our annual summer homeless outreach campaign? Did we clothe the naked by filling a backpack with new warm clothing for our veterans, men and women still on the street? How well did we welcome strangers to our land, invite the new comer or outcast, the one a bit different from ourselves by culture, language, age or race? What about letting our representatives know that we are a people of welcome and not exclusion? Were we able to make a visit to someone who passes time, day after lonely day, without visitors at a nursing home, shelter or hospital. Were we able to read a favorite book, singing a well worn comfortable song or just being the "sacrament of presence" to him or her, quietly reassuring that someone still cares?

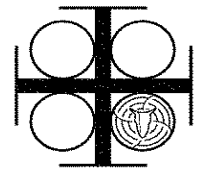
That's the sum total of the gospel - to be Christ to others, especially those most in need. We'll all score differently, that's to be expected. Some have the means, the time, and the wherewithal to fill a checklist with all affirmative marks. Some not so much but take heart, Jesus said "feed my lambs" not count them. Whatever turns up for you, accept it, take it deep into your heart and let your inner stillness guide you in this new year. We are reassured that WE are the Body of Christ and each of us DO make a difference in the world we inhabit during these short span of days we are given. Squander not a moment of it. And as our elders teach us, "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you ever can." To this we say AMEN!

A very healthy and happy 2017 to you all. With much love.
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Deacon Ray

SAINT LUKE PARISH

Embracing the Vision ~

Nourishing our Faith



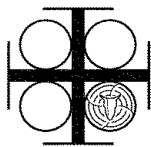
Our Mission

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*

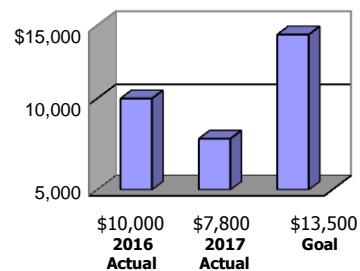
If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office & the Diocese Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar 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.

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 14&15, 2017



January 22, 2017 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 8:23—9:3*

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17*

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: *Matthew 4:12-23*

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ~ Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ~ Matthew 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

5:00pm Gabe LoSapio

Sunday, January 22

7:45am Gabe LoSapio

9:30am Helen Pacente

11:15am John Battista
Florence Servedio

Monday, January 23

9:00am Robert Miller

Wednesday, January 25

9:00am Philip McCaffrey

Friday, January 27

9:00am Arthur Iannace

Saturday, January 28

5:00pm Ken Nelson

Sunday, January 29

7:45am Gabe LoSapio

9:30am Edward Fuchs

11:15am Mary Drury

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



Wines of the World Fundraiser

Saturday, February 11th

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER
ALL MASSES!

Sponsored by the Special Needs Ministry


God Squad We are on a Mission _____ Youth Group for high school students

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The God Squad will be heading over to **Paragon Village** on **February 12th** from 1-3pm to play games and visit with the residents in the Assisted Living Building. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours and it is an easy and fun way to spread some love around Valentine's Day. For more information and the permission slip please go to www.stlukeparishlv.com/forms-1 or see Nina Dorlon.

On **February 19th** the God Squad will host another, delicious, **all you can eat pancake breakfast**. We have gotten rave reviews! Let us serve you, your family and friends. Please support our parish teens. It's an unbeatable price and the service will give you something to smile about :0).

Visit the Teen Ministry page on www.stlukeparishlv.com for a full list of activities!

Sunday 01/22	Monday 01/23	Tuesday 01/24	Wednesday 01/25	Thursday 01/26	Friday 01/27	Saturday 01/28
	Special Needs Gym Activity 6pm Eucharist Minister Training 6:30pm CYO Basketball Meditation 7pm RCIA 7:45pm	Facility Closed	God Squad Basketball Game 6:30pm Women's Cornerstone 7pm Baptism Prep 7:30pm	CYO Basketball Adult Choir 7pm	CYO Basketball	Reconciliation 4pm 
Regular Mass Schedule	9:00am Mass		9:00am Mass		9:00am Mass	5:00pm Mass



MINISTRY Announcements and Community News

The **Taking Care of Our Parents & Ourselves as We Age** seminar will hold its final meeting on Sunday, February 5th at 12:15pm in the Chapel. The topic will be Legal Considerations for Maturing Families. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Eileen Callahan at leencallahan@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

St. Joseph School in Mendham, a national blue ribbon school of excellence, will be holding an open house on Sunday, January 29th for prospective students and their families. A 50 year tradition of providing an excellent faith filled K-8th grade education in a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. For more information and event details please visit www.sjsmendham.org.

Calling all St. Luke Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts ~ Boy Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 5th during the 9:30 Mass. St. Luke's own Troop 436 welcomes all Scouts from any Pack or Troop to join this annual event.

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. If you donate electronically through Faith Direct, a statement will be mailed to you shortly.

St. Lawrence Church in Chester is sponsoring a **pilgrimage to the Marian sites** of Lourdes, Spain and Fatima, Portugal from May 19th to May 27th. Fr. Nick Bozza will be the trip's spiritual director. If interested please contact the St. Lawrence Faith Formation Office at 908-879-6714 no later than January 26th.

Kindergarten Registration in Tewksbury Township for 2017/2018 is taking place now. Registration documents are available at the Tewksbury Elementary School or can be e-mailed to you. Contact Eileen Callahan at 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.*

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

Several Sources Shelter will be visiting all masses this weekend to ask for assistance with their mission of giving life to God's blessed children and their mothers. We thank you for your generosity.

Enrolled today in **Faith Direct for automated giving** by visiting 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 Tridente 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.

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 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: Playful Penguins

We are reviewing the letters M, N & O. Also, bring your sneakers and comfy clothes on Friday, January 26th for Fitness Day!

Please Note: School will be closed on Monday, January 23rd.

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@stlukelv.org.

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 National Catholic Education ACRE Assessment

The Diocese of Paterson has mandated that each parish administer the National Catholic Education ACRE Assessment to all 5th grade, 8th grade and 2nd year confirmation (10th 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) 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). 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 22nd** ←
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@stlukelv.org or at 908-876-3515. Don't forget your calendars!

→ All Confirmation Candidates ←

Your next Confirmation class is scheduled for THIS Sunday, January 22nd. 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@stlukelv.org

→ 9th Grade Candidates ←

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

→ 10th 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@stlukelv.org



Looking for **Ministry Partnership opportunities?** Visit the Religious Education page at 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), 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. ***