

December 24, 2017 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent / Christmas

## The Joy of Christmas

The colors have faded in the Valley and the starkness of the season gives way to the colors of hope. Our homes nestled throughout the community have come alive with the colors of Christmas and we anticipate the warmth and comfort that brings families together in a spirit of appreciation and love. This is truly a season for pilgrims – a people on a journey to find the Star of Bethlehem; to secure once again a reason for appreciating the gift of faith and love that is generously shared during this time of year. It is Christmas in the Valley and the Community of Saint Luke reflects on the journey of hope through the eyes of our children. For we are a people who search the heavens for the gift of wholeness for ourselves and our families. I believe we have found that gift in the hands and hearts of our parish family.

For the past several years have seen major growth in our parish – the excitement of watching young families getting involved in their faith – youngsters excited about coming to church - the teenager finding the nourishment of Antioch and Youth Ministry – the adult community creating more and more ministries. All of these give great witness to the future of a healthy parish. What better reason than to know that you belong to a parish family that is preparing for the Great Jubilee – a New Year.

There is a freshness and enthusiasm in our parish that is contagious. You have, and continue to be, an important partner with me in working together to build community and to experience the Living Lord in our lives each day. There is no blue print directing us in the way to peace – to this Healed City of Jerusalem. All we have is our personal ability to recognize that we are all pilgrims, unfinished and in process. We are given time in order that we might enter deeply into each other's lives.

St Luke Parish is a home to both the young and the older. It is a family that welcomes and takes responsibility for its needs and very existence. The ability of a parish to grow depends on the responsibility of each member as it pertains to your Talent, your Time, and your Generosity. This becomes our daily Christmas Gift to each other – to keep alive the spirit that nourishes us and creates an atmosphere that our children can grow and be able to look back some day and see these years as an important part of their life. Your parish community continues to invite you to be involved. We are no different than Mary, Joseph in Bethlehem – we are looking for refuge and wholeness for ourselves and our children. I ask you to reflect on your presence in our parish and your ability to make things different by that presence. It has been a difficult year for some and a challenging one for many. But through it all the Lord has made his presence felt. As we continue to grow in size and in spirit our needs also grow. I want to proclaim this New Year as a time of rejuvenation – a time when every person in this parish and those who will come, will join hands and give direction for the future generations. Get involved because you deserve to be involved and, by the way, your parish family needs you.

I wish for you and those you love a season of dreams that will extend into the New Year. May the eyes of those who look to you in love this Christmas Season reflect the eyes of the Infant who reaches out to embrace the world once again with peace and spiritual wholeness.

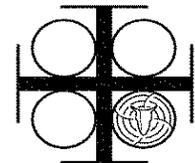
Christmas Blessings,  
Father Mike, Pastor



**SAINT LUKE PARISH**

Embracing the Vision ~

Nourishing our Faith



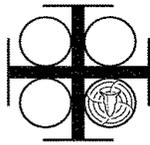
## Our Mission

### 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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## Our Parish Staff

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

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

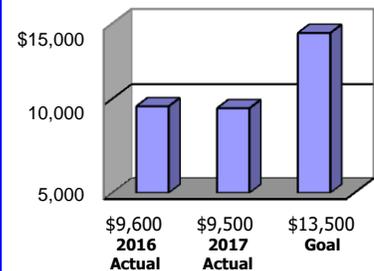
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## Parish FINANCES

December 16/17, 2017



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)



**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 ~ Colossians 3:12-21 ~ Luke 2:22-40

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 23**

5:00pm Louise A Benigno

**Sunday, December 24**

9:30am Drury/Harrington Families  
4:00pm Parishioners  
6:00pm Parishioners  
8:30pm Theresa Crimi

**Monday, December 25**

7:45am Parishioners  
9:30am Parishioners  
11:15am Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 27**

9:00am Martin Winkler

**Friday, December 29**

9:00am Julio Duarte

**Saturday, December 30**

5:00pm Virginia Callahan

**Sunday, December 31**

7:45am The Sedlatschek Family  
9:30am Jean Beatrice  
11:15am Bernard Kelly

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

**Christmas Week Masses & Office Hours**

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

Mass - 9:00am / Office Hours - 8:00am to 12:00pm

Thursday, December 28, 2017

Office Hours - 8:00am to 12:00pm

Friday, December 29, 2017

Mass - 9:00am / Office Hours - 8:00am to 12:00pm

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> / 5:00pm Mass  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> / 7:45am; 9:30am; 11:15am

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1, 2018 / 10:00am

May the Love, Peace  
and Joy of the Season  
be in your hearts  
all the days of the year.

Merry Christmas!

Father Mike  
& the St. Luke Staff



*Merry Christmas*

**Freshman/Sophomore**



January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 6pm  
(Snow date: January 13<sup>th</sup>)

This is a wonderful and impactful afternoon presented by guest speaker Craig Jandoli. All registrations must be submitted before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit the teen ministry page on our website ([www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com)) for more information and to print out the registration form.

Any questions, contact Nina Dorton at 908-876-3515, x18 or [nina@stlukelv.org](mailto:nina@stlukelv.org).

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NORTHWEST JERSEY'S OWN  
HIT SONGS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY  
PLUS LOCAL NEWS, TRAFFIC & WEATHER!



Sunday 12/24	Monday 12/25	Tuesday 12/26	Wednesday 12/27	Thursday 12/28	Friday 12/29	Saturday 12/30
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Children's Liturgy & Pageant 4pm Family Liturgy 6pm Christmas Vigil 8:30pm <b>9:30am Mass</b>	<b>Christmas</b> Mass 7:45am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:15am	<b>Facility Closed</b>	Troop 436 Gym Activity 3:30pm CYO Basketball <b>9:00am Mass</b>	CYO Basketball Adult Choir 7pm <b>9:00am Mass</b>	CYO Basketball <b>9:00am Mass</b>	CYO Basketball Reconciliation 4pm <b>5:00pm Mass</b>



## MINISTRY Announcements and Community News



### A Few Thank You's

**Thank you** to everyone who made donations for Christmas Flowers! The church looks beautiful. It is a wonderful way to welcome Baby Jesus and to celebrate the Holy Family.

The Caring Hearts, Helping Hands Ministry would like to thank everyone who took a tag from **the Giving Tree** this Christmas. You helped make hundreds of children extremely happy with your generous gifts. We are also very grateful for the gift cards and cash donations which allowed us to make Christmas a very special time for those in need. God bless all of you! If you would like to become a volunteer for the Caring Hearts, Helping Hands Ministry please contact Heather Temples (evenings only) at 908-797-5395.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the **Operation Chillout backpack program** this year! Your kindness has given the gift of hope to a homeless man, woman or veteran this winter. To become a volunteer, please contact Deacon Ray.

There are many hearts and hands that make this parish work so smoothly and efficiently as it does. From the Staff and long list of Volunteers, to our Deacons and Weekend Associate Priests - **I am most proud and grateful** of the support you have given over the years. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm with St. Luke Parish. ~ Fr. Mike



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

St. Luke Special Needs Ministry is looking for **Ad Sponsors for the 2018 Wine Tasting Program**. Parishioners are always in attendance at this special fundraising event. This year's SNM Wine Tasting is on February 10, 2018. If you would like to give additional support to this important parish ministry, please consider sponsoring an ad in the Wine Tasting Program. Ads can be purchased by businesses, families, or individuals. You may include photos, information, and logo about your business or just include a message of support to the ministry. Prices are: Full Page—\$200; Half Page—\$100; and 1/3 Page—\$50. Deadline for submission for ad materials is 1/12/18. See Jody in the Parish office for details.

Monday night **Christian Meditation** will be on break until January 8, 2018. Please join them 7 to 8 pm in the chapel in the new year.

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's toll-free number at 866-507-8757.

As you enjoy your new clothes and home goods from Christmas, please place any unwanted "gently worn" garments, linens or small appliances in the **Catholic Charities Donation Bin** located in the back of our parking lot.

**Kindergarten Registration** ~ Tewksbury Elementary School will begin accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year in January. Students must be five years old by October 1, 2018. For information, please contact the main office at 908-832-2594 x2001.

The next **Couples Mass** will be in the chapel on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please join us!

The Long Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **Basketball Free Throw Contest** on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 4pm in the Parish Center. All boys and girls age 10 to 14 years of age are encouraged to participate!

## St. Luke Catholic Preschool - Susan Keating, Director

School will be closed December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. Class will resume on January 2, 2018.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to our Preschool families!**



## St. Luke's Catholic Preschool Program

Registration for the **2017-2018 School Year** will be January 23, 24 & 25, 2018 from 12 to 1pm in the Preschool.

Forms can be found on the periodical table in the narthex.

# RELIGIOUS



# EDUCATION



**Note:** No CCD on December 24<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.

## → All Confirmation Candidates ←

Your next 6:00pm Mass and Confirmation class is scheduled for  
Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check class times with your  
catechists. **Any questions please contact Maureen at**  
[maureen@stlukelv.org](mailto:maureen@stlukelv.org)

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## The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

→ Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> ←

The Sacrament will be celebrated at 10:00am in the Church

## First Eucharist Parent Meeting

→ Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> ←

at 12:45pm 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](mailto:maureen@stlukelv.org) or at 908-  
876-3515. Don't forget your calendars!

## 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.



New Year's blessing to you! Christmas day marks the beginning of a two week period of time – the Christmas season. We celebrate Jesus' birth, Epiphany, his revelation to the world and ends with his Baptism.

We should celebrate every day of the season, not just Christmas day. We celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World and are reminded that we, too, need to bring His light to others through our actions and example.

We celebrate God's generous gift to us, Jesus. This gift has been given freely with no expectation of repayment and we are encouraged to give to others freely with no strings attached.

This Christmas season and all through the new year, share the light of Christ with others in a generous spirit ~ a spirit of hope given in love rooted in a joyful heart.

*Maureen Murtagh, Director of Religious Education*



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. \*\*\**