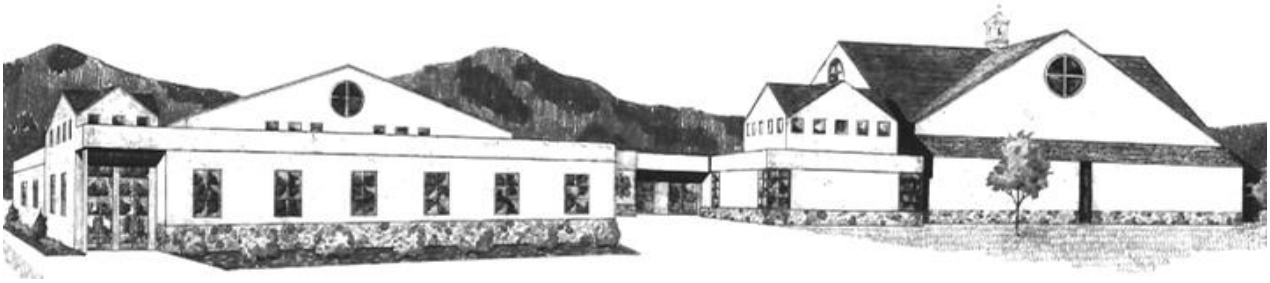

SAINT LUKE PARISH

August 18, 2019 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A big thank you to everybody for your generosity to Fr. Robert for his mission in Africa. We received $4,500 and sent this money on to the diocese who will forward it to Fr. Robert. Thanks for your sacrifice towards the education of African seminarians.

We all had a wonderful experience at vacation bible camp two weeks ago. Nina worked so hard with her core team of young people to assist her. The theme of the week was "be strong". Our young friends had a great experience! We read them bible stories from the old and New Testament and they had great fun acting out particular bible stories. I was very impressed by the care with which the big kids empowered the little ones; listening to them and teaching them with joy and great patience. As we completed our week on Friday, August 9th, I thanked the parents for giving us their little ones and encouraged them to be the first teachers of their faith to their children. These little people will be the future of the church in approximately twenty years or so when they will be the adults seeking marriage and eventually baptism for their babies, etc. In a world that does not always understand religion, let us be strong in faith and in making decisions in putting Christ first. A big thanks to Nina, her husband Kevin and her daughter Alaina who, with many helping hands, gave of themselves with generosity and great love.

Fr. Alex spent several hours at the Vets Summer Fest last Saturday. He was amazed at the amount of people who came to support this wonderful charity. Deacon Ray and his loyal volunteers go above and beyond in witnessing Christ to those loyal Americans many of whom have suffered to help defend our country. It is wonderful to see the outpouring of love and to experience our willingness to support and take care of veterans who now, for many reasons, depend on us.

We were saddened to see the domestic dispute that involved a local family here in Long Valley. It's a shame when people are threatened or feel they must threaten others because of difficulty in their lives. Let us pray for the perpetrator and the victim and pray for healing. As much as Long Valley is a serene, beautiful place in which to live, it is a place, too, like any other that is dependent on the loving strength of God. God wishes each one of us to be holy and live productive lives. For those of us who are catholic, it is important for us to remember that we need to be more than good people. We need to strive to be holy and reach out to Christ through the sacraments with prayer and reflection. For those of us who are blessed to have a close relationship with Christ, the troubles and anxieties are lessened, and the joys and gifts we receive are intensified. So my dear parishioners, in the words of Nina "be strong" because Christ's love surrounds us. We just have to make time to listen!

Fr. Owen

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon between 4:00pm – 4:45pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Owen or Fr. Alex 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, during weekend masses or by appointment. Couples are invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of their first child.

Marriage ~ We welcome all couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact the office one year before the desired wedding date to insure proper preparation.

Ministry to the Sick/Hospital Visitation ~ If anyone among you is physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick or shut in, please call the office to arrange a holy communion visitation with a Priest or Extraordinary Minister.

RCIA ~ a program for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, or those who were baptized Roman Catholic, but did not receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you seek full initiation into the Catholic Church please call the office for an appointment with Father Owen.

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

eGiving through Faith Direct

Faith Direct is the easiest way to be sure that your financial gift reaches St. Luke, even when you cannot be with us at Mass. Once you have enrolled, you can relax knowing that St. Luke Parish will continue to receive your donations throughout the year. Enrollment forms are available in the narthex or you can visit *Faith Direct's* secure website at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is: **NJ476**. Your generosity is truly a gift from God.

Please remember St. Luke Parish in your estate planning

Summer Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday ~ 9:00am

Saturday Evening ~ 5:00pm

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

Summer Office Hours

(The facility is closed on Tuesday)

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri ~ 8:30am-12:30pm

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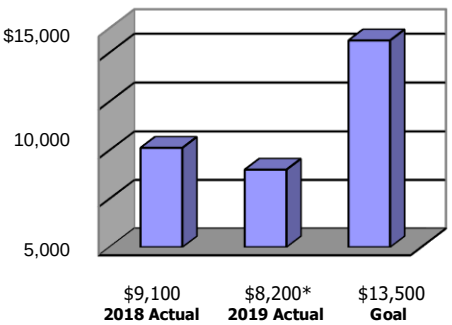
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 106:1, NRSV

Parish FINANCES

August 10&11, 2019



** $5,000 donated weekly through FaithDirect*

August 18, 2019 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Jeremiah 38:4- 6, 8-10*
Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:1- 4*
This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: *Luke 12:49- 53*
Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

NEXT WEEK'S READING: Isaiah 66:18-21 ~ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ~ Luke 13:22-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 17
9:00am John & Helen Koval
5:00pm Carolyn Cleary

Sunday, August 18
7:45am Alexander Duthie
9:30am Barbara Fetrow
11:15am Ron Tully

Monday, August 19
9:00am Ed Hahn

Tuesday, August 20
9:00am

Wednesday, August 21
9:00am

Thursday, August 22
9:00am

Friday, August 23
9:00am Marian Schaudenecker

Saturday, August 24
9:00am Gabe & Mary LoSapio
5:00pm Kelly Cleary

Sunday, August 25
7:45am Kristina Berezny
9:30am Steve Kreel
11:15am Caryl Donovan

Vacation Bible Camp

We had a wonderful week!

Be

Strong

OPERATION CHILLOUT

Would like to thank everyone that donated **cases of bottled water**, **tee shirts** and **baseball caps** for the annual summer homeless outreach.

Our collection is now complete.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has been involved in evangelization. In 1948, the Knights started the Catholic Information Service (CIS) to provide low-cost Catholic publications for the general public as well as for parishes, schools, retreat houses, military installations, correctional facilities, legislatures, the medical community, and for individuals who request them. For 70 years, CIS has printed and distributed millions of booklets, and thousands of people have enrolled in its catechetical courses.

If you would like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you. Become a Knight!

R.C.I.A Information Night

Are you interested in knowing more about the Roman Catholic Church and its traditions? Come for an information session

Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30pm in the Chapel

RCIA is a process that begins now and formally concludes at the Easter Vigil with full membership into the Roman Catholic Church.

Please call Stephanie Oros at (862) 432-3932 for more information.

Sunday 08/18	Monday 08/19	Tuesday 08/20	Wednesday 08/21	Thursday 08/22	Friday 08/23	Saturday 08/24
	Meditation 7pm	**Facility Closed**	Finance Council 7pm	Adult Choir 7pm		Confessions 4pm
Regular Mass Schedule	**9:00am Mass**	**9:00am Mass**	**9:00am Mass**	**9:00am Mass**	**9:00am Mass**	**9:00am Mass** **5:00pm Mass**

MINISTRY Announcements and Community News

Special Needs Mass & Social Event ~ Come join us as we celebrate with friends, family and community on Sunday, September 8th at 3pm. ALL ARE INVITED!!

Grief Ministry ~ There are times when we are faced with the unexpected loss of those we love, a difficult life event or serious illness. This ministry offers parishioners and their families much needed support and resources during this period. Contact Fr. Owen in times of need.

When you are buying new clothes for back-to-school and the fall season, consider donating some of your summer wear or last year's school and fall items to the **Catholic Charities clothing bin** in the parish parking lot. Your donated items raise money to fund the Catholic Charities poverty relief services.

CYO Basketball Registration for the 2019-2020 St. Luke CYO basketball season is now open. Children of parishioners in 4th through 8th grades are eligible. The registration is $170 per child. More information and a copy of the registration form are available on the Parish website. If you have any questions, contact Paul Prata at longvallycyo@gmail.com.

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 **Youth 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 a priest or one of our Extraordinary Ministers.*

NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

We are searching for a volunteer to lead our visual liturgy ministry. It is the use of slide shows to add prayers, song lyrics, images and videos as projections on the church walls. While it is as simple as pushing a button and some behind the scenes preparation using PowerPoint; it makes a big difference. If you can help contact Christina in the Parish Office at christina@stlukelv.org. Thank you!

Washington Twp Recreation Dept. has many programs beginning in September. Yoga, Self Defense, stress management seminars, etc. are available for adults, kids and families. For more information visit www.wtmorris.org or call 908-876-5941. Fees may apply.

Sisters of Christian Charity 6th Annual Golf Outing ~ Please join the Sisters on Thursday, September 26th at the beautiful Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club in Livingston, NJ. For more information contact, Casey Dolan at dev.director@scceast.org or 973-230-5355. You can also register online at www.scceast.org/golf-outing.

The Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship **Annual 5K Run/Walk** will take place on October 13th as an event within the Califon Street Festival, rain or shine. Jonathan, a former editor of *The Hunterdon Review* and a Voorhees High School graduate, succumbed to brain cancer after a courageous battle. The race held each year in his memory raises funds for the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation that awards journalism/ communications scholarships to area high school students. To find out more or to pre-register visit: www.runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Califon/JonathanSlusherMemorial5k or visit www.jonscholarship.com for more information.

St. Luke Catholic Preschool ~ Jeannie Soltes, Director

Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year are still being accepted!

Spots are available in both the three-year-old and four-year-old programs. Visit www.stlukeparishlv.com to register. See you in September ☺.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Register for CLASSES

Sign-up NOW for the
2019-2020 CCD SCHOOL YEAR

A late fee is now in effect. Visit the website to download registration forms.

Check the website weekly for in person registration dates/times.

PLEASE NOTE:
Do not mail or drop off forms.
They will only be accepted during in-person registration times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jodi in our business office at 908-876-3515.

CCD PROGRAM

All Religious Education classes are scheduled to begin September 8th.

Any questions please contact Maureen at maureen@stlukelv.org. .

Attention

- All K – 8th Grade CCD Students -

Please attend our opening mass with your families on

Sunday, September 1st

– either 9:30am or 11:15am -

You may attend the mass that fits your schedule!

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

St. Luke's Religious Education program needs you!

Religious education programs are staffed mainly by volunteers. Sometimes they are "real' teachers who share their talent and time on weekends; more often they are people who enjoy being with children and choose to share their love of our Catholic faith with them by volunteering to be a catechist. Every program director thanks God for the good-hearted people who answer the call!

Becoming a catechist means becoming part of a team. It means becoming God's human hands and voice, instruments of his peace. The main qualifications are openness to God and a willingness to learn and grow in faith. God works miracles through ordinary people.

Please consider joining our team!

JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY!!!

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

If you have not had the opportunity to register your family with St. Luke Parish, please visit our website (www.stlukeparishlv.com) to download a form, 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! Please send me a registration form so I can 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. ****