SAINT LUKE PARISH

February 9, 2020 / Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I was delighted to welcome the scouts to mass last Sunday. These young people, namely all boys except one girl, are part of a group that I admire tremendously. It is good to foster love of God and love of country in these young people. I was proud of our three readers, those who carried in the processional cross and flags, our gi. bearers and those who helped distribute the bulletins after mass. On behalf of our parish, I affirm and thank our local scout leadership Glen, Scott, Bill, Matt, Chris, Mike, Bob and Vince.

I was pleased to give a teaching experience on the creed to our group B CCD children and teens from third to eighth grade. I have previously taught group A and of course, the parish at large, several weeks ago. It is a nice idea to incorporate the creed in a prayer reflection considering the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit who have created and empowered us. Consider Christ who redeemed us and who will judge us at the end of our lives. We proudly stand tall and strong as Roman Catholics aware that our beloved church built on the foundation of the apostles and under the guidance of Pope Francis, is our treasure in this life and in the world to come.

It was a pleasure to preside at our Special Needs mass last Sunday. It is heartwarming to see the love our Special Needs family has for Jesus and how they love to sing and pray with happy smiles and hearts full of love. As I write this bulletin on Monday, I look forward to Friday evening's Night to Shine in Hackettstown and look forward to giving you a full report next week. I know that our wine tasting event is going to be a tremendous success with lots of people gathering to support this mission and have a wonderful gourmet experience and enjoy each other's company.

It was my honor to minister to the Malanga family. Let us keep Sheri, Reno and Alysia in prayer during the coming days. Please take a moment to read the beautiful thank you written by Sheri to our parish family.

Father Owen

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I wanted to thank Father Owen for giving me this opportunity to thank the amazing St. Luke Parish Community. From the onset of his diagnosis through his funeral, I cannot believe the love, support and prayers that have been extended to Bob, myself and our family. The amount of times I heard, "please let me know if there is anything I can do" was incredible and I know extremely genuine. About 18 months after his diagnosis, I started reaching out for help from just talking to a group of amazing ladies after the 9:30 mass one day to the Men's Cornerstone and others coming in to sit with Bob while I ran to do an errand, see one of Alysia's fencing matches, or attend Mass. Not to mention installing a grab bar, helping me get him up in the morning and to bed at night and anything else I needed done.

A huge thank you to Matt Farley, Maureen and Jim Murtagh and Marie Peppas. You have no idea how much you helped me keep my sanity these past two months. Bob deeply appreciated the visits and even though he wasn't able to communicate it towards the end, he loved each and every one of you. The visits with Father Owen and Father Ron were incredible and deeply appreciated. We all got a huge comfort from them.

A few hours after Bob's passing, some of us were sitting at the kitchen counter and I mentioned that I wanted any donations in his name to be given to the Special Needs Ministry at St. Luke's. He loved everyone associated with the ministry and I will be eternally grateful that he had the opportunity to go with them to Lourdes this past year. He was away on our 25th wedding anniversary, but the look on his face and in his eyes when he returned was so special, it was the best anniversary present. I am hoping I can somehow continue with his fall motorcycle rides that benefitted the Special Needs Ministry which he started five years ago but unfortunately was unable to do this year.

God Bless all of you!

Sheri Malanga and family

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In Case of Emergency ---------- 908-280-4311

Masses

Saturday mornings ---------- 9:00 am
Saturday Evenings ---------- 5:00 pm
Sundays ---------- 7:45, 9:30, 11:15 am & 6:00 pm
Holy Days ---------- Consult the bulletin or website
Weekdays ---------- 9:00 am
Confession -- 4:00 pm Saturday or by Appointment

Sacraments

Bap. sms — Parents are urged to begin preparation for this sacrament three months prior to delivery. 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 — If you are an adult and seek full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please call the office for an appointment with Father Owen.

Staff

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What's Happening at St. Luke

Sunday, February 9
Morning Hospitality
1:00 pm God Squad Trip to Paragon Village

Monday, February 10
Evening CYO Basketball Practices
4:00 pm Forte Strings Lessons
7:00 pm Meditation

Tuesday, February 11
2:00 pm Bereavement Support Group
6:30 pm God Squad Meeting

Wednesday, February 12
7:30 pm RCIA

Thursday, February 13
Evening CYO Basketball Practices
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Women's Cornerstone

Friday, February 14
Evening CYO Basketball Practices

Saturday, February 15

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Give yourself a gift this year—a time to pause, a time to connect, and a time to celebrate God's love with other women from our community. This 24 hour experience is April 17-18, 2020. Please contact Barb Santos at 908-391-4347 or barb.santos@comcast.net for details.

Eyeglasses for the Needy

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass-recycling container in the Narthex until February 29. All used eyeglasses are donated to those in need. Your support is appreciated.

Scout Sunday

St. Luke Boy Scout Troop 436 and all scouts celebrated Scout Sunday at the 9:30am mass on February 3.

Roses for Valentine's Day

The Long Valley First Aid Squad Auxiliary is hosting their 1st Annual Valentine's Day Rose Sale happening on February 13 from 12:00-7:00pm and February 14 from 12:00-6:00pm at the LV First Aid Squad building on East Mill Rd. All fundraising proceeds provides new equipment. For pre-orders visit www.store.lvfas.org.

The Wizard of Oz at Villa Walsh Academy

This year the Villa Walsh Academy drama department presents the classic musical The Wizard of Oz from Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22. For ticket information visit www.villawalsh.org or call 973-538-3680.

Parish Office Closed for President's Day

Office is closed Monday, February 17. Mass will be held at 9:30am.

Purified

St. Paul Inside the Walls is excited to announce an incredible event for families (ages 13 and up) called PURIFIED. On February 13th at 7:00pm International speaker Jason Evert will discuss the topic of chastity. The event will include a presentation for teens, young adults and parents about dating relationships and God's plan for human love followed by a time for adoration and reflection. For more information or to sign up visit www.insidethewalls.org.

Please Pray for the Sick

Please pray for those who suffer the distress of illness: Susan McCaffrey, Shannon Cleary, Tracey Tobin, Christopher & Tim Popp, and all of our parish homebound. If you're a family member, and would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the office at 908-876-3515.

Pizza Night with The Bishop

All young men in high school, college or older are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and other priests from the diocese from 7-9pm at Pope John HS in Sparta on February 13 for reflection, fellowship and pizza.

2019 Tax Statements

The end of the year tax statements for your 2019 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@stlukelv.org to request a copy. If you donate electronically through Faith Direct, a statement will be mailed to you shortly.

Community Spring Concert

Celebrate the beginning of Spring with music on Sunday, March 22 at 12:30pm at St. Luke. The Forte String Ensemble will perform followed by an open jam session. Event includes soup, salad and sides. Donations will help the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fund.

Visit our website (www.stlukeparishlv.com) for ministry information and details on upcoming events.

St. Luke Preschool ~ Jeannie Soltes, Director

This is how families describe the Preschool Program at St. Luke:

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Come see for yourself how we can give your child an excellent start on a successful school career. Registration is still open for the 2019-2020 School year! Forms and tuition information can be found in the narthex or on the Preschool page at www.stlukeparishlv.com.

Religious Education

Maureen Murtagh, Director of Religious Education / maureen@stlukelv.org / 908-876-3515, ext. 16

A Message from the Director

Valentine's Day is not a "Catholic" holiday. It is not observed on our liturgical calendar. But, the day gets a great deal of attention in our culture. No doubt, it gets attention in your home.

Valentine's Day is a day to emphasize the importance of genuine love, the kind of love that reflects the teachings of Jesus. The best proof of our faith is not found in how we act or how we feel, but in how we love.

What you do in your family, how you bring God's love to others is holy. Before your child hears God's Word proclaimed at Mass, they feel His love from their experiences of being loved by their family; parents, grandparents, godparents, and other family members. Start and end each day with a blessing by making the sign of the cross on your child's forehead. Together as a family think of other expressions of love you can offer not only to each other but to those in your community and beyond during this month that celebrates love.

Maureen Murtagh, *Director of Religious Education*

Emergency Closings and Cancellations

Visit the Religious Education page on our website, like us on Facebook (St. Luke Religious Education) and follow us on Twitter (@StLukeCCD) for the most up-to-date information!

First Eucharist Information

First Eucharist Parent / Child Retreat is on Saturday, March 21 at 3:30pm in the Church. For details and the most up-to-date information, visit the Religious Education page on our website and click the "Reconciliation and Eucharist Information." Any questions please contact Maureen Murtagh.

CCD Program

Please check the website for your next class date/ me. **Reminder:** all Jr High Students and 2nd Grade Students need to sign in when attending mass.

Confirmation Students

Your Confirmation class and 6:00pm mass is scheduled for **Sunday, February 9**. Please check class times with your catechist. If you are looking for volunteer hours with one of our Ministry Partners, visit the Confirmation page on the website for upcoming events and contact information.

Teen Ministry

Nina Dorlon, Youth Minister / nina@stlukelv.org / 908-876-3515, ext. 18

We're all a work in progress. Life is a hard hat zone. But just wait 'til you see what God will do at Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)!

Save the Dates - June 22nd-26th

Tuesday, February 11 6:30-8:00pm

Antioch Spring Retreat

Antioch 77, a teen-led retreat for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in high school, is **February 28 to March 1** at St. Lawrence Church in Chester. Registration forms are available on the periodical table in the narthex or on the parish website. Any questions call Tony Amaral at 201-618-4692. **LT4!**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 8
9:00 am
5:00 pm George Alai

Sunday, February 9
7:45 am Louis J. Sedlastschek
9:30 am Frank DiScala
11:15 am Robert Bas
6:00 pm Robert Beck

Monday, February 10
9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 11
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Murphy & Moran Families

Wednesday, February 12
9:00 am Maureen Mangione

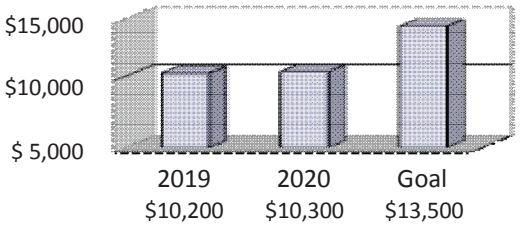
Thursday, February 13
9:00 am

Friday, February 14
9:00 am Ev Ertle

Saturday, February 15
9:00 am Ann Baumbach
5:00 pm Bea Chase

Sunday, February 16
7:45 am Roxann Serna
9:30 am Thomas Crowe, Edward Fuchs
11:15 am Michael Volk
6:00 pm Bob Malanga

Parish Giving



Have you ever wondered how your weekly giving is used? Your continuous giving each week helps us cover the costs associated with keeping the parish facility open and ready for mass and special events. Your generosity is especially needed and appreciated during the winter months when we incur higher than normal expenses. Some parish expenses paid through your generous giving this past December and January included:

	December	January
Propane	$5231	$3965
Electric	$1421	$1535
Snow Removal	$7685	$4200

eGiving through Faith Direct

Enrollment forms are available in the narthex or visit Faith Direct's website at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is: NJ476. Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember St. Luke Parish in your estate planning.

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OUR COMMUNITY AUCTION THANK YOU

Our Council would like to thank all the parishioners and St. Luke Parish for their support to our Annual Christmas Auction. The final numbers are in and it was a great success. We had a record crowd of almost 180 people with many favorable comments regarding the food and the prizes. The Auction is an important fundraiser as it enables our Council to continue our charitable mission - aka putting our Faith into Action. A few examples are our bi-monthly dinners we provide to the PTSD wards at Lyon Veterans Hospitals; presenting 1st Communion gift sets to every child making their First Holy Communion in our 3 parishes; supporting a Paterson Diocese Seminarian, providing 384 winter coats for needy children; and providing financial support to Pregnancy Care Centers in our area for unwed mothers, to name a few. We thank you, and you may rest assured, the recipients of your generosity thank you as well. Become a Knight! **www.lvkofc.org**

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION / CURRENT PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are new in the parish, we would appreciate it if you register. **[Please PRINT clearly]**

Name _____ Addresss _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

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