

SAINT LUKE PARISH

February 21, 2021 / The First Sunday of Lent



Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Alex and I had a wonderful mini vacation in Cooperstown and despite the many closures, we got to see the National Baseball Hall of Fame and had lovely walks around the quaint, charming town. The lake naturally was covered in snow and ice, but we drove around it and enjoyed the wonderful scenery. For me, The Shrine of the First American Martyrs and the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha were a wonderful reminder of our wonderful American Catholic history. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was a convert and lived in the mid 1600s. She was also a catechist and even though suffering very ill health lived an inspiring life. The Jesuit martyrs in the 1600s learned the local languages and though martyred by a warring Native American tribe proclaimed the faith boldly and with great compassion. I cannot even imagine how remote that area was more than 400 years ago and the courage, the early settlers and the early converts needed to live out their Catholic faith. I encourage you to google the history of these two shrines and gain an insight into the strength necessary to be a Catholic in North America in this century.

As you are aware, we had four wonderful couples speak at our masses last weekend. A big thank you to Phil and Barb, Deacon Ray and Leslie, Pete and Jean, Pete and Colleen for their inspiring talks on marriage and for helping us learn from their living of this beautiful sacrament.

A big thank you to Scott O'Neill for organizing and preparing the scouts to celebrate a beautiful Scouts' mass last Sunday. Michael, Luke, Sean and Chris did a great job with the readings and the Prayers of the Faithful and made us all very proud. I am thrilled that we are able to host the scouts' meetings here at the parish and I always welcome scouts and cubs to consider St. Luke their meeting home away from home.

Last Wednesday was a different Ash Wednesday in that I sprinkled the ashes rather than putting them on the forehead to avoid cross-contamination. Nonetheless, as we live this first weekend of Lent, I invite you as family to make a decision on the family sacrifice you have chosen. A big thanks to everybody who on a regular basis bring in non-perishables to our parish. However, I would invite you as I had previously mentioned, to save money during Lent so that we can provide a substantial cash gift to provide for the basics for our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Christ. During this Lenten season I encourage every parishioner to go to confession. As in previous years, confession will be held in every parish in Morris, Sussex and Passaic counties every Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. until Holy Week. I will hear confessions in the chapel, and I ask those who are waiting for confession and those who are praying their Act of Penance afterwards in the church to keep social distance. On Wednesday, March 10th, Fr. Hubert, Fr. Alex and Fr. Mike will be here to assist me to hear confessions from 6-9:00 p.m. It is very important that families make time whether Monday evenings or Wednesday, March 10th to receive this sacrament and prepare our hearts and souls for the Easter season.

Through the generosity of parishioners, our parish has been given a subscription to an online Catholic App which provides resources for catechesis, reflection and opportunities to grow in faith. Maureen and I are presently working on how to best to use this program for CCD and Confirmation. This wonderful spiritual tool has something for every age group. This weekend, we will preview it at all masses, and we look forward to welcoming you onboard "Formed." The details on how to join are inside.

Fr. Owen

Parish Information

Address-----265 West Mill Rd. Long Valley, New Jersey 07853
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 Office Telephone ----- 908-876-3515
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 In Case of Emergency ----- 908-280-4311

Masses

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

Staff

Religious

Pastor----- Very Rev. Canon Owen B. Moran, ChM
 Pastor Emeritus ----- Rev. Michael Drury
 Priest in Residence---- Fr. Hubert Jurjewicz PH.D, PSY. D
 Deacon -----Ray Chimileski

Office

Bookkeeper/Child Protection Coord.- Jodi Galloway
 Business Office ----- Ron Cohen, Joe Perno
 CCD----- Maureen Murtagh
 Facilities Manager ----- Mike Wozniak
 Preschool Director ----- Jeannie Soltes
 Secretary-----Jody Wozniak
 Trustees ----- Tim Duffy, Steve Shanley
 Youth Minister/Website/Scheduler -----Nina Dorlon

Visit our website www.stlukeparishlv.com
 for contact information.

Ways to Stay Connected

Our Website

www.stlukeparishlv.com

Facebook Pages

St. Luke Parish Long Valley
 St. Luke Religious Education
 Long Valley God Squad Community
 St. Luke Catholic Preschool
 Diocese of Paterson

Instagram

lvgoodsquad

YouTube Channel

St Luke Parish Long Valley, NJ

Our Venmo Account: Parish St Luke LV



PARISH GIVING

Weekly Goal \$14,000



This Week's Bible Readings

Monday
 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday
 Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday
 Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday
 Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday
 Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26



God Bless
Grayson and
Juliet, our new
beautiful blessings as
they join our
Parish family.

Congratulations to
your families!



**It's Not Too Late To Do
Something Special For Lent**

Here are some ideas

- ◆ Commit to your Lenten promise by writing it and posting it on your bathroom mirror or refrigerator.
- ◆ Fast not only from eating but from selfishness, anger, screen time, greed, foul language or unhealthy decisions.
- ◆ Refrain from eating meat, sweets or drinking alcohol.
- ◆ Attend Daily Mass or Join our Bible Study.
- ◆ Say 40 Prayers for 40 People in 40 Days
- ◆ Make 40 Phone Calls to say you care or just to listen.
- ◆ Send a Letter of Gratitude to someone special every week
- ◆ Watch a daily Video on Formed.org

Country Winter Living doesn't come cheap. Snow is beautiful but expensive. The cost of our recent storm was in excess in \$6,000 for Snow Removal.



Confessions Every Monday 7:00—8:30pm
Wednesday, March 10th
Confessions with Multiple Visiting Priests
6:00—9:00pm



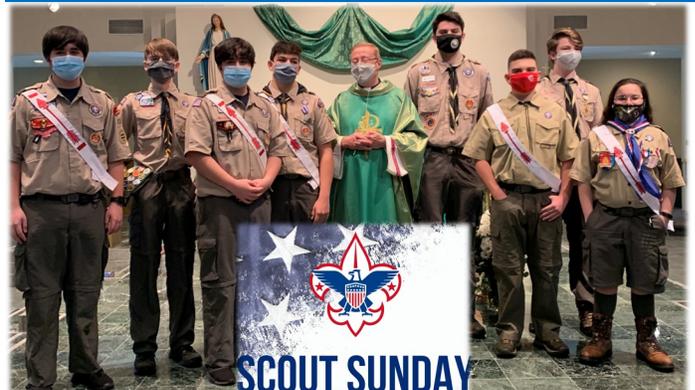
The Church will be Closed for Sanitizing on February 23rd from 5:30pm on.

Mass Intentions

Masses are available for intentions in the upcoming months. Please consider remembering a loved one or gifting a mass intention to a grieving friend. There is great comfort in knowing that your someone special is being prayed for by hundreds of families.

Living intentions are a wonderful way to show your love and support for others as well. In order to have a Mass offered for someone special, please come in during office hours or email nina@stlucaparishlv.org

It's wonderful to have our Scouts at Mass. Last Sunday we celebrated them in a special way for Scout Sunday!





Cultivating Catholic Disciples

Maureen Murtagh, Director of Religious Education

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Lent began on February 17, Ash Wednesday. On that day, we started a season of doing special forms of charity and being especially generous; of being more conscientious of prayer; and of fasting. During Lent, our relationship with Jesus grows stronger as we prepare to celebrate the joy of His Resurrection.

We pray to reflect on what type of person we are called to be. We fast to remove the things that get between us and God and to remember those without enough to eat. We give to honor Jesus' call to serve those in need. We don't often think about preparing for Lent, though. But, preparing for something is one way to make sure we get the most out of the experience.

This would be a good time for you to discuss what Lenten practices your family will observe – such as special family prayer time each Sunday of Lent, or fasting from things that turn our hearts away from God and feasting on things that bring us closer to him like following Jesus' example and giving of ourselves to others. As you decide on something to do as a family, keep in mind that the season of Lent is about turning our hearts to God.

Why not use these last few weeks to think about what you can do as a family during Lent. Make a list and hang it as a reminder of what you decided to do together in the spirit of prayer, fasting, and generosity.

Blessings to you this season of Lent!



A Daily Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

We will commit this season of Lent to you.

Show us what we need to turn away from and what we need to turn towards. Help us walk more closely with Jesus. Help us to see with his eyes and love as he loves, with eyes and hearts that see past the outside and into the heart of others, especially those in need. Help us to see the love and presence of God in everyone and everything. Shine your light on us so that we may reflect that light to help build your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Amen.

We grow closer in our relationship to God through prayer.

You may want to consider keeping these prayers on your bedside or the kitchen counter and incorporating them into your daily routine this Lent or maybe write your own prayer that you use to start your days or meals with!

Meal Time Prayer

Thank you for this time of desert experience.

Help us to grow in love for you and each other and to be mindful of the poor and the lonely. Bless our food and our lives. Amen.



Save the Dates

- † February 21 – A CCD Classes
Rite of Covenant 10 Graders 5pm
God Squad Meeting after 6pm Mass
- † February 22 – Meditation 7pm
- † February 23 – Church Closed at 5:30 for Sanitizing
- † February 24 – Wednesday Night CCD Classes
- † February 28– B CCD Classes Meet 9am
9th Grade Confirmation Classes Meet
- † March 1 – Meditation 7pm
- † March 5 – Adoration
Red Cross Blood Drive 10am-3pm
- † March 6 – Operation Chillout Meeting 9am

TEEN MINISTRY

Service Meeting Tonight February 21st

We will make Easter gifts for the Food Pantry Families

Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday March 14th, 4pm-5pm for Parents and Students



Our Trip is to Nashville, TN

June 20th-26th

with Catholic Heart Workcamp.

You can go online at <https://heartworkcamp.com> to see details.
\$200 Deposit will be due on March 14th to hold your spot.

Outdoor Spring Antioch Retreat

Save the Dates!

The Retreat will be held outdoors at St. Lawrence in Chester

April 23rd -25th

April 30th – May 2nd Rain Dates



Mass Intentions

♥ *Living Intentions* ♥ *Intentions for the deceased*

Saturday, February 20

9:00 am Marie Murtagh
5:00 pm Adam Norris

Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Bishop Frank Rodimer
9:30 am Faye Scalera
11:30 am Shirley Brogan
6:00 pm Joe & Aggie Casey

Monday, February 22

9:00 am St. Luke's Parishioners

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 am

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 am

Thursday, February 25

9:00 am Joseph F. Casey

Friday, February 26

9:00 am

Saturday, February 27

9:00 am
5:00 pm Arline Healion

We pray for the families of the Recently Deceased



“Lent is the time of grace that liberates the heart from vanity. It is a time of healing from addictions that seduce us. It is a time to fix our gaze on what abides.”
- **Pope Francis**

Join FORMED Today!!

If you find yourself wasting time watching other peoples lives or useless videos on Facebook and Instagram. Try doing something good for you. Enhance your faith and learn new things.



You can choose 5 minute videos or watch 2 hour movies.

To Sign Up— Visit— [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
Enter our zip code 07853—Choose St. Luke Parish
Enter your name and email

Try Titles Like: The Search, Desires of the Heart, Love Unveiled, Bernadette, Forgiven, or Light of Love or Jesus Is



Friday, March 5th, 2021

10am-3pm
St. Luke Parish
265 W Mill Rd, Long Valley

Give Something that means Something

1-800-RED-CROSS

P R E S C H O O L



FEBRUARY

Number: 6 Shape: Heart
Color: Pink
Letter Review: Pp, Qq, Rr
Theme: Love One Another

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!
Go to www.stlukeparishlv.com for details and forms.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION / CURRENT PARISHIONER UPDATE

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

Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

[] Need Registration Form [] Change of Address [] Moving Out of Parish [] Want Envelopes [] Want Online Giving

Please cut out and drop in the collection, mail to the Parish Office or email request to parish.office@stlukelv.org.

