

SAINT LUKE PARISH

February 28, 2021 / The Second Sunday of Lent



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, confession is a very important part of Lent. This is a special time to come before God and through the action of the priest, receive the absolution that frees us from sin and strengthens us to live in a state of grace. Do remember that every Monday during Lent from 7-8:30 pm, there is a priest available in a church in our diocese (Morris, Passaic and Sussex) to hear confessions. Particularly for your convenience, Fr. Hubert will be available Monday, March 1st and 8th. I will be available Monday, the 15th and 22nd. Additionally, Fr. Hubert and I are available on Saturdays from 4-4:50 pm. On Wednesday, March 10th, several priests will be available in the church, socially distanced, from 6-9 pm. Please look at your calendar for a time that suits you as a family or individual so that before Holy Week, we all may be in a state of grace.

Our Women's Cornerstone are hosting "An Hour with Mary" this Thursday, March 4th at 7:30 pm. Maureen Mahoney will give this reflection in the church. Ladies, please bring a friend to what I know will be an inspiring hour. This reflection will also be live-streamed. We are blessed to have Maureen and Pete Mahoney in our parish. They moved here recently from St. Joseph in Mendham. Maureen was involved, led and promoted all areas of spirituality in her former parish. I am happy to welcome Maureen and our beloved Pam Moyer as the new Co-Chairs of our Women's Cornerstone. During the transition period, they will be assisted by the Women's Cornerstone Advisory Board, Alik O'Neil and Barbara Santos, April Passaro, Diana Marino and Diane Heller and we thank them for their service and wonderful group team leadership. We are excited to begin the planning for our Women's Cornerstone weekend which will take place in June, a Friday afternoon through Saturday evening. It will be held in the outdoor chapel and conclude at 5:00 p.m. on the beautiful lawns by the chapel. Because of COVID, participants will sleep at their own homes. We look forward to welcoming lots of new members and hope that you will save the date for this special time. More details will be coming soon.

As I previously mentioned to you, March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. Fr. Hubert and I will celebrate mass at 9 am and 7 pm on this Feast Day. We encourage all parishioners to see the enclosed flyer and place a living intention for a special need or in thanksgiving or an intention for a loved one (deceased or alive). Please send this in by March 15th.

A big thank you to Fr. Alex who facilitated our 9th grade retreat last Saturday and Maureen, Nina and our catechists. I am very proud of our 9th graders and our parents. A big thank you to your 10th graders, Maureen, Nina and their catechists. I facilitated a retreat for the parents and confirmandi on Sunday evening. I am proud of both our parents and confirmandi. In the coming weeks, we will connect with our 10th graders who are preparing virtually for their final preparation. I look forward to welcoming Bishop Kevin to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, June 17th at 7 pm.

Fr. O'Neil

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Saturday Evenings ----- 5:00 pm
Sundays -----7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 6:00 pm
Holy Days-----Consult the bulletin or website
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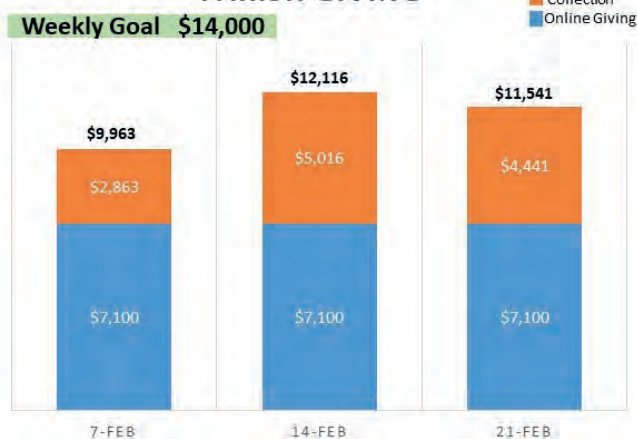
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PARISH GIVING



This Week's Bible Readings

Monday

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

First Friday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46



Hands of St. Luke Pantry

The God Squad decorated the food donations to help bring some smiles and love to the recipients this Easter.



Father Owen is asking us to please use our Lenten sacrifice to help support the Food Pantry. This ministry is thriving with our consistent good will and generosity.

We seek donations of non-perishable items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, spam, fruit, rice, beans, canned goods, oatmeal, cereals, pastas, soups, jarred sauces, boxed milk and individual drinks.

Food gift cards are welcomed!

Our Church Is Now Open To 50% Capacity

Governor Murphy announced this past week that effective immediately, houses of worship may "operate at 50% of occupancy with no cap."

Please note that this welcome news carries with it the need for heightened vigilance in maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and in keeping other health and safety protocols.

Details of our Safety Measures are on our website.

GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR 2020

Did you celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020? If you were married in 1970, the Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, April 25th, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register with your parish office is**

Thursday, April 8th, 2021. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration is processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Deacon Ray presented David Book for Baptism to the Bishop last weekend. David will be formally and officially welcomed into our St. Luke Family at St. Luke's on Holy Saturday.



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



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



Cultivating Catholic Disciples

Maureen Murtagh, Director of Religious Education

maureen@stlukelv.org / 908-876-3515, ext. 16

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 28– B CCD Classes
9th Grade Confirmation Classes Meet
- ✦ March 1– Meditation 7pm
- ✦ March 5– Adoration
Red Cross Blood Drive 10am-3pm
- ✦ March 6– Operation Chillout Meeting 9am
- ✦ March 7– A CCD Classes
11:30 Special Needs Mass
10th Grade Confirmation Classes
- ✦ March 8– Meditation 7pm
- ✦ March 10– W CCD Classes
Lenten Reconciliation 6-9pm
- ✦ March 14– B CCD Classes
Mission Trip Meeting 5pm

TEEN MINISTRY

Thank you to all the teens who decorated our Food Pantry Donations Easter Themed. They are sure to bring smiles!

Mission Trip Meeting

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.

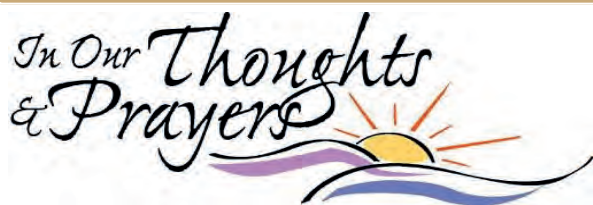
\$200 Deposit will be due on March 14th to hold your spot.

Outdoor Spring Antioch Retreat

Save the Dates!

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

April 23rd -25th



Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, February 27

9:00 am Gabby Villmanueva—Living Intention
5:00 pm Arline Healion

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Luke Parish
9:30 am Robert Kisatsky
11:30 am Harold McEnroe
6:00 pm Jack Robertello

Monday, March 1

9:00 am St. Luke's Parishioners

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 am Michael O'Brien

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 am

Thursday, March 4

9:00 am Kearney Family

Friday, March 5

9:00 am

Saturday, March 6

9:00 am Erlinda Ratcliffe
5:00 pm Aurora Duran

We pray for the families of the Recently Deceased
- Especially Jack Robertello's Family



"It is not enough to say that we are Christians.
We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."
- **Pope Francis**

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Friday, March 5th, 2021

10am-3pm

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265 W Mill Rd, Long Valley

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MARCH

Number: 7 Shape: Diamond

Color: Green Letter: Ss

Theme: Dr. Seuss is on the Loose!



Monday—Silly Sock Day Tuesday—Wear Green

Wednesday—Wacky Wednesday Thursday—Hat Day



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.



Why does the Church have years dedicated to specific topics?

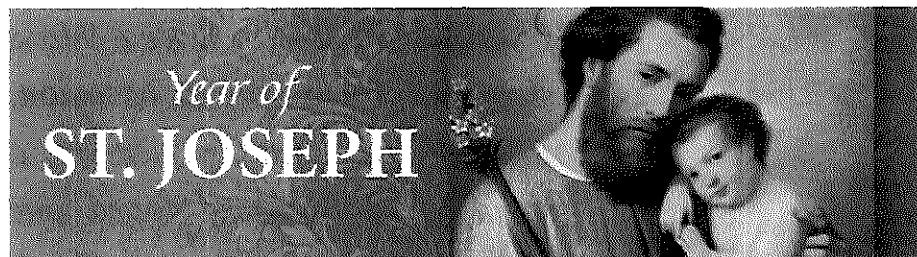
The Church observes the passage of time through the liturgical calendar - which includes feasts such as Easter and Christmas, and seasons such as Lent and Advent. In addition, however, popes can set aside time for the Church to reflect more deeply on a specific aspect of Catholic teaching or belief. Past years designated by recent popes include a Year of Faith, Year of the Eucharist, and Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Why did the Pope declare a year of St. Joseph?

In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870. Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

When does the Year of St. Joseph begin and end?

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.



Mass Intentions on St. Joseph's Day

**St. Luke Parish
265 West Mill Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853**

The Year of St. Joseph – A.D. 2021

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.



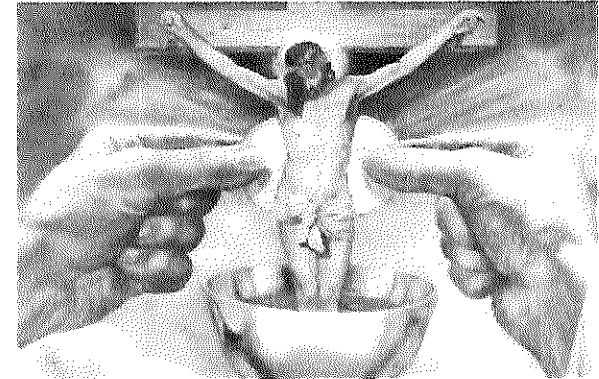
If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (Holy Souls in Purgatory), please submit a Mass Request to us.

A Mass Intention may be set for:

1. A deceased loved one
2. A living person who is sick or suffering
3. A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life;
4. In thanksgiving to God (including the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit);
5. In thanksgiving for a favor granted through the intercession of a Blessed or a Saint;
6. For a prayer intention (so long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching)



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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM: TO PRIEST, PARISH
OFFICE, OR MAIL TO: St. Luke Parish,
265 West Mill Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853

Your Intention(s):

Circle: Living / Deceased

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