

SAINT LUKE PARISH

February 20, 2022 / The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we will have our first prayer experience which will help us as a parish to understand the beauty of the Holy Eucharist. During this Year of the Holy Eucharist, I hope to give you, our parishioners and especially our young adult parishioners, a better understanding of the privilege of the Holy Eucharist. We know that Holy Communion is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ and as we receive Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, we truly appreciate God. During these past years too, I have been pleased to see our heightened awareness of the Blessed Sacrament and I am proud to see so many people now genuflect as they come in and as they leave. The tabernacle is placed in the center of the sanctuary and as Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is central to everything we are and everything we hope to be. This weekend February 19-20, we will have a short time of adoration at the end of the 5:00 pm, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm Masses followed by Benediction. It will not take more than seven minutes, but it will give each of us a sense of the Blessed Sacrament and what a precious prayer experience it is to spend time quietly before Jesus.

As we celebrate Presidents' Day this Monday, we must never take for granted the privilege of living in a democracy. Privilege, of course, has responsibility. We must inform our minds and our conscience when we make a decision to vote, be it on the local or national level. We certainly know that no human being is perfect but in voting for a candidate we should try to ensure through prayer and research that the candidate holds firm to the morals that we hold so dear.

Thanks to everybody who signed the Petition for Life several weeks ago. Last weekend, I placed our letter to the Governor on page five in the bulletin. For those of you who did not attend Mass this weekend, read this letter and let us continue to pray that the Governor will change his stance on life.

Lent begins Wednesday, March 2nd. This is a great time through prayer and sacrifice to draw closer to Christ and practice acts of charity. I am delighted to welcome speakers from Several Sources at all our Masses on the weekend of March 5-6. I will write more about Several Sources in the weeks to come. They are a wonderful organization which gives a home to a pregnant woman, gives her a safe space to have her baby and then helps her to get back into the work force while at the same time, caring for her little one. Maureen, Nina, and I look forward to giving presentations to our children, age appropriately from kindergarten through 10th grade.

For your convenience, the Lenten schedule is in this week's bulletin as an insert.

We hold the people of the Ukraine in prayer during these frightening days for them. We hope that through dialogue and prayer, war will be averted.

Jr. Oron

Parish Information

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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



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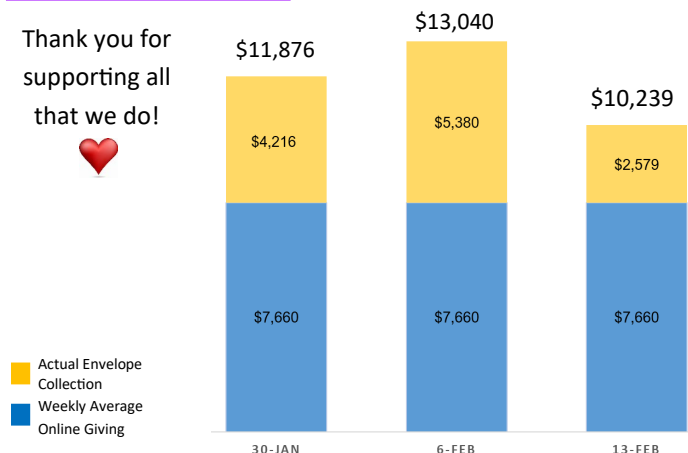
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Parish Giving

WEEKLY GOAL—\$14,000

Thank you for
supporting all
that we do!



This week's Readings

Monday

James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday

James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday

James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

TEEN MINISTRY

Antioch—Our upcoming Retreat at St. Lawrence has been scheduled for April 22nd-24th.
Please save the date!

Fusion—Our next meeting will be held on February 20th.

God Squad—Our next meeting is on February 28th. We have been planning activities for the spring including a trip to visit the elderly in March. A walk to support suicide awareness and prevention on April 2nd. We will go hiking at the Ken Lockwood Gorge and we are hosting a Corn Hole/Kickball Tournament too. We hope to see you at our next meeting as we have a lot to do!



Lectors, Sarah and Theresa at our Special Needs Mass.



Congratulations to Ryan Patrick Cooper, his parents, Benjamin and Colleen and his sister on his Baptism.



Congratulations to Jennifer and Kevin who were married at St. Luke on February 11.



Fr. Owen wishing Happy Birthday to Colleen.



Thanks to our CCD children who donated gifts on White Gift Sunday and to the Knights of Columbus for delivering happiness.



Washington Township Scouts celebrate Scouting.



Special Needs Mass with Lindsay, our Altar Server.



Fr. Owen celebrated Mattie Rose Falk's first birthday with the Falk family.



Mass Intentions

♥ Living Intentions ♥ Intentions for the deceased

Saturday, February 19

9:00 am Andizej Bakoliski
5:00 pm Adam Norris

Sunday, February 20

7:30 am Ron Wysocki
9:30 am Patty Matos
11:30 am Annette Diani
Intentions of our Living
& Deceased Parishioners
6:00 pm Iby Toth

Monday, February 21

9:00 am Evan Dickey

Tuesday, February 22

9:00 am The Kearney Family

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 am Henry Hurley

Thursday, February 24

9:00 am Wladyslaw Sarzynski

Friday, February 25

9:00 am Joseph F. Casey
Joseph Maurizio

Saturday, February 26

9:00 am The Nowak Family
5:00 pm Jessica Charletta

Parishioners interested in having The Beacon mailed directly to their homes weekly, please contact the office during business hours.

St. Luke Lenten Bible Study

St. Luke Parish is pleased to again offer a six week Lenten Bible Study program beginning March 1. Each one hour session will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings heard at Mass. Lent offers a special time to personally grow and deepen our faith by studying Sacred Scripture. The Bible Study program will be facilitated by Tim and Helen Kelly. Participants will have their own study guide (cost \$20) and can choose either the 9:30am or 7:00pm session. Bible Study sessions will be held on March 1, 9, 17, 23, 30, and April 6. To register, please email Helen at helenkelly1@comcast.net. Registrations close Monday, February 21.



NJ SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Each year, the Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights provides a unique opportunity to support Special Olympics New Jersey. Three members of our council will be participating in this chilly but charitable event on February 26. Please consider a donation to these brave swimmers in support of this worthwhile cause. This annual event is one of our featured Faith in Action programs and donations can be sent to:

<https://support.sonj.org/fundraiser/3634228>

Reflection for the Week

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

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!

www.lvkofo.org



Happy Presidents' Day

2/21—School Closed

Color: Pink Shape: Heart Number: 6

Letter: P, Q, R

Theme: President's Day

Thursday—Dentist Visit

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.



Cultivating Catholic Disciples

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

Dear Parents,

Beloved: let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: 1 John 4:7-12.

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.

Blessings to you,

Maureen Murtagh

Date	Event
2/20/22	"A" CCD Classes
2/20/22	Hospitality after 9:30 am Mass
2/20/22	Fusion Meeting 5-6 pm followed by Mass
2/21/22	SNM Gym Activity Night 6-7:15 pm
2/21/22	Meditation with Deacon Ray 7 pm
2/27/22	"B" CCD & 10th Grade Confirmation Classes
2/27/22	Chester Baroque Orchestra 3 pm
2/28/22	God Squad Meeting 7-8:30 pm
2/28/22	Meditation with Deacon Ray
3/1/22	Lenten Bible Series—9:30 am and 7 pm
3/2/22	Wednesday "W" CCD Classes
3/4/22	Stations of the Cross & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3/6/22	"A" CCD & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes

Save the Date: February 27 at 3 pm

The Chester Baroque Orchestra

Celebrate a worthy cause while enjoying music of

John Baston, Turlough O'Carolan, Gaspar Sanz, Georg Telemann and J. S. Bach.

St. Luke Church

Freewill donation

All proceeds will be given with love to the Matos family to assist with medical bills.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO GOVERNOR MURPHY ALONG WITH YOUR SIGNATURES ON BEHALF OF OUR PARISH OF ST. LUKE.

February 8, 2020

The Honorable Phil Murphy
Office of the Governor
The State House
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

I am the pastor of St. Luke Catholic Parish in Long Valley, New Jersey. Parishioners who attend St. Luke live in Washington Township, Califon, Tewksbury, Hackettstown, Chester, and Mendham. We have all been appalled by your recent Executive Order ensuring that abortion will be legally allowed in New Jersey for many years to come. Worse than that, you have approved Late Term Abortion. There are many good items on your agenda for our state, which we appreciate and acknowledge. As Catholics, we believe that life is a sacred gift from God which must be cherished at all times. We, as a parish support an organization, Several Sources which helps to support mothers with accommodation and the ability to keep their child and to help them return to the workforce through education. They also give support to the mom so that they can continue to work and be a mother to the child. My mother's maiden name was Murphy and as a member of the Murphy/Moran family and as a Catholic man, I ask you to give prayerful consideration to the dignity of life especially to the helpless baby in the womb.

I enclose for your information a list of signatures of my parishioners who are asking you to reconsider this decision. A copy of this letter will be published in our bulletin this week. Be assured of the prayers from St. Luke Parish to surround you with the grace of the Blessed Mother that you may have a change of heart.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Owen B. Moran

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Pastor