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April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
Daily M-F	9:00 am

Confessions
Saturdays from 1:00-2:00 pm

St. Luke's is served by...

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MISSION STATEMENT

To reach out in love to all God's people by living the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and St. Luke as a caring faith community fed by the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 14



Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm People of the Parish
Maryann Tyls
Tom Battle
Joseph DiTrollo
Daniel O'Connell
Frank Pollaro
James Reid
Anne Minko

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Angela & David Repetto
and Edward Repetto
10:00 am John McPartland
12:00 pm Alice Morgan

Monday, April 15

9:00 am Kermit Wamsley

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 am Lynn E Clements

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 am Jodie Bross - Special Intention

Thursday, April 18

9:00 am Mary Convery

Friday, April 19

9:00 am Fallon, Swan & Machacek
Families

Saturday, April 20

5:00 pm People of the Parish
Al Ferri
Maryann Tyls
Fallon, Swan & Machacek
Families
John Nicola
Catherine Kettell
Jane Farrell Guy
Rosanna Raguseo
Mauro & Elisabetta DeCesare

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mary Hayes
10:00 am Marie & Bill Greenwood
Rita & Paul Zeuner
12:00 pm Buddy Litchult Sr



We remember those who are in need of prayer, those who are in our armed forces, and those who are ill especially Shelia Izzo, Linh Sinon, Dolores Urcinole, Nicola Torrano, Marianne McGovern, Charles Lavin, Gloria Kane, Marianne Cordes, Kathi Puglise, Elaine & Steve McCrystal, Al Francesco, Curtis Daniels, and all those who have recently died especially Joan Filone, Mary Derr, Louise Santagiuliana and John Krey.

This week's Altar Flowers are donated in honor of Catherine Kettell



Mass and Anointing

Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 am



The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' love and compassion. He reaches out time and again to bring healing and peace to those who suffer. Each of us at some time knows physical, emotional or spiritual pain.

Saint Luke's invites you to join together to be touched by Jesus' love and compassion in the Sacrament of Anointing. All are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by Fr James.

Stewardship of Treasure

Our Easter collection amounted to \$29,934. We thank you for your stewardship, kindness and generosity.



2024 Anniversary Masses

Masses honoring those couples who will be celebrating 5, 25 & 50 years of Catholic marriage in the year 2024 will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart as follows:

50 Years **25 & 5 Years**
June 2 at 12 pm May 5 at 12 pm

Reservations are requested by calling 201.444.0272.

Blessed Sacrament Monthly Food Collection



Our monthly collection for the Blessed Sacrament food pantry is today, Sunday, April 14. The pantry is especially in need of diapers, baby wipes and feminine products.

Below are the remaining dates for 2024. If you would like to contribute, please bring your items to church and place them in our food pantry closet located off the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

- May 5
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 3
- December 8

Easter Joy

How intense was your joy in this Easter season? Sharing Easter joy with a meal and the support of family and friends is a yearly celebration that most of us cherish. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the sufferings of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, stuffed animals, tools, toys, and children's books to the donation bins located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity.



Safe Environment Corner How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

201-407-3256

Intercessory Healing Prayer Team



The Intercessory Healing Prayer Team invites you to join our new ministry at St Luke. We pray for those listed in our bulletin, and all those who are in need of prayer for whatever reason. If you desire to become closer to Jesus, by helping others through prayer, then please consider joining us every Thursday evening at 7 pm. We will be meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room (ground floor). Come and see if this ministry is a fit for you to enhance your spiritual life. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know by using the Prayer Request Box in the vestibule or by calling the church office at 201.444.0272.

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April 2024

St. Luke Church

One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. *"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting"* (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

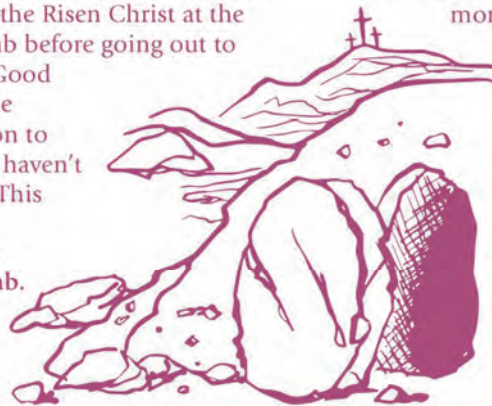
"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."
John 6:84.



This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb. Scripture is *"living and active"* (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his



suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, *"For with God, nothing will be impossible"* (Luke 1:37).

3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

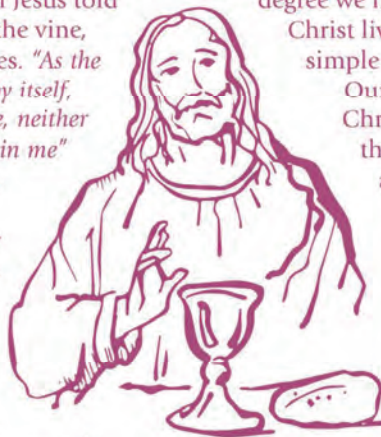
from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,

meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.



Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass



attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion.

Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.



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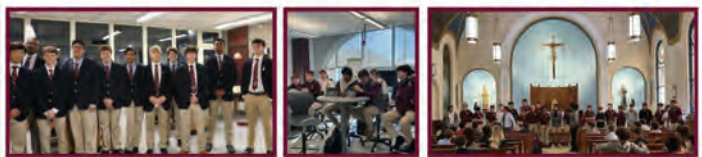
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May the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your loved ones as we begin this new year.

Each year, we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is a call to action to fulfill our mission as a Church. Thanks to the generosity of more than 26,000 families, last year, we raised a historic \$10 Million to support our ministries. I am also delighted to announce that more than \$2 Million was returned to our parishes to help them meet the ministerial, pastoral, or capital needs of their parish community.

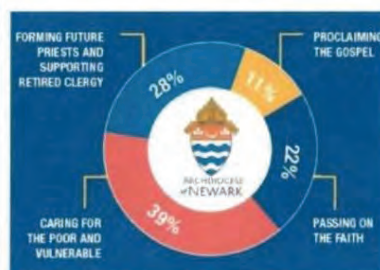
Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the vital work that we are called to as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and my assurance that we are exercising good stewardship of your gifts.

I have made a gift to this year's Annual Appeal, and I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift as well. Be assured that 100% of the gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. As we embark on this new year together, may God continue to bless us abundantly. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to remember me in yours as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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