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*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Welcome



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
-AUGUST 14, 2022 -

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil----- 4:00 & 5:30 pm
Sunday----- 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday----- 7:30 am
Wednesday & Friday----- 7:30 & 11:00 am
Holy Days & Holidays----- As announced

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office for requirements and scheduling.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples must contact the Pastor at least one year prior to the desired date and before making other arrangements. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of St. Luke.

Anointing of the Sick & Communion to the Homebound: Can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office. Please do not wait until the last moment.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the Parish, become active in the life of St. Luke Parish by sharing time, talent and treasure, and be known to one of the parish priests. Letters of testimony for godparents and sponsors will not be given unless one is registered. When moving, please notify the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE ~ August 15th–August 21st, 2022

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Florence Caccese Bill Tricarico & Joe Romano-Happy Birthday	Daughter Anne Tracy Toni & Carol Tina Reilly
Tue.	7:30 AM	Michael & Marie Garzone	
Wed.	7:30 AM	St. Luke Family	
	11:00 AM	Thomas Collucci	Margaret & Harry Graham
Thu.	7:30 AM	Stanley Marszalek Samantha Reinhardt	Wife Dee & Son Stan III Grandmother, Alice Cariello
Fri.	7:30 AM	James T. McGilloway	Mark & Karla O'Connor
	11:00 AM	Reynaldo Lapid	Wife Maria Lapid
Sat.	4:00 PM	Caitlin O'Conner Engelmann Lisa Heil	The Masullo Family Fran Barchi Jamie Tomassi
	5:30 PM	James F. Cavacini Sr.	
Sun.	7:00 AM	St. Luke Family Frank & Ana Sardo	Niece, Maria
	8:30 AM	Multiple Intentions Mass	
	10:00 AM	Stanley Marszalek Tom Critelli	Bill Marszalek David Shur & Barbara da Graco Eileen & Bill Strallow
	12:00 PM	Patrick Naughter Thomas Critelli	The Porzl Family

Multiple Intentions Mass August 21, 2022~8:30 am

<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sabino Louis Panigrosso	His Family
Carmela & Natale Campisi	Kathy & Rob Traina
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Mary Switt	Kathy & Rob Traina
Patricia Rowan	Darcy Voros
Mary Alice Coghlan	Mary Timoney
Asher Matteson	Wendy, Rebecca &
Jacqui Matteson	Emily Mairella
Kurachuk Family	Helen Donald

**“The Catholic Church should always be there to help the most vulnerable in our society. Our Church should be an all-inclusive church.”
Rev. Msgr. John B. Wehrlen**



Classes are being formed at St. Luke, as you read this.

Contact the Parish Office at 732-286-2222.



Pray for All the Recently Deceased

Dr. Jesus I. Garcia Gustavo Rivera
 Olivia Newton-John

Pray for the Sick

Greuter Family, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Pat La Rocca, Claire Hansen, Carol D'Oriano, Kevin Mathis, Kathy Maddox, Marie Bohacik, Daniel Jones, John Scilla, Dolores Torre, Dcn. Lou Cartnick, Caden Luccarelli (child), Joseph Luccarelli Jr., Rachael Perez, Ranier Perez, Diana Santangelo (infant), George Sullivan, Maryanne Gallassio, Anthony Aubain, Lou La Rocca, Hope Smith, Meg Smith, Mark Mc Afee, Linda Pysniak, Meghan Stahl, Danielle Bolcato, Tom Nardini, Carolyn Scalia, Jacqueline Henderson, Elizabeth Boyett, Pat Napolitano, Jaxson Zollo (infant), Doug Campbell, Maryann Molner, Michelle Urso, Marge Fusco, Elizabeth Yabroudy, Edward Rohloff Sr., John Mauro, Frank Ferraiuolo, Gene Hermansen, Maureen Keelen, Lisa Colavito (child), David Mazzei, Marianne Mazzei, Walter Johnson, Christine Halstead, Robert Beach, John Sublett, John Barnes, Sophia (infant), Bob Sexton, Diane Caprio, Matthew Mizeur, Gary Brennan, Claire Jones, Anthony Somma, Norbert Bozek, Lizabeth Turtle, Leonila Dionisio, Kenneth O'Brien, Catherine Garon, Hannah McAbee, Antoinette Pirro, Edward Morgan, Jean Kenny, Mauro Iacovello, Irene Nolan, John Wolcott, Maryanna Pontorelli, Christopher Bender, Teodoro Malabanan, Garrett Michael Cotgreave (infant), Anthony Mazzeo, Evon Sardaros, Bishop David M. O'Connell, Lori Mancini, Kelly Amato, Rita La Vallee, Jeremy Lofreddo, Lauren, Darlene Andersen, Lynda Petereit, Mr. & Mrs. Pace, Joseph Salvatore, Karen Prew, Michelina Giuliano, Andy Mattox, Kathy Hogan, Mary, Terry Georgaros, Brian Redmond, David Schroth, Molly Gill, David Santangelo, Emelina Sergentakis, Richard Hennessy, Carissa Kuhl, Lillian Vonderosten, Emily, Karen, Denise Homsany, Sandy Wotanowski, Anna, Millie, David Truex, Mary Blackford, Rose Capizzi, Kathy Ruela, Connor Montgomery, Frank Garon, Helen McDonough, Matthew Howell, Jennifer Rosenblum, Harry Graham, Beverly Nalducci, Elizabeth Kenul, Bonnie Guida, Paul Scavuzzo, Justine, Tim O'Connor, Claire Warren, John O'Leary, Millie Reo, James Luccarelli, Bill Coles, Helen Donald, and all suffering from Covid and its long term effects, Cancer, Addiction, Dementia and memory issues, Diabetes, Celiac Disease, Lyme Disease, PTSD, hopelessness, all manner of ailment, especially racism and apathy.

IT'S TIME.
DEMAND A PLAN TO END GUN VIOLENCE

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Readings may be found at:
<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

Thoughts about the Gospel

Those who have unburdened themselves of all that would tether them to the things of earth so as to willingly shoulder the burden of service to God and to God's word become aware very quickly of the cost of bearing that burden. Through the centuries, many have shared their stories with us, either telling firsthand of their struggle or through a third party. Because of his candor, we know from his own lips Jeremiah's struggle as God's prophet (first reading). We know also of the stories of Thomas More, Joan of Arc, Mohandas Gandhi, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Edith Stein*, Maximillian Kolbe, Teilhard de Chardin, Dorothy Day, *Rutilio Grande*, Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King Jr., Ita Ford, Maura Clark, Dorothy Kazel and Jean Donovan. While these have died in the service of Christ, others still live among us and continue to bear the brunt of rejection and persecution— consider: Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, *Sr. Norma Pimentel*, Sr. Helen Prejean, *Sr. Jeannine Grammick*, *Bishop Rolando Jose Alvarez (Matagalpa Nicaragua)*. Noted anti-war activist Daniel Berrigan SJ, who through poetry, prose, public demonstration and musings from prison has reminded us all that violence is never justifiable, and that faith always leads to the question: **what are we going to do about it?!**

While these many stories stir empathy in us as well as a sense of admiration, we may also find in them the courage we need to continue to bear our share of the burden that is ministry. To that end, we need to develop coping mechanisms that will enable us to persevere. One of these mechanisms is a living one, described in the Hebrews text as a "great cloud of witnesses." These witnesses have already borne the burden and run the gauntlet of discipleship. Their experience and joy inspires us — no — empowers us to cope with every conflict. Another "mechanism" to aid disciples is the assurance of the Lucan Jesus (gospel) that conflict is a necessary aspect of their life in him. Called to be disciples, called to be church, those followers Jesus live in a manner that challenges status quo to come into line with the gospel. Communion, in all its forms and expressions, also enables disciples to cope: Communion with God, communion with one another in prayer, discernment and shared service, communion with the Spirit who will guide, inspire and strengthen, communion with the Word that speaks with fresh and active relevance in every circumstance, calling us to examine the quality and effectiveness of our discipleship, and communion with Jesus, who nourishes us with his very self. Yet another coping mechanism comes into play when we remember that as Jesus' disciples our lives are not our own, our wills are not our own. On the contrary, through baptism, we are consecrated to God, to Jesus, to the Spirit. Because of this, all we are, decide and do becomes an expression of that belonging. Set apart for holiness and service, our very lives become loving prayers that honor God, living sacrifices that atone for sin, living acts of praise and thanksgiving that gather up the human community with all its beauty and its warts and offer it daily to God. In living out these many expressions of our consecration, we become keenly aware that one day, at a time we do not know nor expect, an Amen shall be pronounced, thus ending our service and lifting the burden of discipleship. Therefore, until we take our place amid that great cloud of witnesses, let us continue to cope with the help of God's grace.

(Patricia Sanchez, Celebration, August 2007).

Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Letter released on June 29, 2022 is entitled "Desiderio desideravi". Taken from Luke's gospel at the Last Supper (22:15), Jesus expresses to his disciples and loved ones present "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." It is the invitation that is extended throughout time to each and every person seeking the truth (St. Edith Stein "All those who seek the truth, seek God, whether this is clear to them or not.").

When Jesus says to you that he earnestly desires to eat with you, how do you respond? Tepidly? Robustly? Do you receive your host Jesus with a heart exploding with joy and song or having once received him shuffle out to the parking lot unphased and unchanged? We are his witnesses in today's world-how we express that witness, that legacy left to us by the women and men mentioned above and countless other martyrs and disciples matters. Let us embrace that in our worship. Let us embrace that in our daily lives. Let us extend the invitation. And let us earnestly come back to the Table of the Word and Eucharist and be renewed.

SERVICE MEETINGS:

Adler Aphasia Community Groups, 9:30am-11:30pm and 12:00pm-2:00pm, 1st & 3rd Fridays, in Augustine Room. For info or to register, call Gretchen Szabo at 973-530-3981.

A.A. Saturdays, 10:00 am-2nd Floor.

A.A. for Women, Sundays, 10:00AM in Parish Center. For more info Call Linda at 732-824-8021.

A.A. Sundays, 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

A.A. for Men, Sundays, 8:30AM-9:30AM-2nd Floor.

A.A. Mondays 7:00PM, "Sacrifice Group", in Parish Center.

A.A. Tuesdays, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor

A.A. Tuesdays, 8:00PM, in the Parish Center. **(Open Mtg)** For more info call Jim at 732-552-8865.

A.A. Wednesdays, 6:00PM, in Parish Center.

A.A. Sunrise, Everyday, 7:00 am in Parish Center.

A.A. Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 12:00 pm, 2nd Floor

Al-Anon Mondays, 11:00AM regular & beginners meeting, in Parish Center, Info, call Pat M. 732-657-8022.

Al-Anon Thursdays, 7:30PM, in Parish Center. For info, call Peggy Ell at 732-240-3316.

Parent Al-Anon Fridays, 7:00PM, in Parish Center. For more information, call Sue at 848-448-4348.

Al-Anon Saturdays, 9:30 am in Augustine Room

G.A. Saturdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM in Parish Center

G.A. Sundays, 5:45PM, in Madonna Room. (Open Mtg)

G.A. Tuesdays, 12:30 PM, in Parish Center.

Nar-Anon, Mondays, 7:30PM-9:00PM, in Madonna Room

Nar-Anon Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:30PM, in Madonna Room

Compassionate Friends, 7:00PM, 1st Tuesday each month in Augustine Room; support for those grieving death of a child. For more information, call Billie at 732-363-3894.



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Registration is now open and will close on September 15, 2022 (use the appropriate "register here" button at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing> or contact your parish to register). If you have any questions about registration, please contact Peg Hensler, 609-403-7156; phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Parish Religious Education Program

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Register for 2022/2023 Religious Education classes now to August 26! Paperwork was sent via email to the St Luke PREP families. Registration forms are also available in the PREP office.

WE NEED 3 CATECHISTS!

Monday 6:15-7:30 pm: Grade Levels 1 & 7
Tuesday 4:30-5:45 pm: Grade Levels 1, 3 & 7

Thank you to Angela S, Katie L, and Shannon H for joining the St Luke PREP team!

For more information about the St Luke Parish Religious Education Program, please contact Teri Frassetto CRE by email at tfrassetto@stlukestomsriver.org.

We celebrate the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time-gathered here and at home-together in Spirit.

Fire has the power to change whatever it touches so that it is almost unrecognizable. As Christians, the Holy Spirit has the power to change our lives and the world that we live in, if we are willing to let him set our lives alight with his love and courage.

Children's Gospel Reflection for Luke 12:49-53

Why would Jesus want to set the world on fire?

Jesus was talking about setting the world alight with his love through the power of the Holy Spirit. One of the symbols often used to represent the Holy Spirit is tongues of fire or flickering flames.

Can you remember an occasion when the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire? At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christ's apostles, when he appeared to descend on them as tongues of fire.

What difference did the Holy Spirit make to the lives of the apostles?

He set their hearts and minds alight with faith and love, and gave them the courage and strength they needed to go out to the world and share the Good News by their words and actions. Through the power of the Spirit the apostles had an experience which not only changed them but changed the whole history of the world.

Why did Jesus say that he would be the cause of division and argument among people? Jesus came to show us a different way. His teaching confronts and challenges the world. At the time many of the Jews thought that he had come to abolish their laws and traditions, when instead he had come to complete them. They were outraged by his teachings and the shocking claims he made about himself (Son of God, forgiver of sins). His life and teaching raised arguments and debates wherever he went, and still does today. As Christians today, we must try to be like Jesus. We have the responsibility to live his life in the world today and to defend what we know to be true about God and his love, however difficult that might sometimes be.

Loving Father,
help us to love one another and give us
the courage
we need to show the world that we are
your children.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



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