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*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
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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



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4, 2024 -

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil-----4:00 pm
Sunday ----- 7:30, 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 ~ February 5th-February 11th

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Mon.	7:30 AM	Elaine Kaminski Kennedy Olivia Anne Horton	Jayne & David Kwiatkowski-Chick Lauren Kaminski
Tue.	7:30 AM	For all who endure and stand firm for the Faith	
Wed.	7:30 AM	John McCarthy Special Intention	Wife Catherine Maria Lapid
Thu.	11:00 AM	Deceased members of the O'Dwyer Family	Anna O'Dwyer
Fri.	7:30 AM	For an end to human trafficking	
	7:30 AM	For open hearts to listen to the Word	
	11:00 AM	Barbara Jobin	Helen Donald
Sat.	4:00 PM	Robert Martelli Renato Molas	Gail & Brian Odell Wife & Loving Family
Sun.	7:30 AM	Angela & Frank Mastrandrea Joanne Kronowski St. Luke Family	Fay Scutaro Husband Greg
	10:00 AM	Felicia May Josephine Emily DeLuca	Sister, Mary Kay Mason Daughter, Maddie
	12:00 PM	Louis Recco Sister M. Juventia, CSSF	Wife, Joan Mary Ellen & Louise Piel

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Claire Hansen Michael McGowan

Antoinette Grella

Pray for the Sick

Greuter Family, John Kempton, Simon Amato, Joseph Alphonse Weikel (child), Pat La Rocca, Carol D'Oriano, Kathy Maddox, Daniel Jones, John Scilla, Dolores Torre, Dcn. Lou Cartnick, Diana Santangelo (infant), George Sullivan, Anthony Aubain, Lou La Rocca, Hope Smith, Meg Smith, Mark Mc Afée, Linda Pysniak, Meghan Stahl, Danielle Bolcato, Carolyn Scalia, Jacqueline Henderson, Elizabeth Boyett, Pat Napolitano, Jaxson Zollo (infant), Doug Campbell, Maryann Molner, Michelle Urso, Marge Fusco, Elizabeth Yabroud, 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), Diane Caprio, Matthew Mizeur, Gary Brennan, Norbert Bozek, Lizabeth Turtle, Leonila Dionisio, Kenneth O'Brien, Catherine Garon, Hannah McAbee, Antoinette Pirro, Jean Kenny, Irene Nolan, Maryanna Pontorelli, Christopher Bender, 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. Pace, Joseph Salvatore, Michelina Giuliano, Andy Mattox, Kathy Hogan, Mary, Terry Georagas, Brian Redmond, David Schroth, Molly Gill, David Santangelo, Emelina Sergentakis, Richard Hennessy, Carissa Kuhl, Lillian Vonderosten, Emily, Karen, Denise Homsany, Sandy Wotanowski, Anna, David Truex, Mary Blackford, Rose Capizzi, Connor Montgomery, Frank Garon, Helen McDonough, Matthew Howell, Jennifer Rosenblum, Harry Graham, Margaret Graham, Elizabeth Kenul, Justine, Claire Warren, John O'Leary, Millie Reo, Bill Coles, Helen Donald, Carl Galanti, Brian Francis Neece, Rita DiCanio, John Galioto, Rosemarie, Jennifer Cicero, Kathleen La Pointe, Helen Miller, Alice Belanger, Anthony Pietrangelo, Sofia Garcia (infant), Christopher Kinlon, Paul, Nick, John Jr., Marilyn, Melissa, Jaime, Giovanni Stephen Barone (infant), John Ogden, Anne Donahue, Mark DeBoe, JoAnn Nahirmy, Shannon Keaby, Willie Torres, Bill Goble, Bonnie Napolitano, Pope Francis, Carlos Pina, Julia Petruzzi, Maryann Christian, Sr. Margaret Nulty, Jerry Santangelo, Kevin Sloan, Consuelo Chaustre Smith, Jim Sorenson, Dee Marszalek, Helen Norris, Kevin Parker, Linda Schillari, John McLoughlin, Karen MacCarrick, Michelle Maher, Anne Latona, Carol King, Gianna Grace-newborn and her Mom Julianne, Louis Fasano, Kay Donnelly and her unborn child, Donald Boe, Ginny Yehle, Kevin Hamilton, Lorraine Farrugia, Evelyn Macho, Patrick McCarthy, Joanne Hall, Andrew Padulano, Richard Pante, Ida Donnelly, Chris Tiburion, Patricia Sheehan, Frank Jasinski, Laura Mannarino, Daniel White, Judith Lopez, Dr. Julio Rivera, MaryRose Palladino, Joe Quartararo, Tom Biczis all in need of prayer-especially our society.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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



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ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 14, 2024

Mass with Ashes:
7:30 am & 11:00 am

Service with Ashes:
4:15 pm & 6:00 pm

Evening Prayer with Adoration at 7:00 pm

FROM FR. MICHAEL...

Last weekend I spoke at the 4:00 and 10:00 masses about the necessity of keeping our confessions to “number and kind,” in other words, what we did and how many times we did it. The reason is as we approach Lent, the number of people coming to confession is going to rise. This is a good thing! My hope is that our confessions are always overflowing! We should avail ourselves of this sacrament as often as possible. The reasons for trying to keep it “on point” is it helps focus on the sacrament and not wander into therapy or spiritual direction but also to show consideration for the other people, some of them elderly, standing outside the confessional for upwards of 30-45 minutes.

One way we can make our time in confession more spiritually profitable and focused is by doing an examination of conscience before we come to confession. There are many resources to help us:

Basic, though in depth version: <https://www.beginningcatholic.com/catholic-examination-of-conscience>

Traditional and thorough version: <https://bulldogcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/a-detailed-catholic-examination-of-conscience-2nd-ed..pdf>

Another good one: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/>

Of course, must include the USCCB, this page has a few different versions: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience>

There are also apps, my favorite is **IConfess - Confession Guide**

This is by no means an exhaustive list. But it is a great habit to get into to take stock regularly. We'll come to confession more informed about ourselves, and thus get more out of the sacrament.



**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation/Confession
is celebrated each Saturday
from 11:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Our Lenten Penance Service:
Tuesday, March 19th
5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

“Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent”
St. John Chrysostom

“Confession is an act of honesty and courage-an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.”

St. Pope John Paul II

“Each one of us must confess his sin so that God’s forgiveness, already granted on the Cross, may have an effect in his heart and in his life. ...it is only by opening oneself to the light and only by sincerely confessing one’s sins to God that one finds true peace and true joy.”

Pope Benedict XVI

“Confession, Jesus is there...and He receives you with so much love. Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess himself feels all these things-even shame- but then, when he finishing confessing, he leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven, [...] happy. And this is the beauty of confession.”

Pope Francis



To Become an Altar Server

Please speak with

Fr. Michael after Mass
or call

Kathleen
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at 732-286-2222

SERVICE MEETINGS:

Adler Aphasia Community Groups, 9:30am-11:30pm and 12:00pm-2:00pm, 1st & 3rd Fridays, in Augustine Room.
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.
Al-Anon Sundays, 7:00 pm in Madonna Room.
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
Al Anon Sundays, 7:00 pm in the Madonna 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 Augustine Room
Compassionate Friends, 7:00PM, 1st Tuesday each month in Augustine Room; support for those grieving death of a child.

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Our AV Ministry (the folks who make our worship screens run with the click of a mouse!) is seeking additional members for our ministry.

We will train you.

If interested please call the Ministry hotline at
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or stop by the AV table by the Choir.

Religious Education News



QUESTIONS?

Miss Lisa Ann Limongello

Email: lalimongello@stlukestomsriver.org

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nobody's life is free from suffering or pain. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals God's love and concern for our well-being, and his readiness to heal our ills and relieve our pain in whatever way he can.

What was Jesus told when he arrived at Simon Peter's house? He heard that the mother of Simon Peter's wife had been taken ill, although the Gospel, does not tell us how serious her illness was.

What did Jesus do? Jesus quietly went to her and took her by the hand and she was healed.

What does this incident tell us about Jesus? Jesus came to reveal the depth of his Father's love for his children, and often he did this by healing them. God cares deeply about our pain and suffering and no situation is beyond his healing touch. Such cures could be dramatic, immediate and powerful, amazing all who witnessed these miracles. But Jesus also healed people when there were no crowds to witness his actions, but simply because of the depth of his love and compassion. His gesture of taking the sick woman by the hand reminds us how gentle yet powerful God's healing and miraculous love can be in our lives.

How did the people react when they heard what had happened? Capernaum was a small fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and news travelled fast! By the time evening had arrived, crowds of sick people had gathered around Peter's house, hoping that Jesus might heal them too.

What do you think Peter thought when he saw the crowds? Peter's house was suddenly surrounded by people all hoping to see or speak to Jesus. He probably felt 'under siege' and overwhelmed by the unfolding events.

What did Jesus do when he saw the crowds? He was filled with love and pity by their suffering, and he healed many of them.

Where did Jesus go very early the next morning? Jesus slipped away from the people to spend time alone with his heavenly Father in prayer. He took 'time out' to give thanks for all he had done and to ask for guidance and strength to continue with the work that God still wanted him to do.

After praying to his heavenly Father, what did Jesus decide to do next? Jesus set off from Capernaum to visit other towns and villages, healing people in his Father's holy name and preaching the Good News wherever he went.

**Loving Father,
you know and love us so well.
Hear our prayers
and allow your healing love to transform our lives.
We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for
February—

For the New Martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for
the Gospel in various parts of the world
inflame the Church with their courage and
missionary enthusiasm.

Did you know that the month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family?

Here are some other important February dates:

- 2nd**-Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
- 3rd**-Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
- 5th**-Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
- 6th**-Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
- 8th**-Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita (Patron St of Human Trafficking)
- 10th**-Memorial of St. Scholastica
- 11th**-World Day of the Sick (Our Lady of Lourdes when not a Sunday)
- 14th**-Ash Wednesday (Memorial of Sts. Cyril & Methodius)
- 17th**-Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- 20th**-Memorial of Sts. Francisco & Jacinta Marto (when not a Sunday)
- 21st**-Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- 22nd**-Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle
- 23rd**-Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- 27th**-Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

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