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*Welcome*



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
JULY 12, 2026

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**----- 4:00 pm  
**Sunday**-----7:30, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**-----7:30 am  
**Wednesday** ----- 7:30 am & 12:30 pm  
**Friday** -----7:30 am & 11:00am  
**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.

## *Mass Intentions*

*(July 13-July 19, 2026)*

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>	<i>Requested by:</i>
<i>(Correction) July 3 July 13- Mon.</i>	<i>Sam Arcieri "Happy Birthday" 7:30am</i>	<i>James Malibashka</i>	<i>From Loving Family Frank &amp; Ann Vaccarino</i>
<i>July 14-Tues.</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>Our St. Luke Family</i>	
<i>July 15-Wed.</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>The Sick and Shut-In</i>	
<i>July 15-Wed</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>	<i>Dr. Robert Bennett "6th Anniversary"</i>	<i>His wife, Rosemary</i>
<i>July 15-Wed.</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>	<i>Mary A. Marra</i>	<i>Husband, Frank</i>
<i>July 15-Wed.</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>	<i>Denise Patarino</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. DeVito</i>
<i>July 16-Thur.</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>The Holy Family</i>	
<i>July 17-Fri.</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>Gino Infranca</i>	<i>His Family</i>
<i>July 17-Fri.</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Linda Schillari</i>	<i>Her Husband, John</i>
<i>July 17-Fri.</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Mary Eggeling</i>	<i>Susan DeMillio</i>
<i>July 18-Sat.</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>Michael Jakubowski</i>	<i>Karen, Paul &amp; Mark Connolly</i>
<i>July 18-Sat</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>Joe &amp; Sophia's Intentions</i>	<i>Mom &amp; Grandm a</i>
<i>July 19-Sun</i>	<i>7:30am (Multiple Intentions Mass)</i>	<i>Elena M Josephick</i>	<i>Spouse</i>
		<i>Grace Moore</i>	<i>Lillian &amp; Joseph Tovo</i>
		<i>Carmela &amp; Natale Campisi</i>	
		<i>Sal &amp; Joan Traina, Mary Swift</i>	
		<i>Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Tom Otchy</i>
<i>July 19-Sun</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Kathryn Brown</i>	<i>Frank &amp; Marie Kearney</i>
		<i>"Birthday Remembrance"</i>	
<i>July 19-Sun</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Daniel Lynch</i>	<i>Mary Lynch</i>
<i>July 19-Sun</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Thomas E. Critelli</i>	<i>His Family</i>
		<i>"100th Birthday Remembrance"</i>	
<i>July 19-Sun</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Salvatore &amp; Judi Astuto</i>	<i>Lucy &amp; Emanuel Astuto</i>
<i>July 19-Sun</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Reynaldo Lapid</i>	<i>The Lapid Family</i>

## Religious Education News

**REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 IS AVAILABLE NOW!**

to register: download the Registration form on our website or stop by the Parish or RE Office for a paper copy of the registration form

**QUESTIONS?**

**Mrs. Michelle Trussell**

Email: [mtrussell@stlukestomsriver.org](mailto:mtrussell@stlukestomsriver.org)

Register by August 15th to avoid late fees!

Rel. Ed. classes begin week of 9/14




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**FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTACT**  
**732-244-3916**

**HOW PARISHIONERS CAN HELP:**

**MONETARY DONATIONS**  
 White SVDP envelopes are in the church pew racks.

**FOOD**  
 Contribute non-perishable items. Place in the wooden box in the Narthex.

**VOLUNTEERS**  
 If you are interested in joining, please contact:  
 Frank Kelly,  
 President: 732-244-3916

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**  
 Meals in a Can (ravioli etc), Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Pasta & Sauce (plastic only), (1lb bags), jelly (plastic only), coffee, tea, toilet paper, laundry detergent, bar soap, paper towels, & toothpaste.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE FOOD OR CLOTHING DONATIONS OUTSIDE, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE THROWN AWAY**

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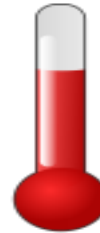


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This ministry has been serving for 3 years to those in need of a hot meal. The dinner is held one Thursday per month. If you would like to find out more about this Ministry or how you can help support its mission; or give your time, please contact:

**Marie Alfano:**  
**nrsip@aol.com or**  
**732-330-7557**

**Collection Total**  
**For**  
**July 5, 2026**  
**\$15,501**



**Pray for the Sick**

**Bishop David M. O'Connell, Fr. Bob Grodnicki, Fr. Joe Murphy, The Greuter Family, Deacon Joe Demaria**

**Week 1: Christine Halstead, Deacon Lou Cartnick, Angela Mack, Harry Graham**

**Week 2: John Blackford, Ida Petty-Fava, Karen Krejsa, Alphonse Giordano, Dolores (Lori) Mancini, Tom & Mary Moore**



**Pray for the Recently Deceased**

**Joanne Gambale**

*The Sick and Recently Deceased list in the parish bulletin will be included for a period of (3) consecutive weeks. If you would like to add a name to either list, please call the parish office.*

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*Come as you are.*

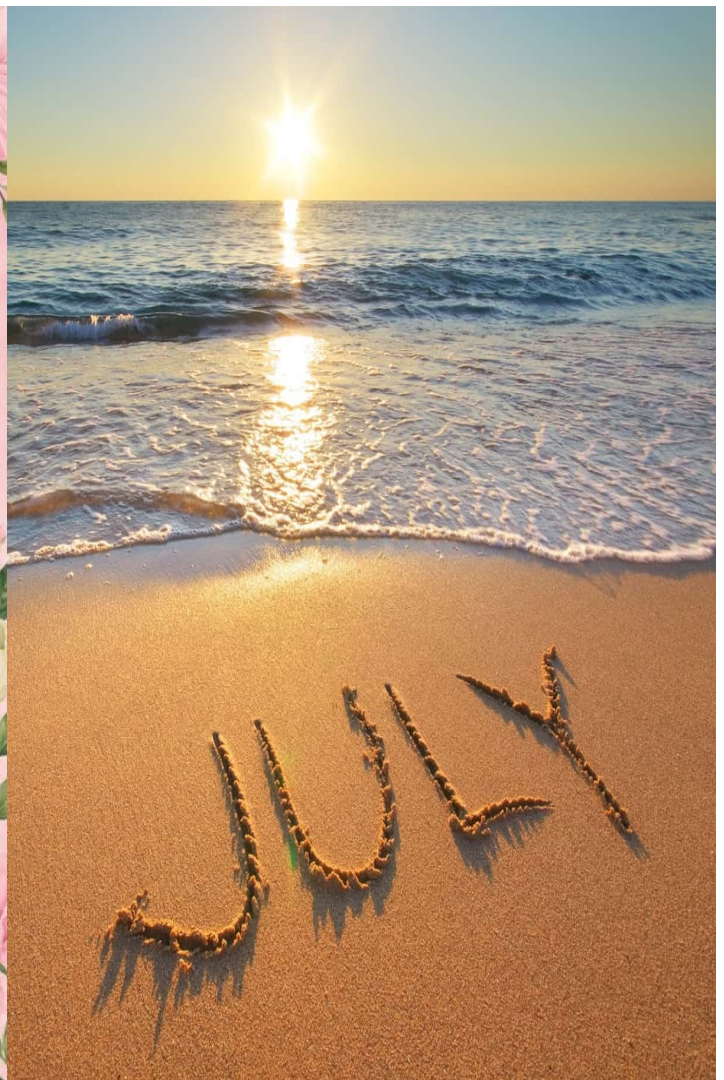
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**POWER OF PRAYER GROUP**  
**MONDAYS**

*6:30-7:30PM*  
*In the Chapel*

***IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH OR HAVE YET TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE:***

**Text: SLTR to 84576**

This will alert you of closures due to weather, special prayer requests, and reminders about special parish happenings.

**Readings for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 19, 2026**

- 1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**
- 2nd Reading: Romans: 8:26-27**
- 3rd Reading: Matthew 13:24-43**

**Men of the Parish Gather Together to Pray the Rosary Saturday Mornings at 7:00 am**

*“If you pray and love , that is where a mans happiness lies”*

***St. John Vianney***

Year A

# Service Meetings & Support Groups

All are welcome. You are not alone.  
*There is hope. There is help.*

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (A.A.)**

- Adler Aphasia Community Groups – 9:30am–11:30am and 12:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Fridays (Augustine Room)
- A.A. Saturdays: 10:00am (Parish Center)
- A.A. for Women: Sundays 10:00am (Parish Center)  
*For more info -Linda 732-824-8021*
- A.A. Sundays, 7:00pm (Parish Center)
- A.A. for Men: Sundays – 8:30am, 9:30am (2nd Floor)
- A.A. Mondays: 7:00pm "Sacrifice Group" (Parish Center)
- A.A. Tuesdays: 7:00pm (2nd Floor)
- A.A. Tuesdays: 8:00pm (Parish Center)  
*Open Mtg. For more info -Jim: 848-223-3775*
- A.A. Wednesdays, 6:00pm (Parish Center)
- A.A. Sunrise (Daily) 7:00am (Parish Center)
- A.A. Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 12:00pm (Parish Center)

*God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Together we find strength, support and healing.*

Please reach out to the contact listed  
for more information.  
You are welcome here.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS**

- Al-Anon Mondays – 11am regular & beginners (Augustine Room)  
*For Info, Pat M. - 973-650-9542*
- Al-Anon Thursdays – 7:00PM (Madonna Room)
- Al-Anon Sundays – 7:00pm (Madonna Room)
- Parent Al-Anon Fridays – 7:00pm (Madonna Room)  
*For Info, contact Sue: 848-448-4348*
- Al-Anon Saturdays – 9:30am (Madonna Room)

**G.A. (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)**

- G.A. Saturdays 9:30am – 11:30am (Augustine Room)
- G.A. Sundays 5:45pm (Augustine Room) (Open MTG)
- G.A. Tuesdays 12:30pm (Augustine Room)

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

- 7:00 pm, 1st Tuesday of each month (Augustine Room)  
*Support for those grieving the death of a child.*

## KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:1-23

Jesus uses parables or comparison stories to preach to the people the Kingdom of Heaven.

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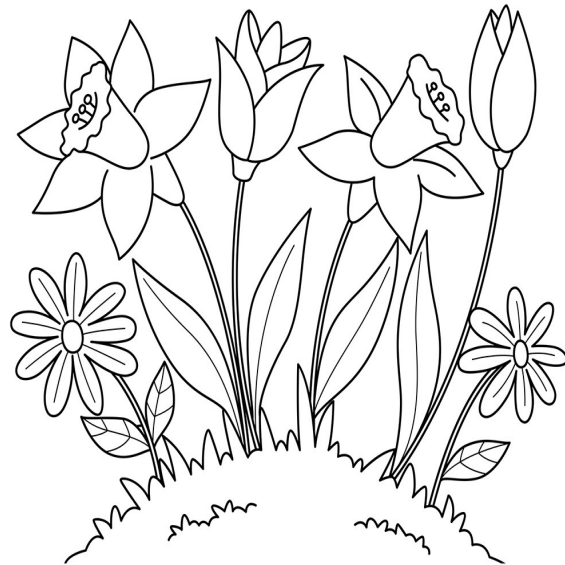
Read the sentence then use the bold letters to fill in the blanks below.

When the Word of God is **planted** in our hearts, we are nourished and strengthened **by** His love, similar to **seeds** planted in rich soil.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a story that is told using comparisons.

Look around at all the beautiful summer flowers. We see them in gardens, hanging planters, in pots on front steps, growing wild along highways and fields. All these flowers need good rich soil to grow in. Our faith in God can grow in our hearts, as beautiful as the flowers around us! We just need to ask Jesus to come and take root, and allow His love to blossom within us and spread that love to others.

Color these flowers and add your own...



### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 12, 2026**

**“I say to you... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. Amen I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it... But blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears because they hear.”**

We readily respond to the proclamation of the scripture at mass ‘thanks be to God.’ However, give it a second thought. Do I realize that I have just listened to my loving God, speaking to me, and expecting a personal response. The word is His message for me at this moment.

Perhaps as I sit to listen to the readings I can quietly ask myself, ‘What does the Lord wish to say to me today?’ When I stand to greet and receive the gospel, as I trace the cross on my forehead, lips and heart I can ask the Lord to give me the gift of understanding, speak what I learn and live what He asks of me.

Yes, my eyes and ears are blessed.

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