



340 N. FRANKLIN TURNPIKE • HO-HO-KUS, NJ 07423



December 12, 2021

Third Sunday
of Advent



Confessions
Saturdays from 1:00-2:00 pm

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.

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St. Luke's Church - RC

Mass Schedule

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

St. Luke's Is Served By...

Rev. James M. Manos ----- Pastor
 John McKeon ----- Deacon
 Rev. Eugene Gniewyk ----- In Residence
 Msgr. Thomas J. McDade ----- In Residence
 Sr. Lois Jablonski, S.S.J. ----- Pastoral Associate
 Sr. Eileen Ivory, O.P. ----- Pastoral Associate
 Elizabeth Maxwell ----- Director of Music Ministry
 Christine Ferreri --- Director of Religious Education
 Paul Petersen----- Pastoral Associate



Katherine Greenwood----- Pastoral Assoc, Liturgy
 Barbara Weiss -----Business Manager
 Ed Flemming----- Property Manager
 Courtney Calacione ----- Cemetery Administrator
 Patrick Logue ----- Safety Manager
 Peter Mastandrea ----- Parish Trustee
 Maureen Menakis ----- Parish Trustee
 Ed Hayes ----- Pastoral Council President
 Glenn Schuck -----Finance Council Chair

*Mass Intentions
for the Week of December 12*

Saturday, December 11

5:00 pm Katherine Karpovich
Margaret Chakonis
The Velasco Family
Alfredo & Elvira Gagliano
Ettore & Pietrina Magurno
Molly Pearson
Rose Nanni

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8:00 am Mary Hayes
10:00 am Susan E Miller
12:00 pm Courtney & Gerneglia Families

Monday, December 13

9:00 am Anthony Cautillo

Tuesday, December 14

9:00 am Kathy D'Amico

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 am Luigi & Luigia Riccardi

Thursday, December 16

9:00 am Edward J Logue

Friday, December 17

9:00 am Rosina Ritondale

Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm Bridget & John Thomas
Clarke & Melley Families
Clarita Velasco
Sirena Cosentino
Dorothy Listner, Herbert
Straub and their deceased
Family Members
Elisa Jane Gallo
Colin McCann
Jack McDermott
Sabina Liloia
John Joseph O'Shea
John Patrick House

Sunday, December 19
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am SSgt Joseph D'Augustine
10:00 am John Librie
12:00 pm Daniel Kelly

**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE 2021**

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24
4:00 pm * 7:00 pm * 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25
8:00 am * 10:00 am * 12 Noon



We remember those who are ill, and those who are in need of prayer especially Joseph

Colavita, Pat Manente, Fr James Whelan, Bob Thoelen, Elisabetta DeCesare, Cindy Joy, Marian Campanelli, Msgr Robert Slipe, Tim O'Hare, Adam DeAngelis, Cole McKeon, Curtis Daniels, Charles Lavin, healthcare workers, funeral home personnel, first responders, and all those who have recently died especially Patricia Callas Ladd, Joseph Turchiano & Joseph Criscione.

November Special Gift Winner

Congratulations to our November Special Gift winner. Lorraine Nochta has won \$400. Keep sending in your orange envelope marked "Special Gift" for a chance to be December's winner.

SPECIAL GIFT
ST. LUKE CHURCH
Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423-1099
MONTH _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
\$20

Stewardship of Treasure



The collection amount for the weekend of December 4/5 amounted to \$13,878. We are so grateful for your kindness, stewardship and generosity.

Christmas Outreach St Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, Florida



Many have asked about our Christmas outreach for St Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, Florida. We are again asking for donations of gift cards to be sent to the people of St Philip Benizi parish. Most helpful would be cards, in any denomination and quantity, for any of the following merchants: Walmart, Walgreen's, CVS, Target, Kohl's, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Home Depot, Staples, McDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, or Visa gift cards. Please drop your cards in the collection basket so we can deliver them before Christmas. Your generosity is truly a blessing.

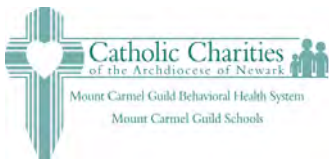


Advent Reflection

To help us prepare for Our Lord's birth, we will offer Exposition and a short reflection each Sunday of Advent at 3 pm in Church. The reflection will be by Fr Mark Toups and taken from his video: **REJOICE! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story.**

Please join us! During this very hectic season, what better way to unite ourselves to Jesus than by spending some time in His presence.

A Divine Child's birth gives hope – will you?




The birth of the infant Jesus represents hope for all humanity. Many people due to their

impooverished conditions have difficulty finding hope in this joyous season.

Please help Catholic Charities be a beacon of hope by giving items to our donation bins. We accept the following: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books are accepted. Thank you.

With gratitude for their service, let us keep those who serve in our military in our prayers including

- Eric Rydh, US Navy
- Nicholas Oravetz, US Navy
- Capt William Mulkeen, US Army
- Major Sean Fox, USAF
- Capt David Gatti, US Army
- Lance Cpl Patrick Gordon, USMC
- Major Frank Toomey, US Army
- Arnauld Tarbangdo, US Marines
- Nicole Cunneely, US Navy
- James Ryan, US Navy IT3
- 1st Lt Christopher Forst, USAF
- Colin Lynch, US Navy
- Staff Sgt Brandon Ritter, USAF
- Capt Conrad Polys, US Marines
- MSG James Leonard, NJ Natl Guard
- Capt Brendan Cahill, US Army
- SPC Logan Costello, US Army



O R E M U S

A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Reinvigorate Your Prayer Life

An Inspiring Eight-Part Study Featuring Fr. Mark Toups



Dates, Times, Location

St. Luke Church offers this wonderful experience of Prayer called OREMUS (in Latin, it is translated "Let us Pray".)

Beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Every Thursday evening thru March 3,

VIA- Zoom in the comfort of your own home.

Cost/Registration

Cost \$25 for workbook and video access.
Make check payable to St. Luke Church

leave your name, phone number, e-mail and address at the rectory office by Dec 28 2021

For More Information

CONTACT DEACON JOHN MC KEON AT 201-444-0272 EXT13
OR KATHY GREENWOOD AT EXT. 30

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.

Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections for each day.

"The lessons learned in this study touched my soul in such a way that my desire to pray more and draw closer to Christ has become a part of my everyday life."

-Nancy D.

Visit AscensionPress.com to learn more!

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
FOOD DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING!

IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, PLEASE, ONCE AGAIN,
JOIN IN THIS CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY TO BRING IN A
CANNED, BOXED, OR BOTTLED FOOD TO **THE CCD OFFICE**
BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, IN TIME FOR DELIVERY TO
FAMILIES IN NEED.

Please leave your food donation in a bag in the outdoor bin by the door of the CCD Office, at the back of the school, and it will be taken into the office before the end of the day! Please do not leave any donations at the Rectory. **THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!**

SUGGESTIONS:

CANNED VEGETABLES, POTATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE, BOXED POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, CORN BREAD MIX, MUFFIN/CAKE MIX, BOTTLED GRAVEY, COOKIES, CEREAL, ETC.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK FOR EXPIRATION DATES!

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY

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

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“Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice. Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord himself is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds, present your needs to God in every form of prayer and of petitions full of gratitude.”

Surely we are making many, many plans. Halfway through advent and we are told, ‘rejoice, be happy.’ Even with all difficulties, take a moment, ‘for the Lord is near.’ Take a moment to thank Him for coming. Take a moment, look around, and see how blessed you are.

Don’t you have a reason for gratitude and joy? Doesn’t your faith allow you to express thanks for others, for life, for family? Bring those people and their needs to the Lord in your plans and prayer. ‘See how unselfish’ you can be.

May the closing words of the bible be your mantra this week: ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

**Going Through A Difficult Time,
 Don’t Suffer Alone . . .**



We’re brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that’s not God’s plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others - and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you’re grieving or sad or struggling with a difficult situation in life, don’t suffer alone. Ask for help. Here at St Luke’s we have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time while maintaining confidentiality. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by emailing admin@churchofstluke.org.