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# The Church of St. Luke

Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen

*We come together as a community of faith  
to celebrate our life together in Christ.*

## Rev. Msgr. Michael Corona Deacon Glenn Robitaille

### Mass Schedule - Church

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am

### Daily Mass

Monday to Friday  
7:30am (Parish Center Chapel)

### Holy Days of Obligation

(Check bulletin for time)

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm  
or by calling the Rectory.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the Rectory if a family member or friend is in the hospital or ill.

### Religious Education (Sunday)

Grades Kg.- 8.....8:45-9:50am

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00am - 12:30pm  
Tuesday and Friday  
10:00am - 1:30pm

### Parish Trustees

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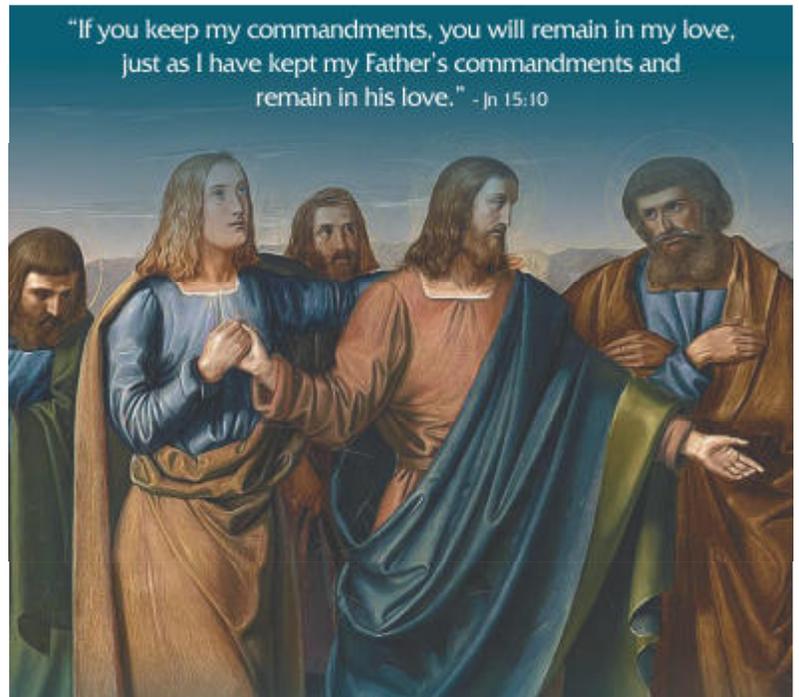
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday Mass by scheduled appointment. Parents are asked to call the Rectory Office at (908) 754-8812 to schedule a date and make arrangements to attend the Baptismal Instruction Program. Attendance at one session is required with both the parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Diocesan policy requires that couples participate in a marriage preparation program prior to their wedding at least one year in advance. Call the Rectory Office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders and Consecrated Life:** Anyone interested in learning more about a life of service to the People of God as a priest, deacon, a religious brother or sister, is encouraged to call the Rectory for further information.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** A small group process by which a person inquires into becoming a Catholic, and may receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, followed by continued growth in the faith. Anyone interested, may contact the Rectory.

**Parish Membership:** All new families and individuals are welcome to our Parish. We welcome you to our spiritual and social life. Call the Rectory to register and become involved in our spiritual and social life. Download a Registration form from our website, complete and mail to

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
MAY 9, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What gives us joy? Surely the beauty of nature and especially children. Remember how Jesus rejoiced when little children climbed onto his lap, and what joy he felt when he healed people!

The deepest source of Jesus' joy, however, was his loving relationship with his heavenly Father. Jesus tells us that wherever he might go, whatever he might do, he remains in his Father's loving embrace.

Jesus wants *us* to have this joy, too. He tells us this in today's Gospel Lesson: *I have told you this that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.* And he adds: *Remain in my love.* How? Jesus explains at once: *If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.*

What is the commandment above all that Jesus is talking about? He tells us: *Love one another as I love you.* Jesus goes on to explain the kind of love he is talking about not just a warm *feeling*, but an active *being*. A costly love which gives and goes on giving. *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.* That is what Jesus did for us. That is what he asks us to do for one another.

In the First Letter of John today, we heard this same message. *Let us love one another,* John writes, *because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.* Remember, God revealed this love to us through the complete offering of himself, in the form of his Son, so that we would come to know God, love God, and have life in God. Who wouldn't find joy in experiencing that kind of life-giving love?

Saying that love is the basis of Christian joy does not mean that love is easy. Loving others is difficult at times. Not in the sense of how we feel, and whether we "like" them, but because of the selflessness and sacrifice it demands of us. Yet, it is precisely these demands that give love its joy: for the more we give of ourselves in love, the more room we make in ourselves for God who is nothing *but* love.

To love is to completely will the good of another; to desire nothing other than another's flourishing and growth in virtue. Let us pray for the grace to do and be as God asks of us; and may the Eucharist, the tangible presence of God's

unfailing love for us, transform us with that grace.

In your charity, please pray for the sick and lonely—visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the Faith and all who have died, especially the babies who have been killed through abortion this past week and their parents. Happy Easter!

May God always be pleased with us!

Monsignor Michael

*O Lord, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence. Keep them close to You & grant them strength, wisdom, & grace. In your kindness we ask you to remember the sick members of our parish, & those who reside in nursing homes & senior care facilities & those in need of our prayers.*

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will not be celebrated on Ascension Thursday but rather on the weekend of May 15th/16th.



*The Church is open for private prayer  
Mon., Wed., & Friday  
10 am to 12 pm.*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>May 8</b> Ellen Barry r/o Maureen Barry
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Mothers of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 10</b> No Intention
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 11</b> No Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 12</b> No Intention
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 13</b> No Intention
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 14</b> No Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>May 15</b> Elizabeth Mulligan r/o Dorward Family
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>May 16 Ascension of the Lord</b> Mothers of the Parish



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week  
in memory of Kaspar Kausch  
r/o Clara & Bill Robinson*

**Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candles** are arranged through the **Rectory Office** by calling (908) 754-8812, or by sending an email message to [stlukesinfo@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesinfo@gmail.com). Personal visits to arrange intentions are always welcomed.

**READINGS THIS WEEKEND**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48:**

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

**Responsorial Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10:** God is love.

**Gospel John 15:9-17:** Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"-JOHN 15:12-13* Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

**Pope's Intentions for May**

**The World of Finance:** Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Catholic Home Missions Second Collection May 15/16**

Today over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. & its territories are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support helps them meet these faith formation & sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



**St. Luke Family Ministry**

**Remember to please  
continue supporting our  
Heart to Heart contribution basket.**

Parishioners!! The Heart-to-Heart Ministry is accepting non-perishable food items (soups, tuna, canned vegetables, fruits, mac & cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, dried beans, cereal, cookies, juices), diapers, **powdered & shelf-stable milk**, & personal care products, as well as food gift cards for local victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish to continue to support our local Fish and other community food banks. We anticipate local food needs will accelerate in the wake of unemployment due to the crisis.

Please try to be generous as possible. Thank you.

***If you know of individuals/families in need,  
please call the rectory office.***

**Reflections On Faith** meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday at **11:30 am** on ZOOM. If you wish to participate in the ZOOM meeting, please contact Jerry Mckenna at [gerard1938@verizon.net](mailto:gerard1938@verizon.net) or Maria D'Antuono at [mdantuono23@msn.com](mailto:mdantuono23@msn.com) for the meeting invitation.

***Please provide the parish office with your current email address & phone number.***

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our parishioners who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday:

**Emma Coghlan                      Lilliana Mundy**  
**Alyssa Martinez                 Isabella Marshall**  
**Izabella Santana                 Henry Palfy**

*May they always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within them.*

**World Apostolate of Fatima**

Thursday May 13th

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima,  
674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ.

Come celebrate the 104th Anniversary of the first apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. Celebrant: Most Rev. James Checchio; Guest Speaker: Rev. Luke Fletcher, CFR. Confessions 10:30 am; Rosary Procession 12:00 Noon; Speaker 12:30; Holy Mass 1:15 pm, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy; the Capelinha (little chapel). Info (908) 689-1700 x210 & [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com).

**Holy Savior Academy School**

seeking a part time **Art Teacher** for grades PreK through Grade 8. Two days per week to instruct the students in seasonal art & arts/crafts. Please call 908-822-5890.

**GROCERY CARDS** are available to purchase before & after each weekend Mass. *Volunteers needed to sell the cards, especially on Saturdays. If you are interested, please call the rectory.*

**COVID VACCINE:** Individuals can register for the vaccine by going to the following website: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/> Mega sites no longer require appointments. Many pharmacies have ample covid vaccines.

**Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic** Please call to reserve your seat. **Social distancing (6 feet) must be adhered to at all times. The pews marked with red tape & a sign are not available for seating. There is still a limit of 57 people socially distanced in the church.**

**A special thank you** to all the Medical Personnel and First Responders who continue to sacrifice for others on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Thank you & may God bless you for your continued generosity to our Parish.**

April 18 \$2,595.00                      April 25 \$2,980.00  
Online Giving \$508.88                May 2 \$2,776.00  
Catholic Relief Services \$255.00

**Bishop's Appeal status as of 05/03/21 for Saint Luke Church**

The Development Office has received pledges totaling \$37,368.00 and payments totaling \$21,238.00 from 63 parishioners. Thank you!

**ST LUKE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING** for parishioners, who prefer to donate through the convenience of automatic payments. Sign up for Online Giving at our parish website <https://stlukenp.weshareonline.org/>

**HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE**

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hrs./7days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our Diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>



Bingo & all events have been cancelled/postponed until further notice due to the Covid-19



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