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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

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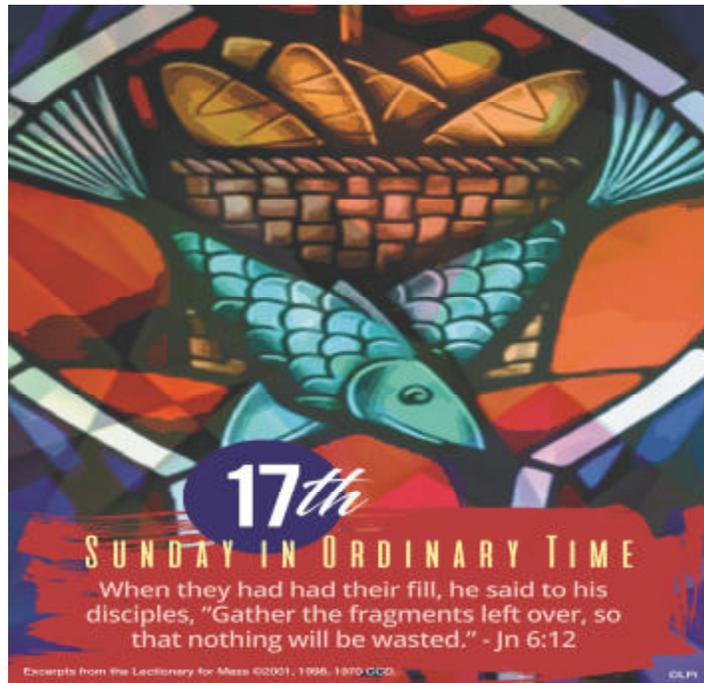
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday Mass by scheduled appointment. Parents are asked to call the Rectory Office at (908) 754-8812 to schedule a date and make arrangements to attend the Baptismal Instruction Program. Attendance 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 address indicated, or call the Rectory.

**17th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
July 25, 2021**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Boy Scout and Girl Scout movements were centuries away from becoming a reality, yet the young boy in today's Gospel Lesson was already living up to the Scout Motto: "Be Prepared." It appears thousands of adults followed after Jesus with no thought of what to do if it was time for dinner!

No fast food outlets nearby; too far to make it home in time. Andrew found the boy who came prepared with bread and fish for a few, but not for the many. Jesus takes the little and feeds the many. Now, we don't know if anyone else prepared ahead like this young boy. It is possible. It is possible the few who did began to feed the many who did not. If so, that would have been quite a miracle too.

Notice the skepticism of the Apostles. Whenever we witness this skepticism, we tend to be harsh with them. Didn't they know any better? Didn't they understand with whom they were dealing? In reality, they didn't know any better because they still didn't fully understand who Jesus was or what he was going to do for them—namely, offer them salvation. By breaking the bonds of death by his death and resurrection, and thus reuniting them to the Father, Jesus did something far greater, even, than feed five thousand with two fish and five loaves.

Are we not skeptical at times, too? Doubting that Christ can truly take care of us and our needs? Where does that come from since we know who Jesus is? It comes partly from our human nature, and partly from the reality that we, too, are coming to terms each day with who Jesus is—growing in our faith and increasing our trust in him.

The truth is Jesus is able to take what we have been blessed with and do great things only if we are willing to share, and not hoard, our blessings. It is our choice, our free will, whether or not to share what we have for the good of all. The parallel of this to the Eucharist jumps off the pages of today's Gospel. Taking the bread, blessing, and sharing it along with the chalice of salvation is at the heart of the liturgy we gather each weekend to celebrate. It is here we do what Jesus did, and the miracle of his saving presence

takes place in this time and place before our very eyes.

There is no room for skeptic hearts here. There is too much to be done. We may be the few, but with the blessing of Jesus, we have the grace and grit to tend to the many. Bread taken, blessed, and shared - that is what we are called to do with our blessings. In so doing, we state emphatically we understand the Eucharist we gather here to celebrate this day.

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.

May God always be pleased with us.

Monsignor Michael .

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.



#### READERS

Our parish is in need of Readers for the weekend Masses.  
For more information, please call the Rectory Office  
or see Monsignor Michael after Mass.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 25 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
10:00 AM	Robert Mayer r/o Fred & Ceil Santaniello
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 26 Saint Joachim &amp; Saint Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:30 AM	No Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 27</b>
7:30 AM	Michael Tomko r/o Bill & Diane Dorward
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 28</b>
7:30 AM	No Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 29 St. Martha</b>
7:30 AM	Thomas Eisenhart r/o Jeanne Enteman
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 30</b>
7:30 AM	No Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 31</b>
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 1 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
10:0 AM	Robert Mayer r/o Clara & Bill Robinson



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory  
of Margaret & William Mahoney  
r/o Loretta Willoughby*

*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.*

**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: 2 Kings 4:42-44:**

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6:**

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

**Gospel: John 6:1-15:** Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

### 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

### Pope's Intentions for July

#### *Social Friendship*

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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



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** meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday directly after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center's large meeting room. Coffee and light refreshments will be served and all are welcome!

**Please provide the Rectory Office with your current email address & phone number.**

### World Day for Grandparents

Sunday, July 25, 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This day is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.



Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

"Our children and elderly build the future of people: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives."

*Pope Francis-Angelus, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013, quoting Aparecida Document, 447.*

### RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline to Help Couples Heal & Renew their Marriages.  
Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The upcoming weekend is **August 13 -15, 2021.**

All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748.

*Sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.*

**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.*

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### Catholic Charities NJ Hope and Healing July 2021 Calendar

*For more information or to receive crisis counseling services pertaining to COVID-19, call (732)204-6510 or email*

[hopeandhealing@ccdom.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@ccdom.org)

The confidential & anonymous **FREE** services are: *Stress Management - Emotional Support - Linkage To Resources - Daily Zoom Calls - Motivational Quotes - Drop In Zoom Sessions*



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

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

**July 12 \$4,171.00**

**July 18 \$2,172.00**

**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 & some events have been cancelled/postponed until further notice.**



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