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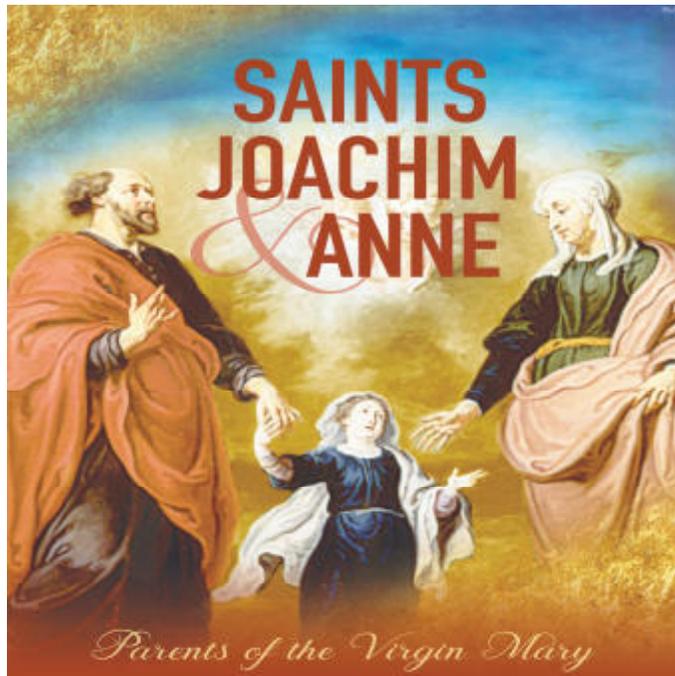
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday Mass by scheduled appointment. Parents are asked to call the Rectory Office at (908) 754-8812 to schedule a date and make arrangements to attend the Baptismal Instruction Program. Attendance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

**24th Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**September 12, 2021**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The story of Saint Peter, with all its twists and turns, is one that every one of us can learn from. Of course, Saint Peter is rightly recognized as a great saint. Many of us see ourselves reflected in his flawed humanity, and find hope in the fact that, despite all his struggles, he ultimately became a saint. But what makes Peter a great saint is not his flaws, but his deep faith in the Lord Jesus. It is the fact that he finally came to embrace the truth of Jesus' words: *Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*

This truth is evident when we recall that it was Peter who denied and deserted Jesus in his time of need. There, the one who declares Jesus to be the Messiah proved himself to be a fair-weather friend. So great is Peter's misunderstanding of Jesus and his mission that he even felt able to rebuke him. But in one of the most shocking Gospel interactions, Jesus turns on Peter in the strongest way: *"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* Strong words indeed! But deserved by Peter for he is totally out of step with Christ.

As we read in today's Gospel Lesson, it is good for us to ask what we believe about Jesus. If we simply see him as a prophet, can we truly believe in the reconciliation offered through his cross and Resurrection? Or are we like Peter, happy to confess that he is the Christ but unable to embrace the fullness of what that means?

To imitate Saint Peter it is best to see his whole story---his post-denial regret and tears, his declarations of love at the Sea of Galilee and his post-Pentecost courage to preach the risen Christ. These are what make Saint Peter great and worthy of our admiration. We can learn much from him. Although we might be attracted by his flawed humanity, we should not ignore the work that God has done in strengthening and empowering him to be a disciple and evangelist and the first Pope and leader of the Church.

Like Saint Peter we, too, need to let Christ change us if we are to let go of the human way of thinking. Yes, it's difficult but necessary. Baptism, for most of us as infants, is never just a moment in time or a cultural expectation, but the beginning of a

relationship with Christ. It is a relationship that lasts all of our lives and calls us to be always open to Him as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament.

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 .

*Our parish needs Readers for the weekend Masses. For more information, please see Monsignor Michael or call the Rectory Office.*

#### READINGS THIS WEEKEND

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a:**

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

**Second Reading: James 2:14-18:** James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35:** Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

#### Pope's Intentions for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



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| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 PM  | <b>September 11</b><br>People of the Parish   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>10:00 AM   | <b>September 12 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b><br>Rose Ememe r/o Children & Grandchildren |
| <b>Monday</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>September 13</b><br>Mary Magdalene Ememe r/o Florence Ememe                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:30 AM   | <b>September 14</b><br>No Intention   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:30 AM | <b>September 15</b><br>No Intention   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:30 AM  | <b>September 16</b><br>Fr. George McCauley, S.J. r/o Mary Jo Tyson                          |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>September 17</b><br>Fr. Bill Drobach r/o Mary Jo Tyson                                   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 PM  | <b>September 18</b><br>People of the Parish   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>10:00 AM   | <b>September 19 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b><br>Deanne D'Armiento r/o Karin Mille       |



The church is open for private prayer  
Mon., Wed., & Friday 10 am to 12 p m.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34  
Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION  
Calling All Kindergartners**

Our Parish Program includes enriching sessions for Kindergarten children. These children are not only the future Church but are the young Church of today.

There is NO FEE for this grade level.

**Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

Do you have a child who will be entering 1st Grade in the Fall of 2021? Preparation for these Sacraments begins in 1st Grade, per Diocesan Guidelines.

To register, or for further information, please call Jeanne Enteman, DRE at (908)754-8812 ext. 5.

*Please continue to assist with sanitizing the pews after Mass. Wipes can be found at the entrance of the church, on the left & right sides, & on the windowsills in the back. Thank you!*

**Circle of Friends**

Our Mission is to provide widowed persons of the Catholic faith with emotional support, opportunities for social and spiritual activities, and to perform charitable work for those in need. We are not a bereavement group nor are we a dating service. Monthly meetings are held at Blessed Sacrament Church in Martinsville at 1:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, with the exception of July and August. Meetings are informal, with refreshments. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information contact Irma Huhn (908) 722-3565 or Jack McCullen (732) 752-3922.

**Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Donations of Gratitude may be made online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543

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**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.**

**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 Office.*

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**Catholic Charities NJ Hope and Healing September 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.**

August 29 \$2,922\$.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/>

**September 11/12 Peter Pence 2nd Collection**

*This collection is the annual Holy Father’s Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose. Please be as generous as possible.*

**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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