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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

Sundays 9-9:30 am

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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**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.

**2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**January 16, 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There is a story I found about a man named Josh. He was an elderly man, always ready to do a good turn for anyone. He had a son who was a priest, and he was widely respected in the parish. One day a group of parishioners were talking about what they would like to do in life, if they had their time again. When it came to Josh's turn, he took everyone by surprise: "What I'd want to be is what I've always wanted to be, a good plumber!" Everyone knew that Josh was a plumber. Plumbing was his job, his vocation, though Josh would never have called it that because in those days the word "vocation" was pretty well restricted---at least in Catholic circles---to priests and nuns.

But in fact "vocation" simply means a calling. All of us share in that first, most basic and most wonderful calling, the one we received at baptism---that of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. But within that vocation the Lord calls us to serve him in a variety of other ways---as married or single, priest or religious, teacher, police officer or plumber or whatever.

Today's Scripture Lessons give us two vocation stories. The first concerns a young boy called Samuel, who lived in the ancient Hebrew temple at Shiloh. One night he heard a voice calling his name. Assuming it was the old priest Eli, he went to him, only to be told to go back to bed because Eli certainly hadn't called him. The same thing happened twice more, and Eli realized that it was God who was doing the calling; he advised young Samuel that if he heard the voice again he should respond: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel did as he was told, and the outcome was that he "grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground". It seems that Samuel continued listening for God's word and was always ready to follow it. He became a great leader of God's people.

The second vocation story is in the Gospel Lesson, and concerns two of John the Baptist's disciples. One day, as Jesus passes by, John says: "Look, there is the lamb of God." The disciples begin following Jesus. He turns and asks: "What do you want?" Perhaps taken by surprise, they answer rather vaguely: "Rabbi... where do you live?" But in St. John's Gospel words like "live" or "stay" or "dwell" often have a deeper meaning; they are asking: where do we meet you, where do we encounter you, how do we get to know you? Jesus' answer is simple: "Come and see." They respond to his invitation; they stay with him all that day; they become his friends for life.

God has a call for everyone; it's the call to holiness, to intimate friendship; and that vocation is fulfilled principally in the living out of our daily life and the various vocations it involves. Like young Samuel, who prayed: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening," we are called to have a listening ear or, better, a listening

heart, a heart open enough and alert enough to hear God's word and respond to it. We listen to God's word not only at Mass, or when we read the scriptures, but also when God speaks to us, softly and gently, through the people we meet, the events that make up our lives, the inspirations that come to our minds and hearts.

There is sound advice for us behind the question Jesus put to the two disciples-to-be. "What do you want?" he asked them. It's a question he always puts to those who want to be his friends. The answer he's looking for is not some smart flippant reply, like winning the lottery, but an absolutely serious one, an answer on which we pin our lives. The answer is not for God's benefit but for ours. It shows where our priorities lie in relation to God, to other people and to the world around us. Perhaps in a moment of silence after Communion at Mass, we might hear the Lord asking us: "What do you want, really want above all else?" If, in our stumbling way, we can reply: "I want you; I want to be your friend. Where do you live?", then he will answer, as he answered those first friends of his: "Come and see." Come and you will see for yourself that you have answered the most wonderful calling of all.

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



<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>January 15</b> George Eder r/o Lena, Children & Grandchildren
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>January 16 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Helen Curran r/o Couples Club
<b>Monday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>January 17</b> People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>January 18</b> Julie LaMonica r/o Msgr. Michael
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>January 19</b> No Intention
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30:00 AM	<b>January 20</b> No Intention
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>January 21</b> No Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>January 22</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>January 23 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Francis X. Galla, Jr, r/o Couples Club

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.

*O Lord*, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with Your divine presence. Keep them close to You and grant them strength, wisdom, and 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: Isaiah 62:1-5:**

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11:**

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

**Gospel: John 2:1-11:**

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

**2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

**Pope's Intentions for January**

**For true human fraternity**—We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**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 & light refreshments will be served and all are welcome!

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

**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 January 2022 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.***

January 16 \$2,217.00 Together In Charity \$327.00  
Online \$287.60  
Christmas \$14,559.00 Christmas Flowers \$1,120.00

**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/>

**Parishioner Updates Requested**

In an effort to keep our parishioner records current. Please call or email the rectory office if you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number, or address. We would also like to update our parish data base with your current e-mail address. Thank you.

**Reflection & Prayer**- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM-3 PM-Villa Pauline Retreat/Spiritual Center, 352 Bernardsville Rd, Mendham, is hosting a day of reflection & prayer- "Mindfulness Meditation as a Pathway to Wholeness and Peace" Presenter: Christian Charity Sister Mary Joan Smith. Suggested offering: \$50.00, includes lunch. Register by mail or online-[www.sceeast.org](http://www.sceeast.org).

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** - As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. As faithful citizens, we are called to respond in both prayer and action and consider how public policy can impact our communities, nation and world in the context of Catholic teaching. To provide the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen with information and resources about issues affecting public policy and to highlight our lifelong responsibility as Catholics to form our own consciences in accord with the Church's teaching, the diocese has launched a new webpage: <https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action>. There you can sign up to receive action alerts directly from the diocese, or sign up to receive alerts directly from the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the USCCB. Visitors to the page can also take action on current pending legislation and can see the latest news affecting public policy in our state, nation and world.

**2022 Calendars** are available after all Masses. We are most grateful for the generosity of Sheenan's Funeral Home, who provided the wall calendars for our parish families.

**The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, January 17th, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.**



*The Church is open for prayer Mon., Wed., & Friday 10 AM to 12 PM.*

**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>.



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