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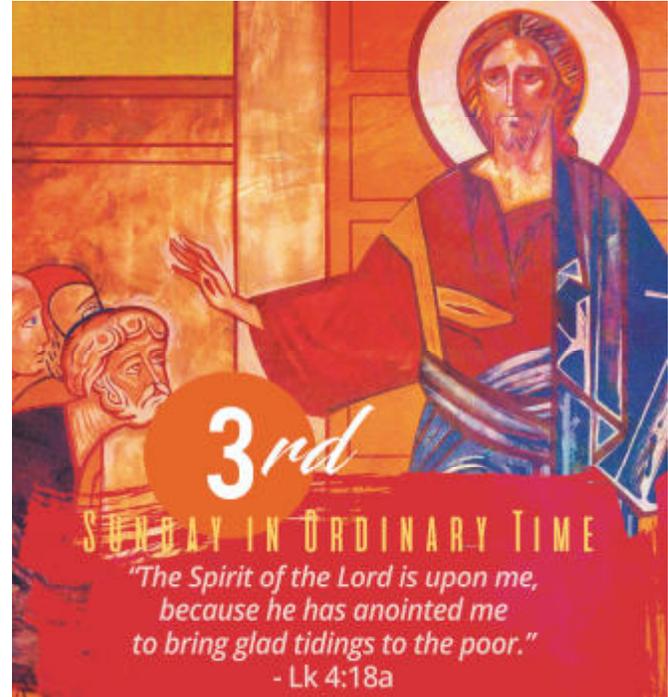
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Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday Mass by scheduled appointment. Parents are asked to call the Rectory Office at (908) 754-8812 to schedule a date and make arrangements to attend the Baptismal Instruction Program. Attendance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

**3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I believe there are many motives and events that influence people who then switch their path in life for a new one. In today's Gospel Lesson we hear of four fishermen---Simon, Andrew, James, and John---who, we are told, dropped their fishing nets when Jesus called them to follow him. They left behind their daily routine at the Sea of Galilee as soon as they heard the call to a new life.

God has a way of showing up in the ordinary places of life and interrupting the daily routines. This was also the experience of Jonah in today's Old Testament Lesson, who was sent on a mission by God to the city of Nineveh. When these men accepted the invitation, their lives were different forever. God's call led them into an uncertain but inspirational future.

Whatever your life is, however you spend your time, whatever circumstances affect normal living, there is in that life Jesus' call to "Follow me". It is the call to participate in God's saving work and the building up of His Kingdom. That work is always about moving to a larger vision, orienting life in a new direction and experiencing that our own story of life is connected to a much larger story of life, God's life. It happens in the casting and mending of nets. It happens in the context of our everyday activities: work, school, families, paying the bills, running errands, fixing dinner, relationships and trying to do the right thing. These are the times and places Jesus shows up and calls us into a new way of being, and our world changes.

The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. If we take Christian discipleship seriously it is a challenging path. It was not easy then and it will not be easy now. To follow Jesus, in other words, is to follow the one who turns the world upside down. Christian discipleship is the commitment to live a Gospel life, a marginal life in this place, at this time, whatever the cost. True discipleship takes the side of those who are poor, minorities, outcasts, people who are reviled and rejected. True discipleship means being a witness for justice and peace even in situations of injustice or war. When we enter into our callings we have no idea how it will all end up. We choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us.

What might God be asking us to leave behind? What is standing in the way of our following Jesus today? The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. Christ is calling us. How will we respond?

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

Deacon Thomas Klaas, passed to eternal life on Saturday, January 15th. Thomas was ordained in 2010 and served at St. James in Basking Ridge. Please keep the soul of Deacon Klaas in your prayers. "May his good deeds go with him." Also please remember his family for their consolation and conviction that "life is changed, not ended." May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.



Word of Life- January 23rd

"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion."



Saturday	January 22
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	January 23 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
10:00 AM	Francis X. Galla r/o Couples Club
Monday	January 24
7:30 AM	No Intention
Tuesday	January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, (A)
7:30 AM	No Intention
Wednesday	January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
7:30 AM	No Intention
Thursday	January 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin
7:30:00 AM	People of the Parish
Friday	January 28
7:30 AM	No Intention
Saturday	January 29
5:00 PM	Robert Mayer -1st Anniversary- r/o Marilyn Mayer
Sunday	January 30 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time
10:00 AM	People of the Parish

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. Personal visits to arrange intentions are always welcomed.

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10:

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30:

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21:

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-23 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase II application period remains open to help New Jerseyans pay their rent arrears or future rent to the extent funds are available. The program devotes approximately \$353 million to rental assistance for low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or incurred significant costs as a result of the pandemic, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. In addition to the tenants themselves, landlords or advocates may apply on behalf of tenants, with the tenant’s permission. Households will be selected on a rolling basis from the overall pool of applicants through a randomized process based on lottery criteria. Those who are selected then submit some additional information and paperwork to ensure they are eligible for assistance. Visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/cverap2.shtml> and click on Eligibility Criteria and Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase II Maximum Income Limits to see if you or people you care about might qualify. You will need an email address to apply -- it is an online application, available in English, Spanish, and multiple other languages. Apply at: <https://njdca.onlinepha.com/>

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>.



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.

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 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.
Online Giving \$334.11**

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.



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



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