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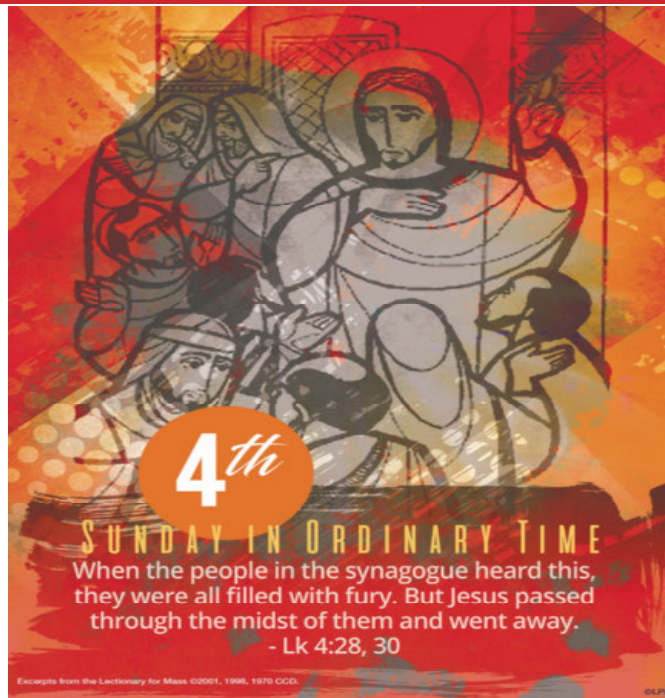
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Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday Mass by scheduled appointment. Parents are asked to call the Rectory Office at (908) 754-8812 to schedule a date and make arrangements to attend the Baptismal Instruction Program. Attendance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

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time
January 30, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, as we celebrate Mass for the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, through our Scripture Lessons, the Church continues to encourage us to listen attentively to Jesus. He is our teacher who speaks with authority. Also, the Church reminds us of the consequences of speaking falsely in the Lord's name.

Our Old Testament Lesson from Deuteronomy is one of those passages in the Bible that the Scripture Scholars refer to as the "messianic prophecies". Through today's prophecy from Moses, God promised us the messiah. This promise was fulfilled in Christ. On his own part, Christ called authentic ministers to be his prophet. So, we need to pay attention to these authentic prophets.

Hence: *"Those who will not listen to the words of the prophet...shall be answerable to me for it."* -

Unfortunately, today there are many who claim to be God's prophets. God knew this beforehand that such false prophets will arise. So, He was clear about their fate: *"Those who presume to say in my name what I have not commanded them to say, shall die"*

The question is, how do we know and distinguish false prophets? Saint Matthew gives us a clue: *"Beware of false prophets...You will know them by their fruits"* (7: 15-20). So, this calls for vigilance, discernment and paying attention the church.

Today's New Testament Lesson is also very important in this regard. Once again, it is Saint Paul who gives a wonderful counsel about celibacy and marriage. However, at the beginning of this counsel, Saint Paul was wise to add: *"Now concerning the unmarried, I do not have command from the Lord (1 Cor 7: 25)."* After this, he proceeded to give his wise opinion.

Although, Saint Paul was a prophet, he knew the consequence of saying *"thus says the Lord"*, when the Lord did not command him to speak. He simply gave his opinions which was a wise thing to do. He did not have to be false by saying, that God commanded him to speak. Neither, did he need to deceive anyone to make his point. Yet, his points were clear.

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus was passionate to his people. He never deceived them or made false claims. Rather, in contrast to the scribes and Pharisees, He taught with authority. This was not based on worldly credentials, or his ability to cite precedents. His only credential was that he is the Son of God. His authority came from his father. Hence, a true prophet should rely principally on God.

Therefore, it is important that we discern every prophecy and evaluate them based on the word of God in the scriptures. Whatever is against the plain sense of the scripture, or any prophesy that promotes unhealthy lifestyle and shallow spirituality, obviously cannot be from God.

Unfortunately, even an authentic prophet can also

err. Surely, he can, when he loses focus, and becomes very proud. When he stops listening to Christ, he begins to listen to himself. Then, in order to make up for his emptiness, he gives his own word in God's name.

Let us continue to listen to Jesus and, pay attention only to his authentic prophets who speak for God. *"O that today you listen to his voice, harden not your hearts."*

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

WORD OF LIFE-January 30th "Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)." NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)



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
Monday	January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest
7:30 AM	No Intention
Tuesday	February 1
7:30 AM	Joseph Blackburne r/o Michele Blackburne
Wednesday	February 2 World Day for Consecrated Life
7:30 AM	Leonard Aarons, III, r/o Michele Blackburne
Thursday	February 3
7:30:00 AM	No Intention
Friday	February 4
7:30 AM	No Intention
Saturday	February 5
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	February 6 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
10:00 AM	Helen Curran, r/o Ed & Carol Chasse

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.

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for
Mary Flatley r/o Loretta Willoughby*



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: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19:

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13:

Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30:

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

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.



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

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the members of the Heart-to-Heart Ministry, we thank you for your generosity over the past year. Your donations of food, gift cards, and money have helped many families in the surrounding areas. Your monetary donations have also assisted the New Jersey Community Food Bank, Catholic Charities-Bridgewater Food Program, the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) and FISH.

Again, thank you for all you do for the Church of St. Luke.

Catholic School Week-January 30 – February 4

Open House Holy Savior Academy

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St. Luke Family Ministry



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

LET'S CELEBRATE SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

The Heart-to-Heart Ministry is asking parishioners to participate in Soup-er Bowl Sunday by donating cans of soups. The Ministry will accept soup before and after Masses on the weekends of Jan. 29/30 & Feb. 5/6. You may leave the soup in the bins placed in the vestibule of the Church.



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.*

January 16 \$2,977.00

Online Giving \$281.44

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.

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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