MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, respecting our tradition, affirming our strong family ties, and valuing our diverse community, are called by Baptism to commit ourselves to:

- Give glory to God by liturgy which unites and strengthens the community of faith;
- Build a church community that welcomes all, encouraging each home to be a domestic church;
- Listen to the Gospel of Jesus, live it in our daily lives, and share it with one another; and
- Serve others as Jesus did, especially the poor and those in need.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 AM
Holy Day: varies; Holiday: varies

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Wednesday: 7:30 - 8:00 PM
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This is the opportune moment to change our lives!
This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched!

Pope Francis
Misericordiae Vultus, 19

Are you open to God’s grace and mercy?

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
See page 5.
ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH, GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  AUGUST 21, 2016

MASS INFORMATION FOR WEEK

Sunday, August 21 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Psalm 96:1-5; Matthew 23:13-22
6:30 am  John and Christine Yike

Tuesday, August 23 – Weekday / Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Psalm 96:10-13; Matthew 23:23-26
8:30 am  Joe Ryan

Wednesday, August 24 – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51
6:30 am

Thursday, August 25 – Weekday / Saint Louis / Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
1 Corinthians 1:19; Psalm 145:2-7; Matthew 24:42-51
8:30 am  Laura Spera

Friday, August 26 – Weekday
1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Matthew 25:1-13
6:30 am  Kevin Flach

Saturday, August 27 – Saint Monica
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 33:12-13, 18-21; Matthew 25:14-30
8:30 am  Jimmy Moore

Sunday, August 28 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

Sunday, August 21 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Collection for Catholic University

Monday, August 22
Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall closed for cleaning

Tuesday, August 23
Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall closed for cleaning
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel House

Wednesday, August 24
Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall closed for cleaning

Thursday, August 25
7:30 pm  Baptism Class, Lyons Den

Friday, August 26
Rectory closed / Summer Hours
6:30 pm  Scout Movie Night (rain or shine)

Saturday, August 27
7:00 am  Women’s Reflection Group, MMR
7:00 am  Men’s Gospel Reflection Group, Lyons Den

Sunday, August 28 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am  Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital
1:00 pm  Baptism

Please notify the priest before Mass if you would like to receive the Eucharist in a low-gluten host.

DO YOU WANT TO ENLIVEN YOUR MONDAYS?

There are openings available for the positions of catechists and aides in our religious education program for children (PREP). Program runs from mid-September through May and meets from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. For more information and to volunteer contact Maria Hughes at prep@stlukerc.org

Save the Date:
Sept. 24, 2016 9:00 AM
Friends of the Poor Walk
St. Luke the Evangelist RC Church, Glenside, PA
A national event coordinated by SvdPUSA.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Info: www.svdpusa.net/walk/1518

We have removed our poor boxes—but the needs of the poor remain.
You may put your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in any envelope marked “Society of St. Vincent de Paul” or use one of the envelopes (found on the tables in Church) marked “Donation for the Poor” and place the envelope in the collection basket.
Dear Parishioners,

As the summer winds down I would like to acknowledge some thoughtful financial support we have received over the summer. Recently-deceased Ceal Sergienko left $5,000 in her estate to St. Luke Parish. This was used to purchase some new computers and upgrade and install them. I thank Jeanne Kyle for her expert assistance in the process, saving us a great deal of money.

In addition to Ceal’s bequest, and money donated in memory of my father, we have received donations in memory of Mary Provost and John McGowan. The money in memory of Mary Provost is being used for some new altar linens. The use of the money in memory of John McGowan has not yet been decided. Thank you for remembering St. Luke’s at the time of a family member’s death and in your wills. Thank you for all you do to keep St. Luke’s financially strong.

We have also received an update on contributions to this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal. To date you have contributed $29,196.32 for the 2016 Appeal from 190 individual contributions. There is still great need, and many still have not contributed to the important work of the Catholic Charities. In the coming weeks you will be hearing from the Appeal Office again, encouraging your support.

Another excerpt from Pope Francis’ The Joy of Love paragraph 85:

The Church is called to cooperate with parents through suitable pastoral initiatives, assisting them in the fulfillment of their educational mission. She must always do this by helping them to appreciate their proper role and to realize that by their reception of the sacrament of marriage they become ministers of their children’s education. In educating them, they build up the Church, and in so doing, they accept a God-given vocation.

Fall sports are underway, college life has resumed and our schools will be opening in the coming weeks. Enjoy this week. Remember to keep God part of it. Be assured of my prayers for you and know that I am grateful and depend on yours.

St. Luke, pray for us.

Father Joe Brandt

P.S. Thanks to the adults and young people who helped this week with a new mulch coating for the children’s playground. Mrs. Karen Donahue and Deacon John Hunter helped coordinate this project. Our children will get good use out of a safer playground.
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One fine day this past June, I spotted my neighbor energetically digging a narrow bow-shaped trench on her front lawn. She and her husband later added a layer of good topsoil in the dig in preparation for planting a beautiful array of flowers. I complimented them on their new garden, and then the lady of the house volunteered that whenever her family visited some one of them always remarked: “Everything’s too green here. You should add some color.” Family members can sometimes be too outspoken to the point of being hurtful.

As I thought about this weekend’s Scripture Readings that incident came to mind. I got to thinking about another place where we need color. I refer to skin color and the composition of our holy Church. As James Joyce wrote in *Finnegan’s Wake*: “Catholic means here comes everybody.”

The main point of our First Reading and the Gospel (usually thematically joined) is that no one is to be excluded from God’s kingdom. All people—all—are called to “proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess His holy name.” Putting it another way, no ethnic or religious group has exclusive right to the kingdom. For some of us, that is a hard saying.

How dare we disagree with God? For that is exactly what happens when a Catholic shows prejudice of any kind. He or she is indirectly accusing God of having made a mistake in creating the human race.

Why ever do some of us hold on to such thinking when deep down in our gut we know we are wrong? We forget that such prejudice is bound to be on the agenda of our appointment with God on our private judgment day. Why act for the prosecution?

Research, books, plays and movies have dealt with racial prejudice. In the United States, the same thinking about slavery, for example, as that of ancient societies. In other countries prejudice is rooted in a caste system. All of it must sadden our Holy Redeemer. Yet He is our main source of strength in ridding ourselves of racial prejudice. He knows that no Christian is strong enough to carry a cross and a prejudice at the same time.

**Isaiah 66:18-21**

Foreigners (Gentiles) will eventually be at home in the Temple, which is God’s house. They will even join the ranks of the priesthood, making for a radical announcement that closes out the Book of Isaiah.

**Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

The author makes clear that pain and suffering are part of the human condition. Discipline only seems to be a cause of pain. Only later, does a person realize that discipline “brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

**Luke 13:22-30**

Luke’s overall theme is Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem. Here he has Jesus teaching along the way that all people are welcome to the heavenly banquet. Just so, all people are called to repentance.

The parish accepts requests for announced daily Mass Intentions up to a year in advance. Currently, all the 8:30 am Masses for the year have been allocated. There are still many available 6:30 am Masses. The stipend for an announced Mass Intention is $20.
Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal A New Vision will provide support needed to nearly 180 beneficiaries. These beneficiaries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia include diverse ministries and programs in five key areas: Education; Social Services; Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life; Clergy; and Mission Activities.

Remember Aid for Friends this summer.

ST. LUKE’S RIGHT-TO-LIFE

40 Days for Life. St. Luke’s Parish is registered for November 1, All Saints’ Day, as our day to pray and be present outside the Planned Parenthood center in Warminster. We are responsible to fill the day with pairs of parishioners, from 7 am until 7 pm. In a parish as large as ours, we should not have any trouble filling the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who have the holy day off to join their parents and become part of the vigil. Many have school and work that day, but there are hours before or after your daily obligations that could also work for you. Don’t be intimidated if you have never participated before or have never come to a meeting. Your prayerful presence is all that is required. Groups of more than two are always welcome! Please contact Kelly Foley at kfolz@aol.com or 267-275-4482 to sign up.

St. Luke’s will also fill hours at the Center City Planned Parenthood during the vigil, but the details have not been confirmed. They will be published here once they are available, so watch for more information.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta is to be canonized on September 4, 2016. She was a strong advocate for life from the moment of conception to natural death. She remembered Jesus’ teaching to love all people—from the unborn to the dying—who are our neighbors. At the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., she gave a speech which included the following comments:

On Abortion. “But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems.

“And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion.

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

On Death. “Then there was the man we picked up from the drain, half eaten by worms and, after we had brought him to the home, he only said: ‘I have lived like an animal in the street, but I am going to die as an angel, loved and cared for.’ Then, after we had removed the worms from his body, all he said, with a big smile, was: ‘Sister, I am going home to God’ -and he died. It was so wonderful to see the greatness of that man who could speak like that without blaming anybody, without comparing anything. Like an angel - this greatness of people who are spiritually rich even when they are materially poor.”

Go to www.flocknote.com/StLukeParish/ProLife to sign up for Right-to-Life information and updates or contact Kelly Foley at kfolz@aol.com or 267-275-4482.
A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, High School CYO and many others, who came out to help re-mulch the playground last Tuesday night. A special shout out to Tom Johnston, a parishioner and owner of Think Green, for bringing the Bobcat. We were able to get a big job done in short order thanks to so many helpful, hardworking parishioners.

THANK YOU!!
2016 Catholic Women’s Conference
You’re invited to step away from everyday life for a day of inspiration and renewal at the Catholic Women’s Conference, “Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours!” on Saturday, October 29, 8:30 am to 4 pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown PA.

Nine dynamic speakers address all facets of the feminine genius and a woman’s mission of mercy in the family, the Church, and the world. This special day includes something for every woman, married, single, and consecrated, featuring presentations in English, Spanish, American Sign Language and a track for young women in high school and college. For more information, visit catholicwomensconference.org.

Join with other women from our parish—get discounted rates & carpool. Contact Clare Fitzpatrick at clareyfitz211@gmail.com or 267-237-1845.

General Admission, $50 per person
Groups of 5 or more, $40 per person
Religious/Consecrated, $15 per person
Young Women’s Track, $20 per person

Morning Keynote in English
Mary Rice Hasson, J.D., Women’s Forum, Ethics & Public Policy Center
Keynote address: The Feminine Genius: Woman’s Mission of Mercy in the Family, the Church and the World

Afternoon Keynote in English
Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P., Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph
Keynote address: Mary, Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA DAY OF SERVICE
Saturday, September 24, 2016

Great news! Villanova University has AGAIN approved St. Luke as a service site for 2016. That means that 15 to 20 Villanova students, staff and/or faculty will be on our campus Saturday, September 24, from 10 am to 3 pm helping us with various jobs.

Villanova provides (and pays for) the supplies we request. In addition, we need YOU! Could you spare a few hours to help or lead one of our teams? Projects will include painting, cleaning, and gardening.

Please contact Karen Donahue, devoffice@stlukerc.org, if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

SCHEDULE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

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Breakout Sessions & Tracks
#1 Merciful Like the Father – Matt and Jenn Lozano
#2 Works of Mercy – Sr. Mary Elizabeth, S.V.
#3 Mercy in Family - Jessica Murdoch, Ph.D.
#4 Women’s Health – Anne Nolte, M.D.
Spanish Track/ Sesión en español
Young Women’s Track

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Looking to reconnect with old friends and former faculty from St. Luke or Immaculate Conception School days?

Here’s one way:
Join us on Friday Oct. 14th at 6:00pm for a celebration that promises to be fun-filled. Enjoy an adult-only evening with music by Bare Knuckle Boxers & purchase fries from Philly Fry Truck.

We will be honoring alumni from St. Luke’s & Immaculate Conception Schools for their dedication to their community and Catholic education.

Help make a Catholic education possible for the children in our community.

The PA State Budget has created an opportunity for us to help more families attend a Catholic school. They currently have approximately $3 million that can be filled immediately with donors who wish to participate in the PA Tax Credit Programs by utilizing their PERSONAL taxes.

We are looking for prospects that fit one of the following:
• $1 million of net worth OR earnings of $300,000 per year or higher.
• Business owners or partnerships of any size or type.
• People with a state tax liability of $7,000 or higher.

If you are interested in participating or having us come speak to business partners or others, please contact Liz Sabato development@stjpschool.org.

GET UPDATES FROM THE PARISH AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS:
You can sign up for text and/or email messages.
You can choose types of messages to receive.
You’re invited to join state Rep. Steve McCarter for his 4th Annual Senior Fair, 10 am to noon on Thursday, September 1, at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, 8339 Old York Road in Elkins Park, PA 19027.

Representatives from federal, state, county and local agencies, as well as other exhibitors, will be available to offer information on health care, volunteer opportunities, prescription -drug plans, identity theft and much more. To learn more about what the senior fair has to offer and to RSVP visit http://www.pahouse.com/McCarter/RSVP/?id=1100

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in northeast Philadelphia, is offering a one-day program on “The Forgiveness Prayer” on Saturday, September 17, beginning at 9 am and concluding at 5 pm following the Celebration of Eucharist. In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches us that forgiveness is one of the essential conditions out of which all of our prayer must proceed if it is to be acceptable to God. Often forgiveness is difficult because we have been hurt so deeply and we need God’s help to learn to forgive. The Forgiveness Prayer provides us a method to open to God’s healing presence and action in the process of forgiveness. The day concludes with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

The program will be given by Therese Saulnier, a Contemplative Outreach presenter. Fee: $50. Please call Sr. Geraldine Whelan at 267-350-1830 for more information and/or to register by September 7.

HELP WANTED

Rectory Housekeeper
St. Alphonsus Parish is seeking a part-time housekeeper for the rectory (33 Conwell Dr., Maple Glen). The housekeeper will work four hours a day, 3 or 4 days a week. Any interested parties should contact Kathy Morris at 215-646-4600 during business hours, 8:30 am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Maintenance Director
Holy Family Home, a Catholic long-term care facility run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Philadelphia, is looking for a full-time experienced Maintenance Director with strong supervisory skills and related certification. Please e-mail resume to phhumansresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

School Store Manager
Gwynedd Mercy Academy seeks a part-time School Store Manager. This is a 15 hour per week position plus availability for key student, parent and alumnae events reporting to the Director of Finance. The School Store Manager will manage the purchase and sale of all school apparel and general merchandise sold in the school store and online store, maintain operating records and coordinate time schedules of parent volunteers.

Minimum two (2) years of relevant experience specific to general merchandise retail business preferred. Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume and (3) three references to Beverly Gandolfo at bgandolfo@gmahs.org.

Keep our sister parish in Haiti in your prayers.

St. Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, invites all to the celebration of the moving of the statues of SS. Cosmas and Damian to their new home. Procession begins in front of SS. Cosmas and Damian Church (5th Ave. and Maple St., Conshohocken) and continues to St. Matthew Church, Sunday, September 18, 1:30 pm. When arriving at St. Matthew Church there will be the traditional Healing Service. Following the Service there will be a social event in the Parish Social Hall. Raffle baskets and 50/50. Spread the word join the crowd! RSVP by Sunday, September 4 at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA872FA4FB6-procession

Our Lady of Confidence Christian Retreat for Persons with Disabilities: A three day retreat at Malvern Retreat House has been scheduled for October 11, 12, & 13, 2016 for adults with disabilities. The retreat director is Fr. Jim DeGrassa. The retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. If you or someone you know would enjoy a three day retreat that includes having your faith in God refreshed and strengthened email OLCRetreat@gmail.com or call Malvern Retreat Center at 610-644-0400 for a brochure and registration form.

The AbbeyFest: Faith, Music and Family all-day music festival will be held Saturday, September 24, 2016 on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli from 11 am to 9 pm. www.theabbeyfest.com

Check the Community page on our website www.stlukerc.org for info on many more events in our area, including lectures, retreats, volunteer opportunities, and ongoing events.

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Remember those who are serving in the Armed Forces

Sean Biggio
Scott Cline
Shaun Collins
John Crockett
Michael DiCicco
A. J. Dolan
Eric Duckworth
Christopher
Francis, Jr.
Colin A. Graham
Ronald Green
Robert Grimming
Allen Hanslovan
Robert P. Hopkins
Andy Johnson
Michael Johnson
Charles Keller
Edward Keller
Joe Kelly
Christopher
Manero
Sean Maples
Nisha Marerro
John McCormick
Anne McGoldrick
William Barry
Powers, Jr.
Anthony Ross
Marygrace Telman
Travis Telman
Calvin Travers
Tim Tumelty

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Safe Environment Coordinator ............. Jeanne Kyle
Secretary .............................................. Tina Dean

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Parish Finance Committee
Fr. Joseph Brandt, Deacon John Hunter, Maryanne Bush, Jim Donahue, Mike Dubyk, Joe Hart, Ken Kempf, Kirk Stensrud, Beth Stieritz, and Pete Wilson

Find out what's going on at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish
We are now on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
in addition to our website: www.stlukerc.org

Respect Life Reflection:
“A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk.” - Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015

Respect Life Prayer:
For our country: may the Lord, the Giver of life, grant that respect for each person may shape our law and way of life.