

Saint Luke Catholic Church

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM

Baptism: Parents must attend a class prior to the Baptism of their child. The class is held on the third Sunday of each month following the 11AM Mass in the Conference Room.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15-4:45PM or by appointment.
During Lent—Sundays from 12-1PM.

Sick/Hospital Visits

If someone in your family is sick or admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please let the church office know so that we can visit them.

Sponsor Certificate: In order to receive permission to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation, you will need to be a registered and a contributing parishioner for at least three months.

Counseling: To inquire or make an appointment for counseling, please call Sr. Marie Frechette at 704-543-7677 x 1073.

Spiritual Direction: Bryna Bozart, a member of St. Luke, is a trained Spiritual Director. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Bryna Bozart at beebemps@aol.com.

Scriptural Rosary is prayed at St. Luke parish at 10:30AM on Mondays in the chapel. For more information contact Madeleine McGuinness at 704-845-4008.

Interested In Becoming A Catholic?

Please call Sr. Veronica Grover at 704-545-1224 ext. 17 for information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Parish Registration: Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table after all weekend Masses or weekdays at the parish office. You may also register online on our website.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit your announcement in writing or email by 2:00PM Thursday of the previous week.



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Parish Mission Statement

*To Be A Christ Centered Church; Responsive To The Needs of All.
Preserving, Spreading and Celebrating The Teaching of Jesus.*

Fr. Paul Q. Gary

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Sr. Veronica Grover

Pastoral Associate ext. 17

Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Evers

Rev. Mr. Rafael Torres

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Mary Adams, *Admin Assistant* ext. 10
Katie Blanchette, *Secretary*..... ext. 23
Lori Kissinger, *Business Manager*.....ext. 11
Marti Dushak, *Music Director*..... ext. 16
Richard White, *Maintenance*..... ext. 28
Ellen Bree, *Playschool Director*.....ext. 13
Martha Hannah, *Faith Formation* ... ext. 14
Cheryl Finch, *Youth Ministry*ext. 12
Chrissy Stublaski, *Faith Form. Asst.*.....ext. 15
Carol Weddle, *Confirmation*.....ext. 12
Ellen Bree, *1st Communion*.....ext. 13
Edra Alonso, *Spanish Ministry*.....ext. 20

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

**Sunday: 9:00AM-11:00AM-
5:00PM**

1:00PM (Bilingual)

Daily/Holy Day Mass Schedule

See inside bulletin



Fourth Sunday of Easter ❖ Sunday, May 15, 2011

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Time is defined as an interval separating two points. Our lives are governed by time. Without knowing how much time God gives us in this world we do our best to live life well.

Life is more than accumulating wealth, exercising power and finding fame. Christians govern their lives by keeping the commandments and following Christ. We know that each one of us is unique in the eyes of God and we were made for a purpose. We know that "deep inside all of us, there is someone we were meant to be. We grapple with fear. We search for meaning and love. We seek to discover who we are and how we can be truly happy" (Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler, *Life Lessons*, p. 22).

I imagine that at the end of time we will be given an opportunity to examine just how well we lived and judge what was most important to us. In their work with those who were at the end of life, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler wrote that most people "realized that love is all that matters. Love is really the only thing we can possess, keep with us and take with us." (p.24)

Adults are often disappointed in love. Some never find true love at all. "We can only find peace and happiness in love when we release the conditions we place on our love for each other. And we usually place the toughest conditions on those we love the most. One of the few places we do find unconditional love is from our children when they are very young. They don't care about our day, our money, or our accomplishments. They just love us. Conditions on love are weights on our relationships. When we release the conditions, we can find love in many ways we never thought possible." (p. 42)

In *Everybody Loves Raymond* there is an episode where one of the twins writes a book report for school entitled, "The Angry Parents." We can all relate to that because we have all witnessed our parents who should love each other more than anyone else fight and say the meanest things to each other.

"When you argue with loved ones, you believe you are upset because of something they did or did not do. You are actually upset because you have closed your heart, you have withdrawn love. And the answer should never be to withhold love until they shape up. What if they don't, what if they never do? Do you never again love your mother, your friend, your brother? But if you love them in spite of what they did, you will see changes, you will see all the power of the universe unleashed. You will see their hearts melt open." (pp. 42-43)

"Love is always present in life, in all our wonderful experiences and even in our tragedies. Love is what gives our days their deep meaning." (p.57) Knowing this will help us not only to live our lives well, but also to be better prepared for our last days so that we can look back with satisfaction. As St. John of the Cross said, "At the end of our lives we will be judged by love."

Fr. Paul J. Gary



STEWARDSHIP

*Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full."
Good Stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully
share their abundance with others.*

Registered Families: 1377

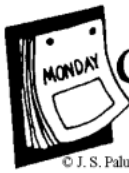
Offerory May 8: 16,284.50
We Care (5% of Offering) <814.22>

Envelope Users for month of April: 861

Total offertory budgeted this fiscal year: 746,433.00
Total offertory budgeted through week 44 of this FY: 633,424.00
Remaining offertory needed to meet budget for FY: 73,057.00
Total offertory received to week 44 of this FY: 673,376.00
Current budget variance to week 44 of this FY: (+) 39,952.00

Thanks to your recent offertory donations, the WE CARE Committee was able to make a donation to **RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network)**.

Please note that we are now including the financial information for the current fiscal year, which began July 1, 2010 and runs through June 30, 2011. Financial reports are also available on our website www.stlukechurch.net.



**Coming
Up this week...**

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Sunday, May 15

Agape Biscuit Sale; Pastor's Masters Sign up at Mass HOMELESS SHELTER

- 12:00PM Baptism Prep Class—Conference Room
- 2:00PM Spanish Prayer Group—Worship
- 7:00PM Knights of Columbus—FLC

Monday, May 16

- 10:30AM Rosary—Chapel
- 4:00PM Faith Formation Grades 1-5
- 4:30PM Conference Room Reserved
- 5:00PM Children's Choirs—Worship
- 6:00PM Faith Formation Grades 1-9
- 7:00PM Ascension—Worship
- 7:00PM Boy Scouts—FLC
- 7:15PM Finance—Conference Room
- 7:15PM SLT Committee—Library

Tuesday, May 17

- 9:00AM Playschool
- 9:30AM Caregivers Support—Conference Room
- 7:00PM RCIA—FLC
- 7:30PM Genesis—Worship

Wednesday, May 18

- 9:30AM MOMS Group—Family Life Center
- 10:30AM Bible Study—Conference Room
- 4:30PM Faith Formation Grades 1-5
- 6:15PM Faith Formation Grades 1-8
- 7:30PM Cub Scouts Committee—Conference Room

Thursday, May 19

- 9:00AM Playschool
- 11:30AM Why Catholic—FLC
- 6:00PM Sojourn—Worship
- 7:00PM Cub Scouts—FLC
- 7:30PM Spirit—Worship

Friday, May 20

- 9:00AM Playschool

Saturday, May 21

Pastor's Masters Sign up; Holy Land Souvenirs Sale at Mass

- 2:00PM Worship Space Reserved
- 6:00PM Trivia Night—FLC

Sunday, May 22

Pastor's Masters Sign up; Deacon Jeff Evers' Anniversary; Holy Land Souvenirs at Mass

- 12:00PM Reception for Deacon Jeff—FLC
- 1:00PM RCIC 1st Communion—Worship
- 2:00PM Spanish Prayer Group—Worship
- 6:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal—Worship

Have you ever thought about how many of your free hours you spend doing things for yourself versus how many you spend doing things for others?



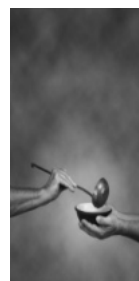
Diocesan Support Appeal — As of 5/9/11, 313 families have pledged \$66,520. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$79,377. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal please consider doing so this week. As good stewards, we are all called to share our gifts. Please be generous in your sharing. Pledge envelopes are available at the welcome table.



Roman Missal Changes on facebook

Interested in learning more about the Roman Missal Changes with daily FB updates? Search "Roman Missal Changes" on facebook for the site maintained by OSV, a Catholic not-for-profit publishing company.

Outreach



HOMELESS SHELTER—St. Luke will be serving at the homeless shelter on Sunday, May 15. We are now serving over 250 men. If you make desserts they can be dropped off at church BEFORE 11:00AM Mass on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to help cook/serve, please call Mike or Terry Andreis at 704-921-7997. Your efforts enable us to serve a nutritious meal with love. *(Due to the huge response for help, please call the Andreis' if you plan on helping. This will avoid too many or too few workers.)*



Pax Christi meets the 4th Saturday, every other month in the conference room at the church at 10:00 A.M. The next meeting will be June 25th

Our sponsor of the week...

We would like to thank **HERITAGE FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES** for advertising in our bulletin.



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This year we will be looking at the issue of Immigration. To find out more about this issue visit the site sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.shtml>



Flip Flop Drive

For Monsignor Dan's kids - can you donate a pair of flip flops to save a child's life?

This weekend we will be outside after Mass collecting Flip Flops for Msgr. Dan's children in Sierra Leone. After the last night of his mission, he told us that a pair of flip flops can save a child's life by preventing

a parasite from entering their body through their feet. This is so simple, and we know we can count on you kind people to donate one or more pair of flip flops. We need all sizes, so our suggestion is that you buy them **(they must be new)** like you were buying them for your own family. That will produce a wide variety of sizes. For more information, please contact John Trautman at 704-794-3113 or Kathy Sinay at 704-351-1780.



Bethlehem Olive Wood

Today, more than six hundred Christian families, mostly Catholic, living in Bethlehem rely completely on the hand carved olive wood figures to make their living.

The recent dashes in the Middle East have caused most serious harm to those families, forcing them to flee their homeland. The bishops in Jerusalem is well aware of the fact that emptying the land of the Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on holy sites of our beloved homeland.

So we are sent in a mission to market some of the beautiful religious handcrafts made by these poor families. We would like to encourage all of you to take a look at the display and see if there is something you would like to purchase. Remember, by doing so, you are helping to protect the many Christians in the Holy Land and receiving a piece of art work from the land of Christ.

Community Building

2011 High and College Graduates:



If you have a student graduating from High School or college in 2011, please email the name of your student and the name of their school to Martha Hannah at marthahanah@carolina.rr.com. Graduates will be recognized and blessed at all the Masses the weekend of June 4-5.



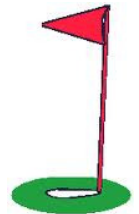
Make Your Tee Time!

The 14th Annual Pastor's Masters Golf Tournament

Will be held on **Sunday, June 5, 2011**

Sign up now on the easel by the welcome desk!!

Or Call:
Jim Strauss — 704-451-5481
Jim Glose — 704-545-6725
Greg Reeder — 704-545-3388



Faith Formation

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 18-22

Registration will be held the weekend of May 21 and 22 after all Masses. We have 105 spots for children and we take children on a first-come-first-serve basis. Rising Kindergarten thru rising 5th graders are eligible to attend. Sixth graders and up may volunteer as Crew Leaders, however, be aware that the act of volunteering does not guarantee that we will accept every student as a crew leader. We only need 15 Crew Leaders and have to have a mix of new and experienced crew leaders. No early registrations will be accepted, all students must be registered on this weekend. Fee this year is a non-refundable \$35/student and must be paid at the time of registration.



Faith Formation
Registration

It's time to think about registration for next year, 2011-2012. Registrations and class placements are made on a first-come, first serve basis. Payment in full by cash or check, bank draft form or PayPal receipt must accompany your form. PayPal payment links are on the church's website.

Registration forms are due June

3. After June 3, late fees will be assessed.

Parents of First Grade Students: Faith Formation begins in First Grade. This is part of the two year preparation process in working toward the celebration of First Communion at the end of Second Grade. It is your responsibility to register your child. You may come by the church Monday-Friday from 9-4 to register. Within a week, the registration forms will be on the St. Luke website if you wish to print a form online. Classes for first grade students are offered on Monday at 4 or 6 and Wednesday at 4:30 or 6:15. More details about Faith Formation are available online at www.stlukechurch.net or call the Faith Formation office with questions. For current parishioners, your deadline to enroll is June 5, 2011.

Catholic School Parents with students who will be in grades 2 or 9 during the 2011-2012 school year, should come by the church or Faith Formation office to obtain a registration form. Catholic School children do not have to attend Faith Formation classes, but **MUST** enroll in Sacrament Preparation.

Anyone in the parish who is considering being a **Faith Formation teacher or co-teacher** should contact Martha Hannah, Cheryl Finch or Chrissy Stublaski. We welcome men and women of all ages.

Annual Adult Education Commission:

Trivia Night

Join us for Fun, Food, and lots of Trivia

May 21 following the 5PM Mass In the FLC

Please sign up in the back of church to bring either a snack or dessert

Beer and wine will be provided

Question call Jackie Leatherman at 704 628 6943



The May book selection is "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann. We will meet on Tuesday, May 31 at 10:30AM in the FLC. We invite you to join us.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Armstrong at 704-753-1112.

Book Club

Worship & Spiritual Life



Children's Liturgy of the Word has ended for this session. We will resume again in September. A huge thank you to all the ministers who shared the Word of God with the children of St. Luke.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Trish Quinlivan

Children's Liturgy of the Word 704 537-7149.

Ordination anniversary



Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of **Deacon Jeff Evers'** ordination as a Deacon in the Church. The celebration will be held in the Family Life Center on May 22, 2011 following the 11AM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the festivity to mark such a major milestone in Deacon Jeff's life and in the life of St. Luke's community. Any questions should be directed to Rose Werner at rose_werner@hotmail.com.

**Fourth Sunday of
Easter
May 15, 2011**



He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

~ 1 Peter 2:24a

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 14

5:00PM Gina Short By: Bernadette Buttafuoco

Sunday, May 15

9:00AM ✕ Dan Little By: Chuck & Rita O'Connell
11:00AM ✕ Ray Wieloszynski By: Al & Marge Kratzer
1:00PM Parishioners of St. Luke
5:00PM ✕ Lucille Jackson By: Joe Jackson

Monday, May 16

11:00AM Bev Aiello By: McHugh Family

Tuesday, May 17

6:30PM ✕ Thomas O'Connor, Jr. By: Weaver Family

Wednesday, May 18

6:30PM ✕ Nigisti Bahta By: Lete Tewelde

Thursday, May 19

11:00AM ✕ Dan Little By: Young at Heart

Friday, May 20

8:30AM The Buday Family By: Lucille Mahel

Saturday, May 21

5:00PM ✕ Helen Madej By: Madej Family

Sunday, May 22

9:00AM Parishioners of St. Luke
11:00AM ✕ Agatha Fairbum By: Blanchette Family
1:00PM ✕ Ramon Suarez By: Wanda Suarez
5:00PM ✕ Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Andricain By: Gomiz Family

PRAY FOR THEM

In your kindness please remember the following
in our parish...

Jan Gimmi, Dorothy Ney, Arin Nesbit, Dave & Dorothy Minish, Steven Shope, Joel Shaul, Tiffany Partozoti, Catherine Simmoneti, Kaite Evankovech, David McGowan, Carlo Ortega, Fred Parry, Gomiz Family, Gina Short, Shannon Smith, Cathy Sluja, Marie Mahnke, Kimberly Smith, Jim Bush, Nicci Williams, Olive Werhand, Virginia Wieloszynski, Rita Foulk, Elaine Medina, Frances Doyle, Edra Alonso, Anna Quinlivan, Warren Roggeman, Brittney Breyare, Catherine Ferguson, Trish Quinlivan, Fran Wroclawski, Sharon Glose, Rita O'Donnell, Carl Lamkin, Sr. Veronica Grover, Pete Wojtkowski, Thomas Koehler, Vinnie Mantione, Susan Shaul Deloris Szachara, Carl Partozoti, Tom McLarney, Tina McGahee, Christine Collins, Maureen Deese and Thomas Baur, Husband of Marva Baur Susan Trombello, Wife of John Trombello

and among our friends and family...

Michelle Musialowski, Andrew Chinigo, Bernice Lamkin, Uqui Martin-Fernandez, Alice Dougherty, Charles Vandergift, Thomas Silinski, Richard Shafanda, Nancy Mecodangelo, Alan Fields, David Greene, Jane & Andrew Foard, Jakob Clark, Pat Rodite, Carl VanDoorne, Patti McGoey, Margie Johnson, Ted Lafiteau, Bob Smith, Chris Kirk, Allen Weaver, Ed Duffy, Glenda Woodson and Sharon Banfield

(Previously named persons are now placed in our Book of Intentions)

**In Christian love and sympathy,
we remember...**

**AIDA GARCIA, Mother of
Heida Rollins**

**MICHAEL PANCAMO, Husband of
Maria Pancamo**

*May the Lord grant them peace and
consolation to their families.*

