

**BEHOLD,  
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NEW**



## CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m.

### ADORATION

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 7:00 p.m. (during Lent)

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. Polish Mass

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

The Light is On For You (during Lent)

5:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.



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Behold, I make all things new.

As we begin the Season of Lent 2023, we return to our refreshed Church. All the painting, carpeting, and appointments, make for a very pleasing environment. It's new! Then again, it's the same old building – just cleaned up a bit.

The Season of Lent is described as an annual retreat for all of us. We get introspective. We recognize our sinfulness and we offer atonement in sacrifice, prayer, and almsgiving. It's like a good, internal scrubbing. We too seek to become new or renewed. This is the reason for our pithy Lenten theme: Behold, I make all things new. It comes from the book of Revelation, 21: 5 where we see Jesus on his throne, declaring that he is victorious over death. All things are made new in him. The mistake we make during Lent or really at any time, is we try and do these things ourselves, but it is only in Christ that this Lenten renewal has any hope of succeeding. On the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church prays for the elect (those preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter) using something called a Scrutiny. A Scrutiny is not a judgement made on the person from the Church. Rather it is a prayerful invitation for the person to receive the grace offered us through Christ: *The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.* (The Rite). It is grace that brings about this renewal and this grace comes from Christ. This prayer encapsulates the journey for all of us during Lent – not just the elect. It is a prayer where we ask God to walk with us, show us our mistakes, forgive us, and make us new – make us see things as God sees them and do things as God intends. With the help of God and the grace of Christ, we can become new. May this Lenten Season be an opportunity for all of us to be renewed in faith and rededicated to our God!

*Fr. Mike*

## PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

We start our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and we hear the instruction that we are to “pray, fast, and give alms (charity).” We don’t do this for other people to see or notice but rather, to offer a gift to God that only he can see. Just as Jesus prayed and fasted in the desert for 40 days, we pray and fast in Lent and ask God to renew us in our Christian faith as we prepare to remember the great events of Easter. Please note the various opportunities we offer during Lent to help us in this graced time of preparation. Our central act of Worship is Sunday Mass. As a parish, we need to gather for Mass on Sunday and ***we need you to be there. Our parish community is not the same without all of its members present!***



**Lenten Meals** will be served every Friday during Lent from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Each week we serve a different dish. Dessert, soft drink, water, coffee and tea are included in the cost of the meal. The cost is \$10 per platter. Children's meal consists of pizza, fruit cup, drink and dessert for \$5.

MENU

- 2/24 Seafood rice, salad, bread (Chef Kevin)
- 3/3 Fish tacos, tortilla chips & dip (Chef Diego)
- 3/10 Portuguese rice & seafood, salad, bread (Chef Fernando)
- 3/17 Fish & Chips, Manhattan Clam Chowder, salad, bread (Chef Knights)
- 3/24 Salmon Platter, Manhattan Clam Chowder (Chef Angelica)
- 3/31 Crab Cakes, scalloped potatoes, Manhattan Clam Chowder, salad, Bread (Chef Cheryl)

**Bring your family, bring a friend. Enjoy a meal and fellowship with others.**

**Got questions about the meaning of Life? Confused about your purpose?**

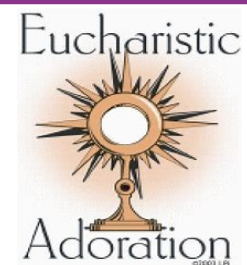
**Want more from the mundane day to day?**



All are invited to our Alpha Course. The next program begins on February 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Each week we share a meal, watch a video, and talk in groups about the foundational relationship God offers to us. Everyone is welcome. Don't be shy, call and sign up today. You won't regret it! Make some new friends, get closer to God, join us. Call the parish office at 570-421-9097. More than 90% of participants from the first program reported it was a positive experience for them and that they would recommend the program to a friend!

## Lenten Rules of Fast and Abstinence

Those 18 to 59 are encouraged to fast during Lent as an act of sacrifice for the Lord. Fast means that we do not eat between meals, we eat smaller portions for two meals and only one main meal a day. Those 14 and older are encouraged to practice abstinence. Abstinence means that we do not eat meat or sacrifice some other food staple if we are vegetarian. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. We may of course, wish to give up some food item, drink, or other pleasure during Lent as a way of offering sacrifice for ourselves, our Church, our world. Excused from fasting are those who are physically or mentally ill as well as pregnant or nursing women.



Every Monday from 10:00 am until 6:15 pm. A beautiful opportunity for prayer and reflection. Can you spare an hour on a Monday to sit with our Lord? Please call the office to sign up. We need you.



Church choir and music rehearsals are now in session for Lent and Easter masses. Contact Geraldine Patire 570-421-9097 ext. 107 if interested in participating in our choir.

We are also building up a children's choir and are in need of some young singers. Rehearsals are Monday at 5:00 pm. Contact Geraldine for more information at 570-421-9097 ext 107 or by email at [musicdirector@churchofsaintluke.org](mailto:musicdirector@churchofsaintluke.org)



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## LENT EVENTS

### Ash Wednesday

Feb 22nd

7:30am - Prayer Service

11:30am & 6pm - Mass

7:30pm - Polish Mass

### Connect Groups

Meet for prayer, study, and fellowship 12:00pm to 1:30pm Feb 12th & 26th, Mar 12th & 26th

### Alpha

Got questions about life?  
Thursday's 6:30pm to 8pm  
Beginning Feb 23rd

### Coffee with Fr. Mike

A Bible Study on Christ's Passion  
Tuesday's 10am to 11:30am  
Feb 28th - Mar 28th

### Gospel of Luke Bible Study with Deacon Phil

Thursday's 1pm to 2:30pm  
Mar 2nd - Apr 13th

### Solemnity of St. Joseph

St. Joseph Dessert Table following  
6:30pm Mass, Monday, Mar 20th

### Solemnity of the Annunciation

Saturday Mar 25th @ 9am Pancake Breakfast

### The Light is On For You

Confession on Monday's  
5:30pm to 6:20pm  
Feb 27th - Apr 3rd

### Lenten Dinners

Friday's 5pm - 6:30pm  
Feb 24th - Mar 31st

### Stations of the Cross

Friday's @ 7pm  
Feb 24th - Mar 31st

### Holy Thursday

Apr 6 @ 7pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

Apr 7  
Community Walk 11am, Sacred Readings 12pm, Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross 1pm

### Holy Saturday

Apr 8 @ 9am  
Outdoor Prayer Service  
Reading of the Ancient Homily on the Lord's Descent into Hell.  
Chapel Open for Prayer

### Blessing of Easter

Baskets @ 1pm

