

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019

“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen... for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.” “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.”

Remember the flamboyant congressman and minister known for his mantra ‘Keep the faith baby’? It is faith in God, belief in His word which gives meaning to life. I ask myself what do I hope for and what is the evidence not seen.

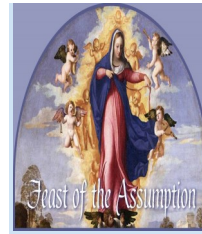
My life in the church is one of faith, which must continue to grow daily. Even when I have disappointments, I keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. I look to the Lord and the fulfillment of His promises. His kingdom has already begun in my living the faith found in the church, in my life of prayer and the sacraments. The Father has given me the kingdom already. I ask that I may see the kingdom now in the church and pray, ‘Thy kingdom come.’

Family Fun Winners!!

- AAA Gift Certificate– Cecelia Crowe
- \$25 Big Star Certificate– George
- Vagelakas
- Big Wheel Skate Passes– Evelyn Valderama
- \$25 Cinemark Gift Card– Ana Gonzalez
- Crayola Experience Passes– Donna
- Great Wolf Waterpark Passes– Bill Unr
- Iron Pigs Tickets– Joe Fleming
- Lehigh Valley Zoo Passes– Ron Oney
- \$50 Gift Card Pocono Raceway– Joe Fleming
- 3 Month Membership to Pocono YMCA– Patricia Kashner
- Retro Fitness 1 Month Pass/
- 1 Personal Training Session– Joanne Rodriguez
- 4 Passes to Garlic Festival Shawnee Mountain– N/A
- Shawnee Playhouse Tickets– Doris Robinson
- Skylanes Bowling Center– Doris Robinson
- Snydersville Golf Range– Maria Stuppiello
- \$25 Gift Certificate Thai Orchid– N/A
- The Old Jail Admission Tickets– Bill Bravo
- Holley Ross pottery Gift Certificate– Rob Grivner
- Kitchen Chemistry Passes to Cupcake Lab– Gloria Russell



Congratulations to all our winners!
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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil of the Assumption
Wednesday, August 14th 7P.M.

Holy Day
Thursday, August 15th 7:30 AM & 12:10 P.M.



Big Raffle Winners!!



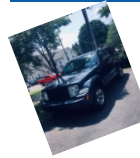
First Prize \$ 1,500.00—Brice & Marilyn Sperandio

Second Prize \$ 1,000.000 - Gerry Rose

Third Prize \$ 750.00 - T. Romano

Parish Raffle \$ 100.00 – Michael Brygider

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Car Raffle Winner!!

Kurt

Congratulations!

Basket Winners!!

- Spa w/ Afghan Blanket Basket– Kathy
- Yoga Certificate Basket– Nieto Family
- Fun in the Sun Basket- Alice Bergen
- Family Game Night Basket– Mary Pat Quinn
- \$25 Gift Certificate to Yard of Ale– Steve Lucas
- Happy Halloween Basket– Nancy
- All American Basket– Lennie Twaskas
- American Ribbon Basket– Fran Complido
- Bird Feeder Basket - Kathy Rieger
- Farmers Market Certificate- Beite
- Pocono Manor Overnight Certificate– Evelyn
- Country Kettle Basket– Augie Matese
- Car Care Certificates– Autumn Ackley
- Sherman Theater Certificate– Debby H
- Puzzle Basket– Jenny Schnaitman
- Sunflower Kitchen Basket– Sarah DePaco
- Walmart Household Basket– Annie
- Lemonade Basket– Donna
- Children’s Books Basket– L. Kitt
- Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Certificate– Donna
- Italian Basket– Maggie Della Fera
- \$ 25 Yard of Ale Certificate– Lisa Breen
- Fig Plant– John Stuppiello
- Pamper Yourself Basket– Carolyn Cobb
- Grillin n’ Chillin Basket– D. Kishbaugh

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Prayers for our Patriots

The Church of Saint Luke would like to ask our parish family to pray for our active men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces. Do you have a loved one that we do not know about? Please call the Parish Office so that we may add them to our list.

Sgt. Ryan Combs
Capt. Evan Dimakas
1Lt. Melanie Dimakas
Cpl. David Long

Sgt. Zachary Long
Capt. Tim Moore
Major. Kristen Torma
Capt. Matthew Torma



St. John Senior Trip 2019

Riverview, Matamoras, PA. On the shores of the Delaware River. Monday, August 19th, 11 a.m.—3 p.m. drive on your own or car-pool. Entertainment , appetizer, full sit down meal , open bar, dessert, coffee, tea and soda.

Gluten free and vegetarian available. \$45.00 per person. Please contact Barbara Mahon at (570) 223-7652.



Just a note to our parishioners. If you use a collection envelope from one of our other local churches, we will mail that money to the church listed on the envelope. We want to make our parishioners aware so there is no confusion with your end of the year statements. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**



ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. It could cause unnecessary circumstances to you and to your family if you should want to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you are asked to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, which requires a note of Catholicity from us. If we have no record of your membership **we cannot provide these services for you. It only takes seconds, come in and Register!**

PARISH FINANCIAL NOTES

Total Collection For The Weekend of 7-21-2019
\$ 10, 582.00



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/ MISSIONS

NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE FOR
RELIGIOUS FORMATION



The role of a Parish Nurse is to provide intentional care of the spirit as well as promote health and illness prevention within the parish community. Our Blood Pressure Clinic will be on: **Saturday, September 8th from 4-6 p.m. and on Sunday, September 9th from 9-11a.m.** in the Jacques Center. Office hours to discuss health concerns every Wednesday from 10a.m.—2p.m. in the Barrett Center. Home visits upon request. Nurses will visit parishioners in homes, hospitals and nursing homes. Please call the Parish Office at (570) 421-9097.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Jim & Patty Murphy, have been chosen as family of the month for June. Jim & Patty have been faithful and active parishioners since 1990. Both serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, and assist with funerals masses. Jim is also a Lector. Patty has been part of our Religious Education Program for many years, enriching our youth in their Catholic faith. Jim and Patty have been active members of our Parish Council. Communicating with members and groups of the parish, seeking input on issues and concerns and helping discuss possible solutions. We are very honored to have both Jim and Patty Murphy as part of our Saint Luke family, We are very grateful to them both for all their support and being true examples of Christians living their faith, proclaiming the Word of God to all people.



Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage Statue

We would like to invite all our parish families to bring Our Lady of Fatima Statue into your home for a week. For more information and to reserve your week, please call Valerie at : (570) 972-7939.



Rosary will be meeting again in August on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the church. We hope that you will make this a prayer experience to attend.



Grief Support Ministries

Parish Grief Support Ministries are an invaluable resource and blessing in the lives of those grieving. To find a grief support ministry near you, as well as other grief support resources, please visit the diocesan website at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/griefsupport/>. Or call Jennifer Housel director for Community & family Development at, (570) 207-2213 x 1104

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Scripture Sharing meets every Monday in the Driebe Center at 6:00P.M. Please join us as we read, reflect, and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. All are welcome! Please contact Alicia at (570) 807-1743.

FOR SALE: 4 tires and rims 195/65R15 \$ 120.00. Beautiful women's Marquise Blue Sapphire w/ 26 diamonds, 14K white gold over sterling silver, size 4/5. Call or text Bob at (570) 460-9086

FOR SALE: 3 Lionel Train Sets— polar Express, Harry Potter & NJ Trans-it. Numerous Accessories, \$750.00. Call Jim (732) 977-7605.

NEEDED: Director of Faith Formation, full-time position with benefits. A degree in Religious Studies and a willingness to attain a lay ministry certificate along with experience in the field is preferred. For more information visit: www.qopchurch.org

FOR RENT: North Myrtle Beach— Direct Oceanfront 3 bedroom, 2 bath end unit condo. Available Aug 3-10; Aug 10-17. Also several weeks in September-December. Call for rates and details: (570) 350-2809

FOR RENT: North Wildwood NJ Beach House for rent. 2BR, LR, Kitchen, Bath, eating area and porch. For more information call Bob @ (570) 977-3515.

FOR SALE: Giant Football Tickets. Redskins 9/29/2019, Cardinals 10/20/2019, Packers 12/1/2019, Eagles 12/29/2019, Access to Mezzanine Clubhouse & preferred parking. \$275.00 each. Call Dave at (772) 631-8269.



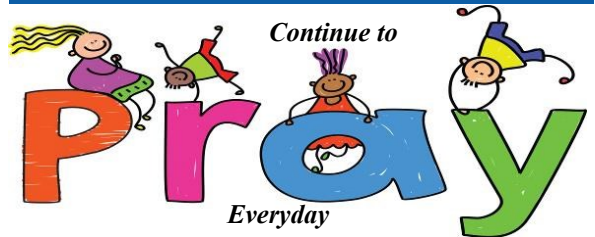
First Communion Parents Meeting: Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jacques Center.

Blessing of Catechists: Sunday, September 15th at 11:00a.m. Mass. Teacher Luncheon to follow from 12p.m.Noon-2p.m.

Religious Education Classes: Begin on September 22, 2019. If you haven't registered your children there is still time. Classes are filling up quickly, please register so that we may accommodate your time preference.

Parents of students wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist: Students entering the first grade in the fall, wishing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the end of 2nd grade, should register with the Religious Education Office prior to the start of classes in September when child is in 1st grade.

Parents if your child is currently attending one of the local Catholic Schools and you wish them to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation, your child needs to be registered with the Religious Education Office prior to the start of classes September 22nd, 2019.



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Crafters Group
Crafters WILL NOT be meeting for the month of July. However, they will be meeting again every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Our next crafters meeting will be on August 13th. Have a happy and safe summer!

Liturgical Ministries
Liturgical Ministry is a perfect opportunity for each one of us to fulfill our Baptismal call of service to one another, to our community and to our Lord. God has given each one of us talents and gifts to share with one another. If you have thought about getting involved as a Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server or join the Choir, God is speaking directly to your heart, Listen to Him! Please call our Parish Office at (570) 421-9097 and let us know which ministry you would like to serve.

If you have an emergency and are in need of a priest please call St. Matthew's Church, East Stroudsburg at (570) 421-2342. If no one is available to take your call stay on the line and you will be given prompts to follow. Your call will be forwarded to the priest that is on call for that day.

KIDS SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS:
A pastor from Sarasota, FLA remembers the following story, and says, In fifty years as a Pastor, the only time he ever laughed during the invitation was when eight-year-old Andy came down the aisle. Andy had been in Sunday school and vacation Bible school almost from birth, but had never made a profession of faith. Recently, at an invitation, when Andy came down the aisle, the Pastor rejoiced and thanked God that, finally, Andy had come forward. The Pastor bent down and said, "God bless you Andy. Do you want to accept Christ and be baptized?" Andy replied, "No, I want to go to the bathroom." The Pastor burst out laughing and so did the whole congregation.

American Red Cross
Blood Drive
The Church of Saint Luke
Thursday, August 22, 2019
Noon– 6PM In the Jacques Center to schedule your blood donation appointment please visit:
redcrossblood.org
Or call: 1-800-RED CROSS

THE CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE PRAYER LIST

WEEKEND OF August 10-11 2019

Valerie Adam	Ruth Hargreaves	Bernadette O'Reilly
Linda Anderson	David Hart	Daniel Ortiz
Emma Ayala	Roslyn Hayes	Jonathan Perez
Vicki Bardsley	Linda Hedges	Fran Pallozolo
Geovanny Bautista	Deacon Tom Hogan	Teresa Pastula
Joe Bell	Loretta Horn	Nancy Perretta
Robert Bennett	Sister Janice	Janet Perriene
Ann Marie Bernardi	Howard Jenkins	Lydia Rose Peters
Tina Berwick	Aaron Jones	Abigail Possinger
Bill Bravo*	Maureen Kelly	Nora Roberts
John Burch	George Kiger	Cecilia Robl
Marian Burns	Kelsey Kirby	Maria Celina Rodriguez
Ralph Bush	Ellie Kloss *	Luis Rosado
Charles Campbell	Nancy Kochan	Rosa Maria Santos
Karen Connelly	Sebastian Lattuga	Ann Schuer
Aubrey Connors	Matthew Ledner	Michael Serenson
Richard Creo	Jim Lester	Melissa Strand
Cecilia Crowe	Roseann Lopiano	Joan Stradford
Paul Crowe	Mary Ludlow	Donald Strong
Mark Davenport	Sandra Luongo	Frank Tasetano
Lida Davenport	Joe Lynch	Austin Tichenor
Maria Dawson	Paul Mack	Gene Tirpak
Meeghan David	Frank MacKinney	Audrey Toranzo
Jack Dempsey	Madison	Corey Trunfio
Anthony Desire	Dawn Mannino	Christopher Vanatta
Corrine Desterdick	Leslie Marthone	Maureen Vecchione
Edward Desterdick	Rosalie Marrone	Brenda & Dave Verigo
Dolores Dyzdzora	Jennifer Matlock	Joseph Vibercik
Joan Ferretti	Richard Maylander	Corrine Volpe
Matthew Filardi	Joseph McLean	Feno Volpe
Joseph Gebhardt	Samuel McLean	Essie Walker
Ella Hall	Glen Neihart	Frances Wash
Marlene Hall	Kerry Nelson	Catherine Webster
Heather Anne Hamersly	Sarah Nelson	
Brenda Mae Hargett	Maureen O'Laughlin	




We will soon be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church celebrates Feast Days and other special memorials almost every day of the year. It celebrates a handful of Holy Days

of Obligation, 8 to be exact, which are obligations for all Catholics. These days call us to a Faith filled response to participate at the special liturgies that are prepared in all Catholic Churches for these special occasions. Remembering significant events of Faith is a vital part of making our Faith more meaningful to us and to the community.




Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Join The Church of Saint Luke for a day in New York City on Thursday, December 5, 2019. The bus will leave from The Church of Saint Luke at 8AM and will leave NYC at 6PM. The show will begin at 11AM and you will have the rest of the day on your own. Tickets are \$115.00 per person and a non-refundable payment is due with your reservation. There are only 40 seats available and they fill up quickly. Please call the Parish Office (570) 421-9097 to make your reservation.



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OUR LITURGIES FOR

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 A.M. Mass

Special Intention for the Finn Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 A.M. Mass

Margaret Yasenchak by Michael Yasenchock

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 A.M. Mass

7:00 P.M. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, August 15

Holy Day

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 A.M. Mass

12:10 P.M.

FRIDAY, August 16

7:30 A.M. Mass

Joseph Pohutsky by Kevin, Sue Eillen & Girls

SATURDAY, August 17

4:30 P.M. Mass

Florence Zateeny by Claire Coleman

Ann T. Jones by Donald & Linda Foote

SUNDAY, August 18

8:00 A.M. Mass

For The Parish

9:30 A.M. Mass

In Thanksgiving For Blessings Received by

Mary Kernaghan

Frances Drago by The Rutkowski Family

11:00 A.M. Mass

Evelyn Loucks by John & Ann Kasye

Terry Spencer by Pat & Chris Ransel

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Kids Corner