Sacrament of Baptism
The Christian Community joyously welcomes new members to our parish of all ages. Parents who wish the Sacrament of Baptism for their children are reminded of the required instructions for this Sacrament. Instructions are held on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month in the Father Barrett Center. Saint Luke’s celebrates Baptism within the Liturgy on the First Saturday of the month at the evening 4:30 pm Liturgy, and again during the 11:00 am Liturgy on the third Sunday of the month. Please call the office to make arrangements.

Religious Education
(CC) St. Luke’s is pleased to offer a full program of instruction for students in public schools from grades 1-12 as well as a pre school program.

Catholic School
St. Luke’s parish shares in a cooperation plan with neighboring parishes in sponsoring Notre Dame Elementary School, Notre Dame High School, and Msgr. McHugh School. For details on the schools and their policies please call the principal.

Elementary: Sister Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M., 421-3651
High School: Mr. Jeffrey Lyons, 421-0466
Msgr. McHugh: Mrs. Nicole M. Romano, 595-7463

Mission Statement
St. Luke’s Roman Catholic Church is a parish in the Diocese of Scranton serving the greater Stroudsburg area by bringing Christ, in Word and Sacrament, to a diverse community, while inviting and drawing all into the unity of Christ.
A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016

“Go into the village straight ahead of you. Upon entering it you will find an ass tied there which no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘why are you untying the beast’ say, ‘the Master has need of it.’ They departed on their errand and found things just as he had said.”

Saint Luke sets the scene for us to join Jesus and His followers in their entry to the holy city. Triumph will soon turn to tragedy. The crowd of greeters will quickly depart, and others will take their place. Holy Week is upon us.

We can begin these solemn days, remembering what transpired in Jerusalem. We can approach the Passover meal, observe the washing of the disciples’ feet, and the giving of the gift of the Eucharist. We join the disciples in the garden of olives, see the betrayal, hear the denial and the unjust arrest. We will walk the dusty streets to the hill of Calvary, listen to His final words, and quietly leave the guarded tomb.

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

5:45 am Polish Mass
There will be NO 2:00 pm Polish Mass on Easter Sunday

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Please note there will be NO Confessions on Monday March 21st, Saturday March 26th. Confessions will resume on April 2nd, 2016

Our last Lenten Dinner will take place on Friday, March 25th in Jacques Center for 5-7 pm. Thank you for your participation during this Lenten Season.

Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) will be held each Sunday of Lent at 5:00 pm

Novena Monday, March 21st
At 7:00 pm
These can be used as prayer experiences for students in the Sacramental Classes

The events of Holy Week really ask much more of us. We read and listen, we are moved to compassion. But as we walk this week, discover others who are suffering in a similar way. Consider refugees and displaced persons, hear their cry. Consider families of those incarcerated and support their pain. The streets of Jerusalem are the halls of a hospital for the terminally ill, where the Christ continues to suffer today.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24th-Holy Thursday: Mass 7:00 pm
March 25th-Good Friday:
  Walk with Christ 11:00 am
  Sacred Readings 12:00 noon
  Veneration of the Cross 1:00 pm
  Lenten Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm
  Stations of The Cross 7:15 pm
March 26th-Holy Saturday
  Blessing of Baskets 1:00 pm
  Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm
Please note: This is the only Mass on Saturday

MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

March 24th-Holy Thursday 1:00 pm Rehearsal for Altar Servers
March 25th-Good Friday: 9:30 am Rehearsal for Altar Servers
March 26th-Holy Saturday: 9:30 am Rehearsal for Altar Servers
March 26th - 10:30 am Rehearsal for RCIA Candidates
The Church of Saint Luke

Weekend of March 19-20 2016

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Bread Baking For Holy Thursday

If you can make a “traditional” or “ethnic” bread to present at the Offeratory at Holy Thursday Mass, we welcome it! Please call the parish office no later than Monday, March 21st at 570-421-9097

San Alfonso Retreat House

Long Branch, New Jersey

Will be hosting a Women’s Mid-Week Retreat. Cost will be $210.00 with a deposit of $50.00 due before March 22nd.

For more information call: Barbara Ernest (570) 424-2383

Carpooling will be available, inform Barbara when you call if you are in need of a ride.

Polish Stations of the Cross

5:30 PM on Good Friday, March 25th

Please be Advised

There is no Parking in the Bank Parking Lot on Good Friday, March 25th. Your car could be towed.

Chrsim Mass

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 @ 4:00 pm. At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed.

Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese.

For reserved seating, please call Diane Franklin in the Office for Parish Life @ (570) 207-2213 or email Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org

Save the Date

The Columbiettes will be hosting their 4th Annual Spring Tea & Tricky Tray, Sunday April 24, 2016 2-5pm in the Jacques Center featuring and benefitting the Sheppard’s Maternity Home.

Limited seating, tickets are only $8.00. Ages 5-13 tickets are $5.00 and under 4 yrs of age free.

Reservations: Dawn DeRenzis 570-801-2460

All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. John T. Butler Council 4084

Grand Knight: C. Eugene Halterman

Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Jones

Meetings are held in the Barrett Center

First Monday of the month: Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Third Monday of the month: Social Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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MEET BARBARA FRANKOWSKA

On Occasion, you may hear Barbara playing the organ or piano during Mass at The Church of Saint Luke. Barbara plays weekly for the Polish Mass and has done so for quite some time. She was born in Bialystok, Poland later attending the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw (Akademia Muzyczno im Fryderyka Chopina w Warszawie) majoring in Piano. The Academy, the largest and oldest music school in Poland, is named for Fryderyk Chopin who studied there from 1826 to 1829. On January 19, 1993 she was awarded the Title of Master of Arts (Majistr Sztuki).

Barbara was born in Poland. She moved to the area twelve years ago with her husband, Krzysztof, after having lived in Long Island for fifteen years. While living in Long Island, Barbara taught voice and piano. They have one son who is married and lives in New York.

Barbara and Krzysztof are big fans of outdoor sports and if the picture in any indication, particularly adept at trout fishing.

We are indeed lucky to have someone with the background and talent of Barbara involved in The Church of Saint Luke.

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One bedroom apartment with full bath upstairs, all remodeled. Located at 29 N 9th St. Prefer single person, nonsmoker, no pets. $900 per month, must pay own utilities. Call 570-236-6031

Furniture For Sale: 3piece European Tapestry Furniture Set, 2 chairs & one loveseat $200.00. Call 570-476-5591

For Sale: Adams Speedline adjustable driver Reg Flex Rd, Bridgestone J40 9.5 Driver Reg Flex (new), Taylor made RBZ 25 degree 5 wood Reg Flex, Adams Ovation 3 wood 75 S Shaft, Callaway Steelhead X16 Irons Graphite 75 reg Flex., Best offer for 1 or all. Call 570-977-0377

SUNDAY EVENING MASS
St. Matthew's Church, East Stroudsburg, will be offering Mass at 7:00 pm every Sunday except for Christmas and Easter.

RCIA
RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Driebe Ministry Center. If you are an adult who has never been baptized or needs to receive other Sacraments, please call the parish office.

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The tradition we commemorate this weekend dates in formal fashion to the year 400 A.D. Of course, the very first procession was made by Christ in the year we designate as “1.” It is the historical foundation of our “Holy Week.” The first followers of the cross also held the branches, much like we do, of palm. What we do together on Good Friday recalls a tradition known and celebrated in the age of Christ and His followers. In our community, we too, have a walk through the streets! We walk with persons of different faith expressions, who are bound by their love for Jesus, the Son of God.

OUR SOUP KITCHEN IN THANKSGIVING FOR Blessing Received by Shelia & Joe Fullerton

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OUR SANCTUARY LIGHT IS IN HONOR OF: Catechumens & Candidates of the RCIA Class By The Parish Community

O UR L I T U R G I E S F O R

MONDAY, March 21
7:30 A.M.
Stanley Karolchyk & Nicholas J. Kennedy by John & Pat Karolchyk

TUESDAY, March 22
7:30 A.M.
Howard J. Bollin by Phyllis Neville

WEDNESDAY, March 23
7:30 A.M.
Maria Gould by Helen Diecidue

THURSDAY, March 24
7:30 A.M.
No Morning Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass

FRIDAY, March 25
7:30 A.M.
No Mass

Good Friday Mass:
11:00 A.M. Walk for Christ
12:00 P.M. Sacred Readings
1:00 P.M. Veneration of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 26
8:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, March 27
5:45 A.M. Sunrise Mass in Polish
8:00 A.M.
Easter Sunday Mass for the Parish
9:30 A.M.
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11:00 A.M
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In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.

The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.

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Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements for marriages are to be made at least six months in advance with the Parish. One Party to the marriage must be a member of St. Luke’s Church. A detailed “Outline” of marriage preparation is available by calling the PARISH OFFICES at 421-9097.

Youth Ministry
Youth Ministry is a special concern of your parish. Each week activities are offered to those in grade school as well as those high school years for all parish students. Please watch the listing of activities in our Youth Corner in the Bulletin.

High School Education
All high school students not enrolled in a Catholic School are required in our parish to participate in religious formation activity. Sessions are held each week on Sunday. Call the Parish Office at 421-9097.

Funeral Services are conducted at the Parish Church for all registered members of the parish. It is our desire to assist you in planning a Celebration of the Resurrection that is most fitting for your circumstance and spiritual need. Times for Funerals are determined by the Church in consultation with the proper members of the family. We encourage funerals to be conducted at the Church. Viewing may also be held in the Church.

Parish Outreach
If you are homebound and would like to receive communion in your home, please contact the Parish Office at 421-9097.

Religious Education
Our Religious Education program is a collaborative effort between our religious education staff and volunteer coordinators. Religious Education Administration Carol Silvoy
Volunteer Coordinators
Pre-school-Second Grade and First Communion Patty Murphy
Third Grade-Fifth Grade John Karolchyk
Sixth Grade-Twelfth Grade and Confirmation Terry Talbott
RCIA Roseann Lopiano

Religious Articles Store
In an effort to serve those of our parish and community who have a need for religious articles and books, St. Luke’s has a small store for such items available (on a donation basis) in the Father Barrett Center. Call the Parish Office at 421-9097.

Becoming a Catholic/RCIA
Each year our parish welcomes men and women to Faith. The program known as RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the means. If you would like information about becoming a Catholic or deepening your Faith commitment. Call the Parish Office at 421-9097.

Hospital Visitation
Our parish ministry visit the Hospital on a regular basis. Communion is available almost daily at Pocono Hospital from Eucharistic Ministers. It is most helpful that a family member advise the parish office when you are going into any Hospital. Anointing of the Sick is offered for all who wish to receive it. Contact: Parish Office 570-421-9097

Bible Study gathers each Thursday during the months of September through April. The gathering takes place at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Jacques Center. Check the bulletin for current sessions.

Parish Membership
We encourage your membership in the family of St. Luke’s Church. In our effort to serve your needs a complete Registration as well as a listing of your particular needs will help us. You may use the following form to request parish membership forms to be sent by mail.

Mail to:
St. Luke’s Church, 818 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Family Name __________________________________________________________ First Name __________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________ Phone # __________________________

St. Luke’s is a Stewardship Community requesting that all members be involved in sharing Time, Talent and Treasure. Your 5% Tithe is welcomed.