

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Saturday, February 27	
4:00 p.m.	Eleanor Beaton & Felix Guida
Sunday, February 28	
7:00 a.m.	Germano DiMambro & Pasquale Persechini
9:00 a.m.	Umberto Iantosca
11:00 a.m.	Domenico Cutri
Saturday, March 6	
9:00 a.m.	Jay Tobin
4:00 p.m.	Francesca Carbone
Sunday, March 7	
7:00 a.m.	Antoinette Riordan
9:00 a.m.	Lucia, Saverio & John Tulipano
11:00 a.m.	Antonio Mosca

If the Mass Intention is for a family member or friend, please see someone in the sacristy before Mass should you wish to bring forward the offertory gifts.



Church Support The collection for February 20-21 was \$4,683.51. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, March 6-7, will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Luke's. Cardinal Seán is asking every Catholic household to participate. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish, so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. We will be showing a video message from Cardinal Seán. Those of you that gave to the Appeal last year should be receiving a letter from him this week. We invite all others to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes with you to St. Luke's next week to place in the collection basket. Thank you!

Daily Mass Lenten Collection

Each weekday during Lent, we take up a free-will offering for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity makes possible the good works this society does on our behalf.

We Celebrate Who We Are! Worship and Praise Generations of Faith

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations. God reigns on his holy throne. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise! (Ps 47) When we come together at our celebration of the Eucharist, do we fully, consciously, and actively worship and praise the Lord as the psalmist encourages? Please join us on Friday, March 5 (5:45 – 8: 15 p.m.) or Sunday, March 7 (12:30 – 3:00 p.m.) as we consider this and other questions about the gift of the Eucharist in our lives. Generations of Faith is for everyone of all ages. Please email stluke.faithformation@verizon.net or call 617-484-9357 to register.

Safety Corner:

Teach Kids to Protect Themselves at Home

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children. But being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone, and take a message. For more tips, please visit www.kidsafe.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR GRADES 3, 4 AND 5

Our Lenten program for parents and their children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 has begun, but you can still join! Classes are on Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. The themes are forgiveness and reconciliation, the same ones being explored in this season's ARISE program (*New Heart, New Spirit*). Children and parents will hear a scripture story on the themes and together will talk about how it relates to their lives. A facilitator leads the sessions. There will be music, praying, scripture, discussion, and an activity. This program is a *wonderful* opportunity to foster your child's continuing faith formation and to prepare with them for our great celebration of Easter in April. To sign up, please call Mary Cieslik at 781-891-7082 or email us at stluke.faithformation@verizon.net. Sessions Dates: 2/28, 3/14/, 3/21 and 3/28.



Sessions of ARISE for children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 and their parents will take place on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:00 A.M. See the Religious Education section of this bulletin for more information.

St. Luke is offering ARISE:

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| • Monday, 7:30 pm | Tuesday, 10:00 am |
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| • Wednesday, 1:30 pm | Wednesday, 7:30 pm |
| • Thursday, 10:00 am | Thursday, teen group 7:00pm |
| • Friday, 7:30 pm | Sunday, children/parents, 10:15 am |

Call 617-484-1996 or e-mail stlukearise@verizon.net.

Weekday Lenten Mass

In addition to our regularly scheduled Masses, the collaborative parishes of Watertown and Belmont offer a 5:30 p.m. Mass Monday through Friday at Saint Patrick Parish in Watertown. The priests of the collaborative rotate as celebrants of this Mass.



Italian Night Supper

A week ago yesterday, approximately 90 people of all ages gathered for an Italian Supper. The food, provided by Verona Restaurant, was delicious and the desserts, home made and provided by our parishioners were positively wonderful. Special thanks to those who helped plan and coordinate the evening and to the many men and women who helped to clean up, to serve, to provide desserts. Without their help, we could not have had such a successful evening. Thanks to all who supported the event by coming.



Lenten Practices

Thinking about how you will celebrate Lent this year? There is a variety of ways that you can enrich your spiritual life: Attend Daily Mass - Join the Arise Program - Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays and/or attend Thursday mid-day prayer at 12:15 p.m. - Pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. - Do some spiritual reading (See books in lower church bookshelves.)



On all the Wednesday's of Lent from 6:30-8:00pm, St. Luke's and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. Inviting Catholics to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Seán and the Archdiocese this year. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, to help you prepare. It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, information on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Wednesday and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

***Collaborative Lenten Retreat
Finding Peace and Purpose in Life:
What's God Got to do With It?***

The annual collaborative Retreat will begin today, Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. with a communal reconciliation service here at St. Luke's Church. Then plan to join us on March 7 at Saint Patrick Parish, March 14 at Sacred Heart and March 21 at Saint Joseph Parish (all at 3:00 p.m.) to deepen the peace God has given you in life. Are you feeling a lack of peace? Do you wonder about the value or purpose of your life? Do you know someone who is? Join us to see what God has to do with these most important questions. Our presenter will be Fr. Michael Medas, priest of the Archdiocese of Boston and present Director of Pastoral Formation at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. Fr. Michael travels throughout the United States and internationally offering parish missions and retreats. For more information contact our parish office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Wednesday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to noon in the lower church. All knitters are welcome to join this ministry which knits and distributes prayer shawls to those in need of healing comfort.

Special Thank You

We would like to thank all the parishioners that participated in the Watertown Savings Bank Choice Awards. St. Luke's St. Vincent dePaul Society received a donation of \$938.00 from the bank. Thank you for voting!