

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, July 10	4:00 p.m.	Daniel Atwater
Sunday, July 11	7:00 a.m.	65 th Wedding Anniversary of Domenic & Silvia Marino
	9:00 a.m.	Francis & Michael Stanton
	11:00 a.m.	Josephine A. Dyer
Tuesday, July 13	9:00 a.m.	Elena Montardo
Saturday, July 17	4:00 p.m.	Patricia Flood Fitzgerald
Sunday, July 18	11:00 a.m.	Frank LaValle

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 amount for July 3-4 was \$3,388.10. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Mission Appeal Sunday

Next week's second collection supports the Missionary Cooperative Appeal for 2010. This is a cooperative plan the Archdiocese of Boston has with the Missions. Father John Wilson will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend on behalf of the Diocese of Eluru, India. Please be as generous as your means permit.

***Catholic Appeal
We're Almost There!***

St. Luke's has raised \$70,291 from 200 households for the 2010 Catholic Appeal, reaching 94.3 percent of our parish goal of \$74,500. We ask every Catholic family to participate – every gift matters. We are so close, can you please help us reach this goal! You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church. Thank you!



Coffee Social

Because so many people go away on vacation or for the weekends during the months of July and August, we have suspended the coffee social until the weekend after Labor Day. We look forward to its resumption in September. Thanks to all those who have joined us in the past and we hope to add new participants in this simple gathering each Sunday.

Safety Corner: More Summer Safety for Parents and Guardians

This summer, children will be rushed to emergency departments nearly 3 million times for serious injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes, drownings, bike crashes, pedestrian incidents, falls, and other hazards. The fun and relaxation of summer can be deceptive when it comes to safety. Kids are exposed to more dangers because they tend to be more active. The good news is the majority of these can be avoided by taking a few simple steps. The warm weather usually sends children to the nearest swimming pool. Taking the time to teach children how to be safe when swimming can help avoid a drowning, which nationally is the second leading cause of unintentional injury related death among children ages 1 to 14. Childhood drownings and near drownings occur silently and within a matter of seconds, typically when a child is left unattended or unsupervised near a pool or an open body of water. Following these steps can help keep your children's time around water fun and safe. Always supervise swimming children or children near water—never leave them alone—even for a moment! Teach children to never swim alone—even when they are older. Learn CPR for adults and children. Make sure children take swimming lessons when they are ready—usually after age 4. Don't let kids dive into water that is less than nine feet deep. Realize that children can get into trouble in the water even if they know how to swim or are wearing a life jacket. Empty and turn over wading pools as soon as they are empty. Last, remind your children not to splash the adults on the lawn chairs.

Planning for Social Events

During the last few weeks, we have identified in the bulletin several events that have become annual social activities aimed at building relationships and growing our community across the generations. All of the events we plan need the help of volunteers willing to do some piece of planning or setting up or cleaning up after the event. Our hope is to get enough people willing to help run one event so that no one person or small group of people is always “working” the social. Please consider your ability to help us and let Sister Kathleen know which activity you would like to work on. Your help is appreciated greatly.

Welcome New Members

We have many new members at St. Luke Church because they were personally invited by a parishioner to visit and join us at mass. This is the hallmark of Christian hospitality! Let's continue to invite and encourage our friends, family, neighbors, and new acquaintances to our community. Let them know what makes **you** come and your enthusiasm will be infectious!



Beeppers and Cell Phones

Contemporary technology is a wonderful help in keeping us connected to one another. It also can be very distracting in church to have a phone or beeper go off during the celebration of Mass. So, when you enter church, please put your beeper and phone on "manner mode" for the hour or so you are at Mass. Your neighbors thank you.



Moms and Tots

It has been a while since a group of Moms met on a weekly basis in the lower church or at Pequossette Park in good weather. They met for a couple of hours for an opportunity to be with other Moms and talk about whatever they wanted while the children played together. St. Luke's would be happy to provide the space for our mothers who would like such an opportunity. Call the parish office or Sister Kathleen and let us know. We will put you in touch with one another and help to get it going.



Vacation Time Parish Support

We urge you not to forget to contribute to the support of the parish either on a weekly or monthly basis (whatever you normally do) during your time away on vacation. As you well know, the electric, gas, landscaping bills etc. continue to arrive throughout the summer months. You are our means of paying those bills. Please remember the parish.

Did You Know?

The Chi Rho



You have probably seen this symbol in churches and on Christian artwork without knowing what it is or represents. It is a *christogram*—that is, a monogram for Jesus Christ. It consists of the first two letters of Christ in Greek (Χριστός) superimposed: chi (X) and rho (P). Although it had already been a popular Christian symbol, it was made famous by the Roman emperor Constantine (ca 272 – 337), who used it on his personal military standard (known in antiquity as the *labarum* in Latin). The legend of its adoption was promoted by 2 historians, Lactantius (ca 240 – ca 320) and Eusebius (ca 263 – 339). On the eve of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge (312), just north of Rome, against Maxentius, a contemporary Roman emperor, Constantine, according to Lactantius, had a dream to put a "heavenly divine symbol" on the shields of his soldiers. Eusebius reported that Constantine, long before in Gaul, had pondered the misfortunes of commanders who sought the help of many different pagan gods. He sought the help of the One God prior to battle and, in a divine vision, supposedly witnessed by his 40,000 troops, a cross of light appeared in the sky with this saying in Greek, "conquer by this sign." The following night, Christ appeared to Constantine in a dream and instructed him to replicate the sign as a defense in battle. Bearing his *labarum* with the chi rho, Constantine's forces routed those of Maxentius's, twice their number. Maxentius, with some of his cavalry, fled to the Tiber River, where he drowned. Constantine thereafter became the sole emperor of the western empire.



Feed the Hungry

Neighbors in Need

During the summer months, please remember our brothers and sisters who are struggling to make ends meet. Many families rely on the local food pantries to supplement their limited incomes. Please remember to contribute to the food collection that is ongoing at the rear of the church. Children, you can continue to bring your gifts of food to the altar at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.