

CCW — Council of Catholic Women  
 GOF — Generations of Faith  
 JER — Jericho  
 PCCR — Parish Center Conference  
 Room

# St. Luke Parish

## May 2016

Confession: Saturday 4:15—4:45  
 Liturgies:  
 Saturday — 5:00pm  
 Sunday — 8:30 & 11:00am  
 Tuesday — Friday 8:00am in  
 Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Rosary in the Rosary Garden  1:00pm First Communion	2	3	4 7:00pm Coordinating Council- PCCR	5 7:00pm Choir Practice	6	7 All Masses Cash Card pick up
8 All Masses Mother's Day Blessing	9	10 7:00pm VFW - rm1	11	12 7:00pm Choir Practice	13 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts - rm 4	14 2:00pm Baptisms  All Masses - Pentecost Blessing
15 9:45am Windsor Mass  12:00-1:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30pm CCW Board meeting- JER	17	18	19 3:30-5:30pm Girl Scouts - rm 4  7:00pm Choir Practice	20	21 All Masses - Blessing of Graduates
22 12:00-1:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  12:00pm GOF Picnic	23	24	25	26 7:00pm Choir Practice	27	28
29 10:00-12:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal & Mass	30 Memorial Day Office Closed  	31				

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a lighted path for us to follow. The troubles of this life are real, the readings tell us, but just as real is the city towards which we journey.

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**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Father Soriano is setting up a time to visit our parishioners who are homebound. If you or a member of your family is homebound and would like a visit and receive communion from Father, please notify the office. The name will be added to the list.

The visits will be scheduled for the first Friday of the month. You can call the office at 630/668-1325 or email at stloff@aol.com. Please put homebound in the subject line.

By Glenn CJ Byer, MA SLD

As the Easter season wears on, the issues of living in this present age start to tarnish our Easter joy. It is hard to live an "Alleluia attitude" for 50 days, and it probably was the same in the early days of the Church. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the first recorded incident where the Church was divided over a major issue. They were able to solve the problem, but the reading shows us that the apostles no less than ourselves found it hard to live the command of love in the world of every day. The image of the new Jerusalem in the second reading is beautiful, but it seems almost further away as we move away from the joy of Easter day. But it is not a mirage: as we go forward in time, the kingdom, the new Jerusalem which has no temple is coming nearer, in fact it is surrounding us. The Gospel complicates matters further, as Jesus begins to explain to the Apostles and to us that he is going home to the Father.

Our task, it seems, is to become more aware of the coming of the kingdom. It is also to rejoice in the fact that Jesus has gone to the Father, for in this act, he lays down the pavement, smoothes out the rough places and leaves

**PROXIMO TRAVEL**

Travel with Father Soriano to Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Lourdes and Fatima. Witness the Canonization of the Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The trip is from September 1—14th and costs \$4,900.00. It includes, your flight, hotel, guided tours, transportation on luxury buses, breakfasts and all dinners and much more!

For more information visit Proximo Travel's website at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com) or send an email to [anthony@proximotravel.com](mailto:anthony@proximotravel.com). Make sure you mention you want to travel with Father Soriano.



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, Pat Angelo, Cecile Beauregard, John Capezio, Bill Clift, James Curnock, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Sondra Major, and Teresa Seidel.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Antoinette Borkowicz, Deacon Robert Jossey, Ron Zenarosa and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



April 24, 2016

REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
135 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$3,973.58
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	= \$ 400.05
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>= \$4,373.63</b>
<b>AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>= \$ 28.59</b>

**EXPENSES** = \$ 2,951.32

Thank you so much for your on-going generous financial support of St. Luke Parish! Every amount contributed helps, so we respectfully ask that you continue to regularly use your church support envelopes. It is your generosity that allows us to do what we do. Please give as your financial needs allow.

**MASSES CELEBRATED  
DURING THE WEEK  
ARE HELD  
IN THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY — APRIL 30**

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions  
5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

**SUNDAY — MAY 1**

8:30am — Sondra Major req. by William Makofski  
11:00 — Ross & Jo Marie Ferraro 50th Wedding Anniversary req. by their family  
1:00pm — First Communion Mass

**MONDAY — MAY 2**

Mass will not be celebrated today

**TUESDAY — MAY 3**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**WEDNESDAY — MAY 4**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**THURSDAY — MAY 5**

8:00am — Ed Marski req. by his loving family

**FRIDAY — MAY 6**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY — MAY 7**

4:14 — 4:45pm — Confessions  
5:00 — Rita Lewek req. by her children

**SUNDAY — May 8**

8:30am — The People of St. Luke Parish  
11:00 — Ann Neff req. by Mary Breinig

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

**Second Reading** — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*.

**Gospel** — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or *John 17:20-26*.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

## ROSARY GARDEN

Come and pray the rosary with us between the Sunday Masses on May 1st. We will be in the Rosary Garden on the west side of the parish center. If you need help finding it, someone will be in front of church to direct you. Prayers will begin at 10:00am and will be finished in time for 11:00 mass. No previous experience necessary. Join us as we pray for our mothers, our country and for our young people who will be celebrating their First Communion that day. Please sign up in the back of church.



By John Paul Heil

Main Theme: Jesus promises us the HOLY SPIRIT and PEACE.

In his farewell discourse in the Gospel of John Jesus promises that after his death and resurrection the Father will send us the Holy Spirit in his name. Indeed, the death and resurrection of Jesus made possible this gift of the Spirit. Out of the pierced side of the crucified Jesus flowed blood and water (19:34), symbolizing the life-giving Spirit that comes from his death. And the risen Jesus "breathed" the Spirit into the disciples with the words, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22).

This Holy Spirit, who will teach and remind us of everything that Jesus told us, is instrumental in bringing about the peace that Jesus promises to give us. It is not the peace that the world gives, which is often merely the absence of warfare or conflict, illusory, and transitory. Rather, Jesus promises us God's peace, a permanent and complete well-being and harmony with God and with one another. It is the Spirit of forgiveness (20:22-23) given by the risen Jesus that makes this peace possible. Let us rejoice that by going to the Father through his death and resurrection Jesus is able to give us these great gifts of the Holy Spirit and lasting peace.

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## HELP OUR VETERANS

The Veterans at DuPage Convalescent Center will be sponsoring Bingo for the residents at DuPage Convalescent Center, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL.

They could use some help on Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

6:30-7:00 Help gather the residents  
7:00-8:00 Help residents play Bingo  
8:00-8:30 Help residents back to their rooms

Please contact Mark Donovan or Jim Benzin if you can help.

## SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, May 9th at St. Petronille Parish, 420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen, Ellyn. The evening will begin at 6:00pm with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center. At the dinner, Tony Brandolino, Chief Development Officer for the Diocese of Joliet, will be the guest speaker.

In his position as Chief Development Officer, Tony is responsible for the vision, strategy, and implementation of all fund-raising activities for the Diocese. He is an accomplished musician. and on weekends, serves as Music Director at his parish, Church of St Jude in Joliet. Active in his community, Tony Brandolino is Vice-President of the American Italian Cultural Society and as a board member of the Give Something Back Foundation

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr at 630/665-0994 or email at carrgeojo@gmail.com.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage.

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on June 10th—12th, August 12th—14th, or October 7th—9th, all at Elk Grove Village. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630/577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.



## JOYFUL AGAIN!

For widowed Men and Women

Are you widowed? Have you reached a crossroads? Are you at a turning point? Do you want to move forward with your life, while still treasuring your memories?

The Joyful Again program brings understanding and hope to help you in your life's new journey.

What: Workshop/retread for Widowed Men and Women

Where: St. Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park

When: July 9th & 10th  
(Also on July 23rd & 24th, Holy Family, Inverness)

For information or to register call Joyful Again Widowed Ministry at 708/354-7211. Early registration is encouraged.

## THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.