

# St. Luke

Catholic Church  
4925 East Capitol Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20019

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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 7, 2015

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

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## Welcome

**S**T. Luke is a warm and embracing parish family. We gladly extend our love and warmth to all those who desire to worship and follow our Lord,

Jesus Christ. Come join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our theme for 2015 is **“Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

### Parish Devotions

<b>3rd Sunday</b> - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
<b>Monday</b> - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday</b> - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
<b>Wednesday</b> - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Friday</b> - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
<b>1st Friday</b> - ---7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
<b>Fridays of Lent</b> —7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

## Mass Schedule



**VIGIL MASS**  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses**  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses**  
**Monday:** 10:00 a.m.     **Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m.     **Thursday:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration**  
Every 1st Friday of the Month     7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm     Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am  
Sunday: 10:00am– 10:45am Or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Baptismal registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class. Parents and God-parents preparation is held on the First Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptisms will take place on the Third Sunday of each month.

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Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 6th	4:00pm	St. Norbert	Audrey E. Brown++	Jacqueline Wilson
Sunday 7th	8:30am 11:00am	The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ	2015 Graduates 2015 Graduates	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 8th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Moses Chesley++	Louise Washington
Tuesday 9th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Kathy Ndouga	Mary Williams
Wednesday 10th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Dawn & Wilhelmina Holton	Mary Williams
Thursday 11th	10:00am	St. Barnabas	Ernest Thomas++	Hilda McDougald
Friday 12th	8:00am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Gregory Wright	Mary Williams

## Reflection For

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is my body.’” Celebrating the Passover meal was nothing new for the disciples. They shared bread and wine with their families and friends at this special ritual meal every year as a part of their Jewish heritage. But when they were making preparations for this particular sacred supper, they did not know how different this meal was going to be.

On this night, Jesus changed the formula. Instead of hearing only the ancient words of the Passover prayers that his followers probably knew by heart, they heard these new, unexpected, and, frankly, quite dramatic words: “*This is my body ... This is my blood.*” Nobody had ever made such an unusual claim before. But this was more than a statement. It was a command. Not only did Jesus enlighten his disciples about the miracle taking place as the bread and wine became his body and blood, but he also ordered them to “take it.” Being passive observers was not enough. Jesus wanted his followers to be personally involved in accepting and receiving his body and blood.

The gift of the Eucharist that Jesus instituted for all believers at that Last Supper is not just a sign or a symbol of Jesus’ sacrifice. It is something that we are called to participate in. He has given us the instruction to take the eucharistic bread—his body hidden within it—and to make it part of ourselves. Through this great sacrament, which we celebrate on today’s feast of Corpus Christi, we are able to be united, in a deeply mystical yet truly physical way, to our Lord and Savior. This union

## PASTOR’S CORNER

### Effects of Holy Communion

Since the earliest times, the benefits of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ were spelled out to encourage frequent, even daily, Holy Communion. Thus, St. Cyril of Jerusalem (died 387) said that reception of the Eucharist makes the Christian a “Christbearer” and “one body and one blood with Him” (*Catecheses*, 4,3). St. John Chrysostom (died 407) speaks of a mixing of the Body of Christ with our body, “...in order to show the great love that He has for us. He mixed Himself with us, and joined His Body with us, so that we might become one like a bread connected with the body” (*Homily* 46,3).

These and other comparisons of how Communion unites the recipient with Christ are based on Christ's own teaching, and St. Paul's statement that, “the bread which we break, is it not the partaking of the Body of the Lord? For we, being many, are one bread, all that partake of this bread.” (I Corinthians 10:16-17). So, too, the church officially teaches that “Every effect which bodily food and bodily drink produce in our corporeal life, by preserving this life, increasing this life, healing this life, and satisfying this life - is also produced by this Sacrament in the spiritual life” (Council of Florence, November 22, 1439). Thus:

1. Holy Communion preserves the supernatural life of the soul by giving the communicant supernatural strength to resist temptation, and by weakening the power of concupiscence. It reinforces the ability of our free will to withstand the assaults of the devil. In a formal definition, the Church calls Holy Communion “an antidote by which we are preserved from grievous sins” (Council of Trent, October 11, 1551).
2. Holy Communion increases the life of grace already present by vitalizing our supernatural life and strengthening the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit we possess. To be emphasized, however, is that the main effect of Communion is not to remit sin. In fact, a person in conscious mortal sin commits a sacrilege by going to Communion.
3. Holy Communion cures the spiritual diseases of the soul by cleansing it of venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sin. No less than serving as an antidote to protect the soul from mortal sins, Communion is “an antidote by which we are freed from our daily venial sins” (Council of Trent, October 11, 1551). The remission of venial sins and of the temporal sufferings due to sin takes place immediately by reason of the acts of perfect love of God, which are awakened by the reception of the Eucharist. The extent of this remission depends on the intensity of our charity when receiving Communion.
4. Holy Communion gives us a spiritual joy in the service of Christ, in defending His cause, in performing the duties of our state of life, and in making the sacrifices required of us in imitating the life of our Savior. On Christ's own promise, Holy Communion is a pledge of heavenly glory and of our bodily resurrection from the dead (John 6:55). St. Irenaeus (died 202) simply declared that, “when our bodies partake of the Eucharist, they are no longer corruptible as they have the hope of eternal resurrection” (*Against the Heresies*, IV, 18,5).

**Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Sophie Coleman  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing  
Irena Fields  
Gwendolyn Fortune

Tina Garvin  
Oceacie Gray, Jr.  
Joseph Grear  
Florence Hall  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Michael Holland  
James Holley  
Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Charles Jamison

David & Keisha Jones  
Mary A. Lewis  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Alfred Price

Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen  
Doreene Redd  
Bernadette Redmond  
Anna E. Smith  
Betty Smith  
Ruth Stokes  
Anna Strother  
Kayla Tatum  
Gloria Thompson  
Matthew Thompson  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Jerome J. Wallace



Wayne A. Wallace  
Shiela Washington  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.

**Readings for the Week of June 7, 2015**

Sunday: Exodus 24:3-8/Hebrews 9:11-15/Mark 14:12-16, 22-26  
Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7/Matthew 5:1-12  
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22/Matthew 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11/Matthew 5:17-19  
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Matthew 5:20-26  
Friday: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19/John 19:31-37  
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21/Matthew 5:33-37  
Immac. Heart: Isaiah 61:9-11/Luke 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: Ezekiel 17:22-24/2 Corinthians 5:6-10/Mark 4:26-34

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/  
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Bertha Jordan, Laita Murchinon, John Faxio, A-Abu Mansaray, Chris Edelin & Gloria Fantroy.  
&  
A very happy wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Faxio and Hazel J. Faxio

May the joy of the Lord be

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**E.M.E. SCHEDULE**

6/13- 4:00pm Mass  
C. Edelin

6/13- 4:00pm Mass  
D. Baker & J. Williams

6/14- 8:30am Mass  
J. Faxio & D. Lucas

6/14- 8:30am Mass  
C. Holland & J. Thomas

6/14- 11:00 am Mass  
V. Tinsley & J. Williams

6/14- 11:00 am Mass  
B. Conrad & D. Lucas

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

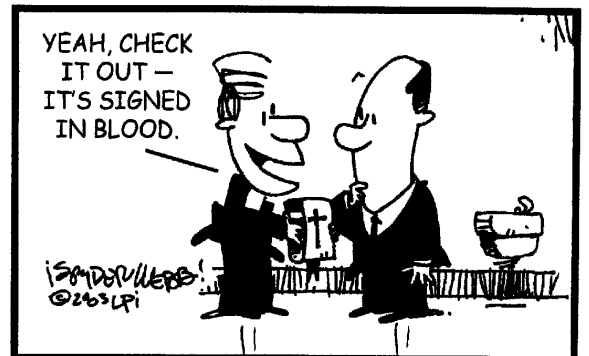
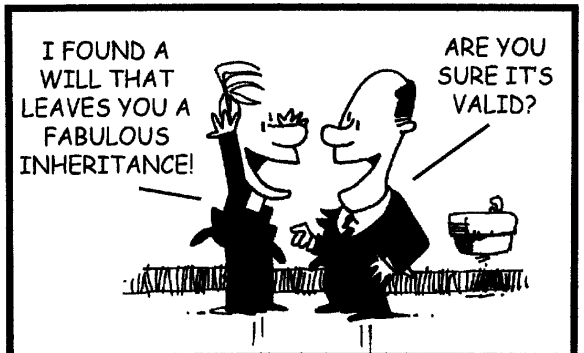
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Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund : \$225.00

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**





## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves for our Tree located in the northwest corner of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 38 leaves still available for memorializing deceased family members or posting your current family names or beliefs. Each leaf is \$250 and can be paid in monthly installments. All proceeds will be used for the improvement of our beautiful church. Please contact Kathy Harris Ndouga if you would like more details at (202) 575-8732.

**ST. LUKES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP:** Please begin to bring in donations of water (small bottles) juices (no huggies) and snacks for Vacation Bible School. Teens wishing to earn Community Service Hours for school are invited to assist with VBS. Must be at least 14-years old! Volunteers to work with VBS please sign-up at the rear of the Church. The Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, August 3, 2015 to Friday, August 7, 2015. Time: 8:30am to 3:00pm

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**ARCHBISHOP JAMES PATTERSON LYKE CONFERENCE** Father Clarence Rivers Music Institute on June 23 through 27, 2015 at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, (210) 457-7730\_Theme: *I am Black! I am Catholic! I am Here Celebrating Milestones*

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Holy Angels Sodality will sponsor a Women's Retreat with Fr. Anthony Lickteig as Retreat Master. They will begin Friday, July 31st with dinner at 6 p.m.. Cost is \$125.00. Get away from the day to day cares and spend time in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of Loyola on the Potomac. This is a great time to touch and be touched by the Lord. For more information and to register call Joan Warcynski at 301-904-1956. Registration of \$25.00 is due by July 10, 2015.

**26TH ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER FALL REVIVAL:** The Revival will be held on **Monday through Thursday, October 5-8, 2015** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway Street; Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our revivalist or key speaker for the Revival is Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, from Portland, Oregon. He will speak on the overall theme for this year, *"The Joy of the Gospel."* As always, the Revival will begin with praise and worship from 7:00 – 7:30 pm **and** there will be an opportunity for our faithful to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard during praise and worship, nightly, with the exception of Wednesday. On Wednesday, confessions will be held immediately after the Revival program, with several confessional stations available. For more info, contact Mrs. Carolyn Alston, Chairperson, East of the River Revival Committee at 202-581-2835.

### SCHEDULE

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Focus:</u>
Monday, October 5	Opening Night
Tuesday, October 6	Youth Night
Wednesday, October 7	Reconciliation Night
Thursday, October 8	Closing Mass

**WORKSHOP ON CARING FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND THE ELDERLY** The MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Department of Spiritual Care is hosting the third event of its Community Clergy Institute series "Caring for the Homebound & the Elderly: Spiritual and Social Needs." This event will be held on Friday, June 26 from 9am-5pm at the True Auditorium of the MedStar Washington Hospital Center (110 Irving St., NW). The cost for the workshop is \$100, which includes registration, food, and materials. Registration is open to members of the clergy, ministers of visitation, professors, clinical pastoral education students, and seminarians. Please see the [attached flyer](#) and complete the [attached registration form](#) as soon as possible, as space is limited to the first 25 registrants. You may also send your registration e-form to [ryan.m.pickard@medstar.net](mailto:ryan.m.pickard@medstar.net)