

## St. Luke

### Catholic Church

4925 East Capitol Street, SE Washington, DC 20019



Staffed by The Josephite Fathers and Brothers

Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, April 26, 2015

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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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

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**

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m. Cameroon Mass

Monday - —-10:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
Senior Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Novena to St. Joseph

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**Friday - ——**--8:00 a.m. Prayer for Vocations

**1st Friday** - —7:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Fridays of Lent—7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Mass Schedule



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.

Weekday		Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	25th	4:00pm	St. Mark	Doris Gunner	Hilda
Sunday	26th	8:30am 11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Fourth Sunday of Easter	Praying for Vocation to Priesthood, Deaconate, Religious life, Married life and Single life.	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday	27th	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Wayne Wallace	Beatrice W. Wright
Tuesday	28th	8:00am	SS. Peter & Louis	Aaron Tinsley ++ (BB)	Family
Wednesday	29th	8:00am	St. Catherine	Dieudonne Ndouga	Family & Friends
Thursday	30th	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Reginald Z. Lucas, Sr.++	Doris Lucas
Friday	1st	8:00am	St. Joseph the Worker	Susie & Frank McDougald++	Family

# Reflection For 4th Sunday of Easter

"And I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus himself gave us the image of himself as the Good Shepherd. In trying to teach us about who he was, his love for us, and his mission to save us, he chose to speak in these terms. The picture is a comforting one. We can imagine the natural beauty of a shepherd on a hillside, gently leading and guiding his sheep to the places where all their needs are met.

The shepherd makes sure they are fed, watered, rested, and, of course, safe. This last element is what separates a good shepherd from a bad one. When a threat approaches his flock, the good shepherd will do whatever is necessary to save them, even at risk of his own safety. The bad shepherd, on the other hand, thinks only of himself and abandons the sheep in order to protect his own skin.

It's important, in understanding the analogy, for us to realize that we, the sheep of Christ's pasture, do face real threats, though they may be the kind that are hard to recognize. The wolves that prowl around our souls are the vices of anger, jealousy, lust, greed, gluttony, vanity, and laziness. We traditionally call these the seven deadly sins, and they are truly deadly. When we give in to them, we cut off our souls from the source of real life: God. But Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for us, literally.

Jesus suffered and died on the cross, taking away the deadly consequence of sin. This selfless act has saved us by offering the forgiveness and reconciliation that our souls, weak and weary from the attacks of evil, desperately need. What a gift to be in the care of such a shepherd. What a joy to be in this flock where, as Jesus says, "I know mine and mine know me."

### PASTOR'S CORNER

## The Good Shepherd

By Connie Campbell Bratcher

The Good Shepherd always walks in front
Gently leading the way,
Never behind driving or pushing,
But lovingly guiding each day;
And when a sheep wanders away
From the security of this place,
The Shepherd corrects the wayward one
In love, mercy, and grace.

He protects from harm and fear
All that follow His lead,
His rod and staff guard and comfort,
And His hand meets every need;
He provides beautiful green pastures –
Rest for the weary and weak,
Revival, strength and vigor...
Peace and joy to reap.

He sets a table in the wilderness
With manna from on high,
And leads beside the still waters
That refresh and satisfy.
Oh, what love and tender care,
Such blessings God bestows
Upon the sheep that closely follow
The way The Shepherd goes.

Jesus said: "I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"

(John 10:14, 27)

http://faithpoetry.com/faith3/thegoodshepherd.shtml

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

Lester Allen Barbara Barnes	Lamont Diggs, Sr. Irena Fields	James Holley Rudolph Holley	Veronica Murray Vincent Neal	
Barbara Batts	Gwendolyn Fortune	James Hughes ´	Dieudonne Ndouga	Ruth Stokes
Mary C. Bennett	Tina Garvin	Charles Jamison	Marlene Patterson	Anna Strother
Ruth Bundy	Oceacie Gray, Jr.	David & Keisha Jones	Silvia Perry	Kayla Tatum
Beatrice Carroll	Joseph Grear	Mary A. Lewis	Alfred Price	Gloria Thompson
Edna Coates	Florence Hall	Rose Luck	Lillian Pharms	Matthew Thompson
Sophie Coleman	Michael Harkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Joseph Queen	Barbara B. Tyler
Edith Cornish	Chris Hawkins	Doreene Mahoney '	Doreene Redd	Jerome J. Wallace
Alvera Dance	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Bernadette Redmond	Wayne A. Wallace
Mary E. Davis	Brenda Henson	Alice L. Montague	Anna E. Smith	Shiela Washington
Bertha Dearring	Michael Holland	Martyn Montague	Betty Smith	Wellington Waters

### Readings for the Week of April 26, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/John 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6 Joseph the Worker: Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/John 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8

## Church Support

### **Sunday Collection:**

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Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund

ATTENDANCE:

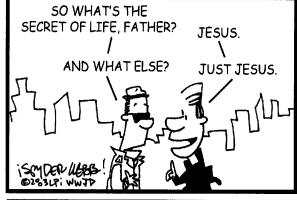
### Lectors Schedule for Next Week

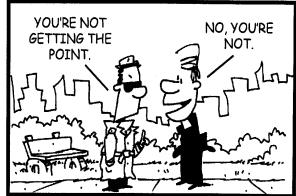
5/2 4:00pm Mass- Kathy Ndouga & Dieudonne Ndouga

5/3 8:30am Mass- Sylvester Mode & Christine Tolson

5/3 I I:00am Mass- Millicent Green & Violet Tinsley

### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





### PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We would like to wish Edward Adjei-Premph, Bernard Robinson, Philip M. Faxio, Nayia Faxio-Douglas a wonderful happy birthday.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Eugene R. Russell, Jr. and Beverly P. Russell.



### **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 decease 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.

**HOLY HOUR** will be held on Friday, May 1, at 7:00pm.

<u>CCD PENANCE SERVICE AND FIRST CONFESSION</u> on Saturday, May 2 at 12:00pm. <u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u> at 11:00 am Sunday, May 3 followed by May Crowning & Procession.

**MOTOWN DANCE PARTY** given by the Knights of Columbus, Washington Assembly 151 on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Tickets: \$30.00, Couples: \$50.00 — Lite Buffer — Dress to Impress Music by: DJ Jamming Dave — Contacts: Dave (202-246-9134) Charles Coleman (202-669-3096). Proceeds will go to the American Civil War Memorial on "U" Street and Florida Ave., N.W.

<u>ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON</u> sponsored by Our Lady of the Annunciation Sodality on May 16, 2015 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at St. Luke Center. Donation \$25.00 — Contacts: Joyce Thomas, Janice Williams, Bernadine Conrad & Gloria Washington.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS TO:</u> Alliha Farrell, Marvin Manassa, Rosden McKisset, Geradine Ngneho, Jaylah Neal, Blossom Pianwi, Jessy Tientcheu, Joe Cindy Tientcheu, Jordy Tientcheu on your confirmation last Thursday. We pray that the Spirit of the Lord to continue to guide you all the days of your life.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CAMP ST. CHARLES OPEN HOUSE on May 17 from 11am to 4pm located on the shores of the Wicomico River in Southern Maryland. Meet the counselors, tour their waterfront property, meet current camp families and have lunch. Register at campstcharles.org.. Try out the program at the parent-child weekend on May 15-17, 2015. Cost is \$50/person and includes lodging, meals and activities. You may contact Laura Hill, Camp Director at 301-934-8799, director@campstcharles.org.

FOR THE CALENDAR