

St. Luke

Catholic Church
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Washington, DC 20019

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

Feast of the Ascension

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 8, 2016

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FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: By Appointment

Website: www.stlukechurchssj.org



Welcome

St. 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 2016 is **"Blessed are the merciful for they will receive Mercy from God."** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.

Last Sunday— 1:00pm

Monday - —10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Friday - —8:00 a.m.

1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.

Saturday —3:30 pm

Cameroon Mass

Congolese Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Senior Bible Study Group

Novena to St. Joseph

Bible Study

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Hour

Rosary

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 7th	4:00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Jephthe Ngamo (BB)	Beatrice Kouemou
Sunday 8th	8:30am 11:00am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	For All Grieving Parents For All Grieving Parents	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 9th	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	All deceased of Beatrice Kouemou family and all Souls of purgatory	Beatrice Kouemou
Tuesday 10th	8:00am	St. Damien OPT SR	Overton Freeland++ (BB)	Patterson Family
Wednesday 11th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Ethel Patterson++ (BB)	Patterson Family
Thursday 12th	10:00am	SS Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras	Ruth Bundy	Hilda McDougald
Friday 13th	8:00am	Our Lady of Fatima	Elizabeth & Mercer Patterson	Patterson Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

TROUBLE

Tanya M. DeVeer

Troubled times are here, as we knew that they would come

Not because of the situation,

just because life in general is not always fun

But we can overcome them, together we must

Because the love that we have shared

was surely built with trust

Times are daring in any family it seems

Rocking the boat to fulfill our dreams

We can build the obstacles, but must remember

to knock them down

For if we don't there will surely

be trouble by leaps and bounds

I think along the way somehow we forgot to knock down

The obstacles that are tearing at our hearts

and apparent trouble that abounds

Let's take the time to clear the obstacles

and go back to loving each other

We're hear to listen to your choices,

let's stop hurting one another

Right or wrong it's always God's call

We must remember, it is us who will ultimately take the fall

So in my heart I do not think it is worth it just to be right

Life is too short not to say we love you

and we won't give up without a fight

<http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/troubled-times>

REFLECTIONS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Jesus had just left the disciples. In a dramatic and supernatural moment, he had bid them farewell and then *"was taken up to heaven."* One might think this departure would have left the disciples feeling very melancholy, but apparently it was not so. They were full of joy as they went back to the city where Jesus had told them to stay, *"until you are clothed with power from on high."*

This, of course, is a reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit that would happen soon enough at Pentecost. But the disciples did not know the details. They only knew that Jesus was promising them the *"Advocate"* and some amazing power from heaven, and sending them off with a great mission to preach *"repentance, for the forgiveness of sins... to all the nations."* And this filled them with joy, even while they waited.

What we often need to remind ourselves is that after the Ascension, the disciples were in a very similar position to us. They were no longer in the physical presence of Jesus. They no longer walked with him, watched him, or heard his voice. Now, carrying on the work of the Gospel was up to them. And so too, now it is up to us. The mission of preaching the good news to all the nations is our mission. And, thankfully, the powerful "clothing" from on high is ours as well.

So, like the disciples we have cause for rejoicing. Jesus reigns in heaven. His Spirit has come upon us. And we are entrusted with the most noble and rewarding task of all, to share our faith with others and bring them to experience the joys of belonging to the kingdom of God.

Feast of the Ascension**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY****Sunday, May 8, 2016****Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Lester Allen
Martha Barbour
Barbara Barnes
Barbara Batts
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Sophie Coleman
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Irena Fields
Florence M. 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
Lawrence Lee

Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCann
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Vincent Neal
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Irving Proctor

Joseph Queen
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Anna Strother
Kayla Tatum
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington



Wellington Waters
Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
Beatrice Wright
St Luke military families.

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9/Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Ephesians 1:17-23/Luke 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Psalms 68:2-7/Jonah 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21/Jonah 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36/Jonah 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jonah 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jonah 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Psalms 113:1-8/Jonah 15:9-17

Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Romans 8:22-27/Jonah 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ezekiel 37:1-14/Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Romans 8:22-27/Jonah 7:37-39

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/Romans 8:8-17 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jonah 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jonah 20:19-23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful and a happy birthday to **Thomas Hamlin and Agnes Queen** and a wonderful wedding anniversary to **Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Betty Gale** and **Mr. & Mrs. Angela and Ayodeji**.

**May the Joy of the Lord
Be your strength!!!**

LECTORS SCHEDULE

5/14/2016– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

5/15/2016– 8:30am Mass
N. Douglas & F. Cooper

5/15/2016– 11:00 am Mass
E. Williams & I. Quinones

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

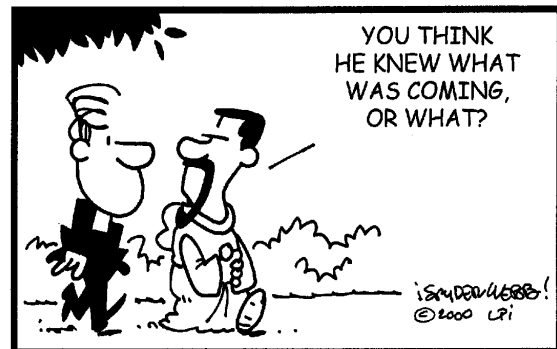
5/14/2016– 4:00pm Mass
K, Ndouga, F. Cooper & P. Hamlin

5/15/2016– 8:30am Mass
L. Washington, C. Holland & D. Savoy

5/15/2016– 11:00am Mass
J. Williams, R. Books & G. Abate

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LONGEST
PRAYER JESUS EVER
PRAYED WAS THAT
ALL CHRISTIANS
MAY BE UNITED.

**Church Support****Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly

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ATTENDANCE:

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
God of Mercy and Compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
Jesus, Lord, I ask for Mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.



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.

SHARE: St. Luke's SHARE program takes place every month. For the month of May money is due in on May 9th. Share accepts money orders and EBT cards, no cash and no personal checks. Pick-up will be on Saturday, May 21st between 10 and 11:30 am.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

YEAR OF MERCY: Reflection for the 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension) Welcome the Stranger: In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." And St. Paul echoes this in Hebrews 13: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." To welcome the stranger is a powerful yet challenging work of mercy. It requires us to move beyond how someone is different from us, beyond the many factors that may divide us, to acknowledge first and foremost their human dignity. The homeless, refugees, immigrants, the poor, anyone different or "strange" – in mercy, we let go of these divisions, remembering that above all else we are all children of God. *Learn more about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy at mercy.adw.org.*

MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER: A Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, May 15 from 5-8:30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington, D.C. area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. For information, please contact Fr. Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. RSVP to Traci O'Neill at oneillt@adw.org to attend.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES: On Sunday, May 15, the 22nd Annual Memorial Mass will be held to honor those who have served and are serving in our nation's armed forces. The Mass will take place at 12noon in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform, and civilians should wear business attire. Parking is limited and carpooling is advised. To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit www.milarch.org/memoriamass.

"SINGLES SUNDAY" June 5 at National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Tour at 1:30pm, Mass at 2:30pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary chapel, and dinner at 4pm at nearby Catholic University. Advance reservations required by May 24. \$17 cost for dinner. For single Catholics 21 and older. Visit <http://atholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

SEEKING CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS COORDINATOR in Clinton, Md. The contact information is : Anne Rose Email: anne@sawyercontracting.com Office: 4076027780 ext. 102 Fax: 3217656437.

MONTHLY REFLECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN: THE CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE: For Men: May 4, Jun 1; For Women: May 25, Jun 22. Each session includes: Mass, guided meditations related to the theme for the year, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. No reservations required to attend. Suggested donations: \$10 per person. Reflections for Men are offered on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00-9:30pm. Reflections for Women are offered twice on the fourth Wednesday: Morning session: 9:45 am -12:30 pm/Evening session: 7:00 -9:45pm (some months are not the 4th Wednesday, please see our website for more information.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL WILL BE SPONSORING MEDICAL MISSION FOR SE at Our Lady of Perpetual Help 1600 Morris Road, S.E., 20020 . We will be joined by the Howard University Dental School and will offer free dental screenings and free dental care. In addition we will have a podiatrist and vision specialist on site and will be distributing fresh fruit and vegetables at no cost via Capitol Area Food Bank. The time is 9:30 to 3:00pm and people will be served on a first come /first serve basis.