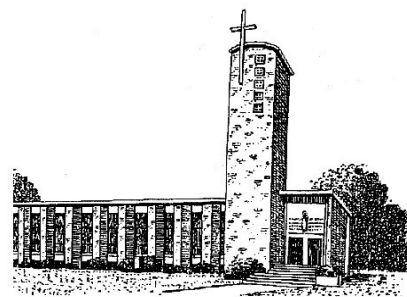


# ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20019



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First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2018

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

**Website:** www.stlukechurchssj.org



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 2017 is "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

### Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.

Cameroon Community  
Mass & Fellowship

3rd Saturday - 3:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Monday - ---10:30 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Seniors Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Novena to St. Joseph

Friday - ----8:00 a.m.

Bible Study

1st Friday - --6:00 p.m.

Prayer for Vocations

Fridays ---6:00pm

Holy Hour

Saturday --- 3:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Rosary



## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

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

### Weekday Masses

#### In the Martin De Pores Chapel

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 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 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. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 17th	4:00pm	First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Ernest S. Young+++	Elsie Young
Sunday 18th	8:30am 11:00am	First Sunday of Lent First Sunday of Lent	In Gratitude to God for all Parishioners who supported the church renovation project	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 19th	10:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	God's Blessings for Deacon Frazier & Mrs. Oralee Frazier	Hilda McDougald
Tuesday 20th	8:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	God's peace and birthday blessings on Louise Washington	Parish Family
Wednesday 21st	8:00am	Lenten Weekday Mass	Eternal Repose of the Soul of Francis X. Young, Sr. +++	Elsie Young
Thursday 22nd	10:00 am	The Chair of St. Peters	God's Blessings for the Wilson Family	J. Wilson
Friday 23rd	8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	God's blessings and Safe delivery on all Expectant mothers	Parish Family

### REFLECTION FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away.

But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" - the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose - writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that *"the Spirit drove him out into the desert."* In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness - these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### Catholic Prayer: Prayer for the First Week of Lent

Description: This prayer is designed to be said within the family before a Crucifix during the first week of Lent.

#### Prayer:

**Mother or a child:** From the words of St. Paul (2 Cor. 6:1-2).

Dearly beloved, we entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**Father:** This time of fasting has opened to us the gates of paradise. Let us accept it, praying and beseeching

**Family:** That on the day of resurrection we may be glorified in the Lord.

**Father:** Let us pray. Through the observance of Lent, O Lord, you purify your Church every year. See to it that your children lead a better life and so obtain the graces they are striving to acquire by doing penance. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

**Family:** Amen. Favor this dwelling, Lord, with your presence. Far from it repulse all the wiles of Satan. Your holy angels - let them live here, to keep us in peace. And may your blessing remain always upon us. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

**Father:** Let us bless the Lord.

**Family:** Thanks be to God.

**Father:** May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

**Family:** Amen.

Source: *Holy Lent* by Eileen O'Callaghan, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1975

**Frist Sunday of Lent****Sunday, February 18, 2018****Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish**

Barbara Barnes	Irena Fields	Melvin Jamison	Veronica Murray	Gloria Thompson
Blanche Bourm	Florence M. Fields	Mary Ann Johnson	Regina Neal	James F. Thompson, Jr.
Barbara Batts	Tina Garvin	David & Keisha Jones	Florence Patterson	Matthew Thompson
Tanisha Bennett	Elizabeth Gillem	Lawrence Lee	Marlene Patterson	Barbara B. Tyler
Tammy Berry	Joseph Grear	Fred Lewis	Silvia Perry	Jerome J. Wallace
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Maria A. Logan	Lillian Pharms	Wayne A. Wallace
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Rose Luck	Alfred Price	Shiela Washington
Edna Coates	Dawn Lattimer	Bernadette Mahoney	Joseph Queen	Cecelia Williams
Melinda Conrad Brown	Michael Harkins	Doreene Mahoney	James Ratiff	Wellington Waters
Edith Cornish	Chris Hawkins	Monica Mahoney	Doreene Redd	Terrell Wilson
Aniceto Charles	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Leroy Sandifer	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Joyce Cristwell	Brenda Henson	Michael Mason	Betty Smith	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Alvera Dance	James Holley	Doris McCannon	Ruth Stokes	St Luke military families.
Lamont Diggs, Sr.	Rudolph Holley	Alice L. Montague	Kayla Tatum	
Marita C. Edelin	James Hughes	Martyn Montague	Rolland Taylor	

**Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Genesis 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15
<b>Monday:</b>	Levitus 19:1-2, 11-18/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [John 6:63b]/Matthew 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Matthew 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jonah 3:1-10/Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Luke 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Peter 5:1-4/Psalms 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Friday:</b>	Ezekiel 18:21-28/Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Matthew 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Matthew 5:43-48
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Janice M. Williams, Colette Matiki, Louise Washington, & Jean Banks, Alonzo O. Wallace, Sr., Inocencio Quinones, Christian Quinones & Mary Williams,.

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

**LECTORS SCHEDULE****E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE****2/24/2018– 4:00pm Mass**

K.H. Ndouga &amp; R. Watson

**2/24/2018– 4:00pm Mass**

P. Hamlin &amp; S.G. Cox

**2/25/2018-8:30am Mass**

D. Lucas &amp; C. Tolson

**2/25/2018-8:30am Mass**

L. Washington &amp; C. Holland

**2/25/2018– 11:00 am Mass**

C. Mitchell &amp; M. Hyde

**2/25/2018– 11:00am Mass**

B. Conrad &amp; E. Young

**Quote of the Week**

If you have only one  
smile in you give it to  
the people you love.

Maya Angelou

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

Thank you for supporting  
our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

**ATTENDANCE:**

**248**

*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15*



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves the northwest corner of the inside 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.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY MEETING** will be held Saturday February 23, 2018 at 11:00am in the St. Martin de Pores room. All Ministers of Hospitality should be present.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CAREER EXPO** will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the St. Luke Center from 11:00am to 2:00pm. All youth must be accompanied by adult to enter. There will be college and career vendors among many others, bag lunch and gift bags. Community service hours are available for passport completion.

**LENTEN FISH FRY:** St. Luke's Lenten Fish Fry will begin on Friday, February 23rd in the Church Hall from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

**CONFESSION/ADORATION** will take place every Wednesday between 5:00pm and 6:00pm during Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place every Friday at 6:00pm during Lent.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**SECOND COLLECTION: The Church in the Developing World:** This collection is directed toward the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. The church in these parts of the world experiences considerable challenges and great needs, while the faithful in these areas are often limited in what they can contribute. This collection supports such areas of ministry as evangelization, the education of clergy and laity, youth ministry, catechesis, social service programs, and church construction and renovation. Please give generously to this collection according to your ability.

**SAVE THE DATE: The 4<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Women's Gathering, sponsored by the National Black Sisters' Conference (NBSC), will be held July 27-29, 2018 in New Orleans, LA.** This spiritual gathering is a wonderful opportunity for Black Catholic women 18 years and over to deepen their service to God and to become more diligent disciples against the mix of challenges in the Black community. For information about this event, registration, costs, lodging, and reservations or to place a tax-deductible ad/sponsorship in its Commemorative Program Booklet, please contact the NBSC office at 202-529-9250 or [thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net](mailto:thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net).

**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH ST. MARGARET'S SPIRITUAL STEPPERS!:** Please mark your calendars and save the date for the St. Margaret's Spiritual Steppers Black History Program -- *Paths to Freedom* -- on Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Dancers, steppers, singers, poets and others will help us reflect on our past, rejoice in our present and prepare for our future. Refreshments will be sold. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-11. The event will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church (Omega Room) -- 410 Addison Road, S., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743. Contact [stmargaretssteppers@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretssteppers@gmail.com) for more information.

**THE STATE OF THE COMMUNITY:** The Missionary Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington DC and Vicinity would like to cordially invite all leaders/ members of the community to join our discussion as we address concerns facing our Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Region. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church located at 4611 Sheriff Road N.E., Washington, DC. The date and time is February 19, at 1:00pm