

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm**  
**Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment**

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**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 2019 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.

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 11:00am**

**2nd Sunday 1:15pm (Igbo) 3rd Sunday 1:15pm (French)**

**Weekday Masses**

**In the Martin De Pores Chapel**

**Monday: 10:00am Tuesday: 8:00am**

**Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am**

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am

Sunday: 10:00am-10:45am Or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Infant Baptism registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class which is held on the First Saturday of each month. Baptism takes place every First Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call parish office for more information.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### My Mother

by Ann Taylor

Who fed me from her gentle breast,  
And hush'd me in her arms to rest,  
And on my cheek sweet kisses prest?  
My Mother.

When sleep forsook my open eye,  
Who was it sung sweet hushaby,  
And rock'd me that I should not cry?  
My Mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head,  
When sleeping in my cradle bed,  
And tears of sweet affection shed?  
My Mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry,  
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,  
And wept for fear that I should die?  
My Mother.

Who dress'd my doll in clothes so gay,  
And taught me pretty how to play.  
And minded all I had to say?  
My Mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray,  
And love God's holy book and day.  
And walk in Wisdom's pleasant way?  
My Mother.

And can I ever cease to be  
Affectionate and kind to thee,  
Who was so very kind to me?  
My Mother.

Ah, no! the thought I cannot bear;  
And if God please my life to spare,  
I hope I shall reward thy care,  
My Mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell,  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the place to make it well?  
My Mother

When thou art feeble, old, and gray,  
My healthy arm shall be thy stay,  
And I will soothe thy pains away,  
My Mother. .

### Reflection for 5th Sunday of Easter

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Thomas Hamlin.  
Leina Amah, Leria Amah,  
Agnes Queen & Aretha Mansaray.

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD  
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

**Readings for the week of May 10, 2020**

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Peter 2:4-9/John 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/John 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/John 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/John 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/John 15:9-17  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/John 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/John 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21

**Church Support**

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during this trying times. You may Drop off or mail your gifts to the parish. You may give online through our website: <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/> And clicking on the donate button. You may also TEXT: 202-335-3116 God bless and keep you safe.

**Feasts for the Week**

Monday 5/11	Thursday 05/14
Easter Weekday	St. Matthias
Tuesday 05/12	Friday 05/15
SS Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras	St. Isidore
Wednesday 05/13	Saturday 05/16
Our Lady of Fatima	Easter Weekday

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

Barbara Barnes	Marita C. Edelin	David & Keisha Jones	Kecia Proctor	Cecelia Williams
Blanche Bourm	Irena Fields	Dawn Lattimer	Doreene Redd	Wellington Waters
Barbara Batts	Florence M. Fields	Lawrence Lee	Xavier Roots	Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Tanisha Bennett	Tina Garvin	Fred Lewis	Leroy Sandifer	Harold Woodard, Sr.
Tammy Berry	Elizabeth Gillem	Maria A. Logan	Betty Smith	St Luke military families.
Ruth Bundy	Florence Hall	Bernadette Mahoney	Kayla Tatum	
Beatrice Carroll	Steve Halle	Doreene Mahoney	Rolland Taylor	
Melinda Conrad-Brown	Chris Hawkins	Barbara Mallory	Gloria Thompson-Price	All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Edith Cornish	Brenda Henson	Doris McCannon	James F. Thompson, Jr.	
Aniceto Charles	Norma Henson	Alice L. Montague	Matthew Thompson	Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them
Patricia Chase	James Holley	Veronica Murray	Barbara B. Tyler	
Valene Chemoo	Rudolph Holley	David Neal	Wayne A. Wallace	
Joyce Cristwell	James Hughes	Florence Patterson	Marquita Ward	
Alvera Dance	Melvin Jamison	Marlene Patterson	Shiela Washington	
Iyana Davage	Mary Ann Johnson	Silvia Perry	Steven Washington	
		Lillian Pharms		

## 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 21 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. Luke Parish Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm  
Friday Holy Hour/Adoration Live Stream & Voice @ 7:00pm  
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm  
Easter Sunday Mass Live Stream & Voice @ 11:00am

To join our Live Stream, please go to  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>  
Or Dial: 425-436-6339.  
Access code: 269615

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May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

**Bible Quote for the day:** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.—**Isaiah 41:10**

### Catholic Charities Launches Program to Help Families Receive Stimulus Check

As you know, many individuals and families (with Social Security Numbers) are receiving sizable cash payments from the IRS. The IRS cash payments are part of the Government's \$2 Trillion economic stimulus legislation. Sadly, there are many individuals and families within your parish boundaries who will not be receiving these cash payments. Why? The reason is that the IRS has no way of knowing that individuals and families with low/no income exist. Individuals with income less than \$12,200/year (\$24,400 for married couples) do not need to file an income tax return. Thus, the IRS does not have a mailing address or a bank account to send these cash payments.

Catholic Charities has just launched a new outreach program to help low/no income individuals and families collect \$1,200/adult plus \$500/child from the IRS.

We need the help of your parishioners to spread this good news! The attached flyer can be handed out: in food pantries and grocery stores, to family/neighbors/friends and to other community service organizations.

Please distribute the flyers via email and/or your electronic church bulletin? Please call: Deacon Jim Shanahan [Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org](mailto:Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org)<<mailto:Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org>> Phone: (202) 262-1419

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