

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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ST. LUKE

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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 & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

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

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

- most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
- most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
- our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

REFLECTION FOR SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Louvina Miles, Janille M. Thompson, William Brown, Caleb Brown, Karen Walker, Cecelia Williams, Mark Wells, Gladys Lee Holley, Kelly Tatum and Jackie R. Thornton and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence D. and Kecia A. Proctor and to Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne & Brenda Edmond.

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

Readings for week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6/Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Ephesians 2:13-18/Mark 6:30-34

Monday: Exodus 14:5-18/Exodus 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Exodus 14:21—15:1/Exodus 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/Psalms 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17/Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Exodus 20:1-17/Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. John 6:68c]/Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: Exodus 24:3-8/Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Matthew 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44/Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Ephesians 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 7/19
Weekday

Tuesday 7/20
St. Apollinaris

Wednesday 7/21
St. Lawrence

Thursday 07/22
Eternal repose of the
soul of RuthAnn
Weaver+++ by Neal
Family

Friday 07/23
St. Bridget

Saturday 07/24
St. Sharbel

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad-
Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Iyana Davage

Marita C. Edelin
Kimbolyn Flowers
Anthony Flowers
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones

Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Kecia Proctor
Doreene Redd

Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson-
Price
James F. Thompson,
Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Marquita Ward
Shiela Washington
Steven Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.

Harold Woodard, Sr.

St Luke military
families.

All the Homeless men
and women in our
community.

Please pray for all
those who are sick but
have no one to pray
for them



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

Mondays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)

Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm

Thursdays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)

First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 7:00pm

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH AND THE EUCHARIST

Dear parishioners, I would like to welcome you back to your home (God's dwelling place). The past year and half have been difficult, challenging and shocking. It has also been a period of blessing; for we are still alive in the land of the living. So we (St. Luke faithful's) are thankful to the Lord for his blessings and protection. Now that many of us have been fully vaccinated (hopefully you have), we are invited back to our church to physically worship together. Truth be told, I miss your presence deeply and we miss seeing each other, praying for one another and supporting others. As you make the decision to return, please call your neighbors and encourage them to do likewise. We promise to keep observing the guidelines and best practices that would help us gather without incidence. I pray that God would protect us all and grant us His grace and mercy.

I am longing to have you back to share your warmth, joy and passion for the Kingdom.

PS: Fr. Cornelius loves you.

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 07/18/ 2021: \$2,749.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succor us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succors us in them all..." (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ST. MARY'S 146th ANNUAL BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER and FAIR on Saturday, July 31st. The time is from noon to 6pm, or until sold out. Carry Outs Only are \$16, No Indoor Dining. There is a Jousting Tournament from 1-4pm, which is free to spectators. There will also be a snack bar, baked goods, crafts, country store and more. Phone 301-972-8660.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY: Your personal retreat day awaits on Friday, July 23 and Friday, August 27. Schedule 8:30-4:00pm; optional time for one on one spiritual direction, continental breakfast and lunch, Mass, confession and Eucharistic adoration included in schedule, private room for your personal refuge. Go to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center at www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

SUNDAY STEAK DINNERS at 12:30 on every third Sunday with Council 4076 The Knights of Columbus located in Forestville, MD. You can get a complete Steak or Salmon dinner for \$10/Adult \$5/Children. Cook or your own steak or salmon to your likings on the grill, along with fixins and desert. So come out and fellowship with Catholics from other neighboring parishes. For more information contact Diane Smith 240/735-8855.