

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Pentecost Sunday

**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 St. Luke Church**

**Monday: 10:00am & Thursday: 10:00am**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm**

**Holy Hour/ Adoration**

**Every First 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

### Everything you need to know about Pentecost

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. Here's what you need to know about the feast day:

#### The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, **the Church prays the Novena** to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover. Originally a harvest feast, Shavu'ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

#### What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

#### Where's that in the bible?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in **Acts 2:13**, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

#### Happy Birthday, Church

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon.

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### REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. *"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."* (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday  
to John Faxio,  
Laita Murchinon,  
Fred Tolson  
& Ruthie Miles.

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

Readings for the week of June 5, 2022

**Sunday:** *Vigil:* Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezra 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39

*Extended Vigil:* Genesis 11:1-9/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ezra 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/ Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Monday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Psalms 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/John 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 17:7-16/Psalms 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday** :1 Kings 18:20-39/Psalms 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 1 Kings 18:41-46/Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13/Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16/Psalms 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Matthew 5:27-32

**Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Matthew 5:33-37

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<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>

And clicking on the donate button.

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WEEKLY MASS

**Monday 6/6**  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

**Tuesday 6/7**  
Eternal repose of the soul of Mary Evelyn Herder+++ by Parish Family

**Wednesday 6/8**  
Weekday

**Thursday 6/9**  
Eternal repose of the Souls of Michael Wayne Owens+++ by Parish Family

**Friday 6/10**  
Weekday

**Saturday 6/11**  
Eternal repose of the Souls of James Franklin Thompson, Sr.+++ & Lois Veronica Thompson+++ by Janille Thompson

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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

Iyana Davage  
Joyce Diggs  
Lamont Diggs, Sr.  
Crawley Easley  
Marita C. Edelin  
Joshua M. Faison  
Kimbolyn Flowers  
Anthony Flowers  
Tina Garvin  
Katrina Griffin  
Florence Hall  
Steve Halle  
Chris Hawkins  
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  
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David Neal  
Florence Patterson  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Doreene Redd

Corley Redd  
Leroy Sandifer  
Betty Smith  
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Matthew Thompson  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Wayne A. Wallace  
Marquita Ward  
Shiela Washington  
Steven Washington  
Cecelia Williams  
Lois 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 Adoration @ 6:00pm**

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

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

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 5/29/2022:

\$4,013.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

### **Quote of the Day**

**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIALS** for Ms. Mary Evelyn Herder on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 Viewing at 10am and funeral Mass at 11am and Michael Wayne Owens on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Viewing 10am, Funeral Mass 11am. Please pray for the family.

**VIRTUAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** to take place on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:30pm. If there is anybody in the congregation with questions or ideas for the church please submit them to the rectory.

**CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP** The 2022 online application for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship is now available. If you are currently accepted or enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is June 10, 2022. Please go to this website to apply: [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fforms.gle%2fJWAKnXcDq8PioWFD6.&c=E,1,ZkCyZB5lx9WjYzhgxDdBdN\\_EiOsW0LL66AyWhipExxR0-mjC3pzFL1UfB4Yyr33wcGPau-qjNjbUyxIWKR0YclmgqkpTr0aW\\_n6RKCmsxTzCg6tuCz5guB8w,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fforms.gle%2fJWAKnXcDq8PioWFD6.&c=E,1,ZkCyZB5lx9WjYzhgxDdBdN_EiOsW0LL66AyWhipExxR0-mjC3pzFL1UfB4Yyr33wcGPau-qjNjbUyxIWKR0YclmgqkpTr0aW_n6RKCmsxTzCg6tuCz5guB8w,&typo=1)

**MAKERS EXTREME STEAM SUMMER CAMP 2022** is almost here! Are you ready to be a Maker! It will be held at St. Luke's Center at 4923 East Capitol Street S.E. You may email: [npllcprograms@gmail.com](mailto:npllcprograms@gmail.com) or call 202-424-3156 or 202-629-4462 for more information.

**COMMUNITY DAY TO SERVE!!** The place and time is at St. Luke on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 11am to 3pm. We are asking for donations of clothing in good condition for men, women, & children in all sizes; household items; cleaning supplies; books for all ages and toys. Donations can be left at church clearly marked SERVE. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please check future bulletins for further information. Volunteers are needed. Any questions call Judy Travers @202-794-2998 or the rectory at 202-584-8322.