



St. Luke's parish had as its founding pastor Father Patrick L. Bradley, S.S.J., the man who built it but never lived in it. He was a Josephite missionary of long experience, deeply loved and admired by the people he served in many parishes, especially old Incarnation Church and at the new St. Luke's. Associated with Fr. Bradley were his young assistants, Fr. Joseph Rimshaw, S.S.J., Fr. Robert W. Sweeney, S.S.J., and Fr. John Crotty, S.S.J. They put the first days of planning and toil into the new parish. Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle had selected a convenient tract of land in the 4900 block of East Capitol Street and Fr. Bradley and his associates commenced planning in the construction of the church.

The parish was finished and dedicated on September 22, 1957 by Archbishop O'Boyle. Fr. Stephen Hogan became the first permanent pastor of the new St Luke Church. He brought his vast organizational and pastoral experience in establishing a spiritual foundation for the parish. Along with Fr. Rimshaw, who knew the parish and the people in a very special way, they were a team of determined hard workers. They organized the major church societies and the parish socials. They began a census of the area along with an education program for the children through C.C.D.