

St. Luke

Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

Staffed by The Josephite Fathers
and Brothers



Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 20, 2014

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FRIDAY & WEEKENDS: 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. He is the center of our joy. Together we celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. So come join us and become part of a loving, caring, and spiritually motivated parish.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
Monday - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday - ----8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
1st Friday - --7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
Saturday --- 3:00 p.m.	Rosary

Mass Schedule



VIGIL MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 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.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 19th	4:00pm	Vigil Mass	Chikelue & Chijioke Onianwah	Charmanine Onianwah
Sunday 20th	8:30 am 11:00am	Sunday Weekend Mass Sunday Weekend Mass	Rev. Cornelius Ejiogu, S.S.J. Linda & Ada Cooper++	Mary Williams Mary Williams
Monday 21st	10:00am	Weekday Mass	The Rosary Group	Mary Williams
Tuesday 22nd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	James & Linda Cephas	Mary Williams
Wednesday 23rd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Mary Inez McZeal++	Louise Washington
Thursday 24th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Katie Dyson++	Mary Williams
Friday 25th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Harry Washington++	Louise Washington

ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

(In our quest to be familiar with our Catholic faith and Tradition, we continue our analysis of the meaning and significance of the Sign of the Cross. It is worth the effort to “Know your Faith”) No. 11-16

**21 Things We Do When We Make the Sign of the Cross
By Stephen Beale**

11. Invoke the power of God’s name. In Scripture, God’s name carries power. In Philippians 2:10, St. Paul tells us that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” And, in John 14:13-14, Jesus Himself said, “And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.”
12. Crucify ourselves with Christ. Whoever wishes to follow Christ “must deny himself” and “take up his cross” as Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 16:24. “I have been crucified with Christ,” St. Paul writes in Galatians 2:19. “Proclaiming the sign of the cross proclaims our yes to this condition of discipleship,” Ghezzi writes.
13. Ask for support in our suffering. In crossing our shoulders we ask God “to support us—to shoulder us—in our suffering,” Ghezzi writes.
14. Reaffirm our baptism. In using the same words with which we were baptized, the Sign of the Cross is a “summing up and re-acceptance of our baptism,” according to then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.
15. Reverse the curse. The Sign of the Cross recalls the forgiveness of sins and the reversal of the Fall by passing “from the left side of the curse to the right of blessing,” according to de Sales. The movement from left to right also signifies our future passage from present misery to future glory just as Christ “crossed over from death to life and from Hades to Paradise,” Pope Innocent II wrote.
16. Remake ourselves in Christ’s image. In Colossians 3, St. Paul uses the image of clothing to describe how our sinful natures are transformed in Christ. We are to take off the old self and put on the self “which is being renewed ... in the image of its creator,” Paul tells us. The Church Fathers saw a connection between this verse and the stripping of Christ on the cross, “teaching that stripping off our old nature in baptism and putting on a new one was a participation in Christ’s stripping at his crucifixion,” Ghezzi writes. He concludes that we can view the Sign of the Cross as “our way of participating in Christ’s stripping at the Crucifixion and his being clothed in glory at his resurrection.” Thus, in making the Sign of the Cross, we are radically identifying ourselves with the entirety of the crucifixion event—not just those parts of it we can accept or that our palatable to our sensibilities.

Watch out for the final part of this series (no. 17 to 21) next week.

**REFLECTION FOR THE
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” This beautiful image gives us a glimpse into heaven. The saints who reside there radiate a brightness, a warmth that resembles the sun itself. Gathered around the throne of God, they share in the luminous presence of the King of Kings, the true *Son* of the Father.

Perhaps there really is something spiritual about the nearly universal craving to enjoy a tropical vacation, the trend to escape to warmer climates for the winter, or the move towards permanent residence in sunny climates. The continual presence of sunshine, the enjoyable experience of one warm day after another may be in fact like a little taste of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus himself describes eternal bliss using the imagery of sunshine.

But heat has its downside too. When it’s too intense, it can actually be deadly. Think forest fire. Think desert. Think “the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” These are not images of the four-star vacations that we want to last for eternity. No. Here Jesus is referring to the hellish habitat of “all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.” That’s not a trip we want to take.

As uncomfortable as it may be, we need to examine ourselves to be sure we’re not on board a train that’s going in the wrong direction. We need to identify and acknowledge any patterns of sin that may have crept into our lives, and seek God’s forgiveness. That will get us back on the right track, enabling us to be counted among “the children of the kingdom.” Let’s aim for a journey to that kingdom, the one true trip to paradise that lasts for all eternity.

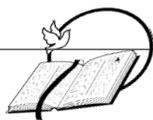
Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Batts	Joseph Grear	Mary A. Lewis	Joseph Queen	
Beatrice Carroll	Florence Hall	Rose Luck	Bernadette Redmond	
Edna Coates	Michael Harkins	Bernadette Mahoney	Franklin Smith	
Deacon Joe Conrad	Chris Hawkins	Doreene Mahoney	Michael Smith	
Edith Cornish	Charlene Haywood	Barbara Mallory	Anna E. Smith	
Alvera Dance	Brenda Henson	Veronica Murray	Betty Smith	
Mary E. Davis	James Holley	Marie Neal	Ruth Stokes	
Bertha Dearing	Thelma Holley	Regina Neal	Anna Strother	
Irena Fields	Rudolph Holley	Vincent Neal	Kayla Tatum	
Gwendolyn Fortune	James Hughes	Annibelle Nelson	Gloria Thompson	
Tina Garvin	Charles Jamison	Betty Payne	Matthew Thompson	Wayne A. Wallace
Oceacie Gray, Jr.	Fred Jones	Lillian Pharms	Jerome J. Wallace	Mary P.G. Washington
				Shiela Washington
				Wellington Waters
				Dolores Woodard, Jr.
				And all St Luke
				Parishioners & families
				who served in the
				military.

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2014

- Sunday:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Romans 8:26-27/
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
- Monday:** Micah 6:1-4, 6-8/Matthew 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/John 20:1-2, 11-18
- Wednesday:** Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10/Matthew 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Matthew 13:10-17
- Friday:** 12 Corinthians 4:7-15/Matthew 20:20-28
- Saturday:** Jeremiah 7:1-11/Matthew 13:24-30
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Lectors Schedule for Next Week



- 7/26—4:00pm Mass—To be announced
- 7/27— 8:30am Mass—Natoshka Douglas & Christine Tolson
- 7/27—11:00am Mass—Brenyce Sweeney & Violet Tinsley

PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



Please call the office to remind us of the Birthdays and/or Anniversaries of the sick and shut-in members of our parish. We must always continue to show them our love and support.

Church Support

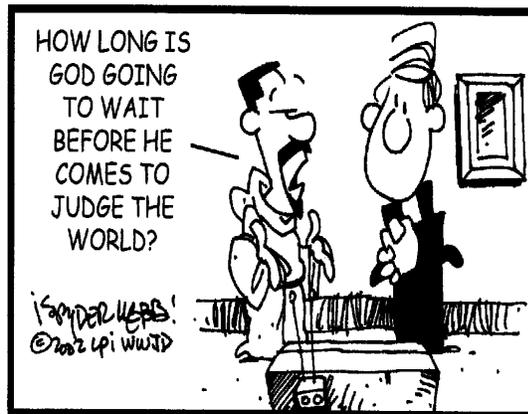
Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$4,392.87

ATTENDANCE:

252

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Dear Parishioners,

Our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves for our Tree located in the north-west corner 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.

ST LUKE WILL BE RECORDING: all wedding anniversary and birth dates in a special book for our St. Luke family record. Please print both names for wedding anniversaries and your name and date of birth on the list located in the rear of the Church. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The vacation bible camp will be held August 4th thru 8th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. It's free! Vacation Bible School would appreciate donations of water, juice boxes and ice pops.

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL, 2014: Please mark your calendars now! The 25th Annual East of the River Fall Revival will be held on **Monday through Thursday, October 6-9, 2014**. The theme for this year is ***“Jesus Show Us the Way.”*** As always, the Revival will begin **each night at 7:00 pm** with praise and worship. St. Luke will co-host at Incarnation on Monday, October 6, 2014. The schedule is as follows: Monday, October 6: The Church of the Incarnation (Opening Night); Tuesday, October 7: St. Joseph of Largo (Youth Night) *Youth are encouraged to attend all four nights of the Revival; Wednesday, October 8: Mt. Calvary (Reconciliation Night); Thursday, October 9: St. Thomas More (Closing Mass).

CALLING ALL YOUTH: The East of the River Revival, 2014 would like to form a youth choir and a youth liturgical dance group. ***Youth are encouraged to attend all four nights of the Revival.** Please see above for where and when. Will the youth please contact Brenyce Sweeney at 202-494-9531.

DRUM LESSONS : St. Luke is now offering drum lessons. The youth are encouraged to come out on Saturday, July 26, 2014. If you have any questions please call Brenyce Sweeney at 202-494-9531.

PARISH PICNIC will take place on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at Watkins Park. We need a picnic committee by the last week in July. Contact Fr. Cornelius if interested.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES has been asked to support the effort: Once Congregation. One Family. The Mayor's interfaith Council and the Office of Religious Affairs will be responsible for taking care of finding the homes (i.e. apartments) and taking care of all the expenses. But, they are hoping that almost every DC congregation would be willing to “adopt” a family. The basic support would be friendship, fellowship, mentoring — basically wrapping our arms around a family who wants to succeed but who don't have their own relatives close by to assist them. They are only looking for 6-8 people per parish to carry the load and training will be provided through the DC Mayor's Interfaith Council and the Office of Religious Affairs. If you are willing, contact Deacon Jim Nalls at james.nalls@catholiccharitiesdc.org at your earliest convenience.

DEFEND LIFE: During July 28 thru August 1, DEFEND LIFE is sponsoring its 14th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour exposing the evil reality of Abortion for exactly what it is! Stops will be held at 15 different locations throughout Maryland, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia. The date and times and location of the stop closest to our parish is Wednesday, July 30 in Bowie, Route 301 at Route 450 West. From 7:30 to 9:00 am. For a complete list of all 15 Stops plus a list of wonderful luncheon speakers each day, visit DefendLife.org or call 410-337-3721.