



# 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*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2015

### PASTORAL STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ (202) 584-8322 Ext. 11     **IN RESIDENCE:** Rev. Denis Mandamuna (202) 584-8322  
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### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**SECRETARY:** Ms. Michele Peters (202) 584-8322 Ext. 24     **DIRECTOR OF CENTER:** Mr. John Quarles (202) 584-1400  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY & WEEKENDS:** By Appointment

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## Welcome

**S**T. 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 2015 is **“Grant to us oh Lord a heart renewed. Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord”** Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

### Parish Devotions

<b>3rd Sunday</b> - 1:00 p.m.	Cameroon Mass
<b>Monday</b> - ---10:30 a.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena
	Senior Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday</b> - 8:00 a.m.	Novena to St. Joseph
<b>Wednesday</b> - 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Friday</b> - ---8:00 a.m.	Prayer for Vocations
<b>1st Friday</b> - ---7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
<b>Fridays of Lent</b> —7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

## 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 2nd	4:00pm	St. Athanasius	Deborah Jo Watson	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 3rd	8:30am 11:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Fifth Sunday of Easter	Peace & conflict resolution in Baltimore God's Blessing on 2015 1st communion Class, their parents and CCD teachers	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 4th	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Dorothy White	Hilda McDougald
Tuesday 5th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Fr. Joe	Wilson Family
Wednesday 6th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Jane Jones++	Hilda McDougald
Thursday 7th	10:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Deacon Hobson Bowser++	Doris & Renee
Friday 8th	8:00am	Easter Weekday Mass	Ethel I. Williams++	Jacqueline Wilson

**Reflection For  
5th Sunday of Easter**

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you."*  
What a lovely promise! Imagine how satisfying it would be to ask for whatever we wanted and then to see that wish granted. Truly, it would be difficult to think of anyone who would not love to see a promise like this fulfilled. But we know Jesus isn't a genie in a magic lamp sent to indulge every selfish whim. So, what's the catch?

Well, as Jesus puts it in today's Gospel, this promise is extended to those who "remain" in him. He uses the beautiful analogy of the vine and the branches to explain what this means. "A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine ... I am the vine, you are the branches." The idea here is that we are to be connected to Jesus so closely that our very life, our growth, our actions, indeed even our desires come from him as their source. When we are authentically rooted in Christ, and when his words remain in us, then that cannot help but transform us into people who want what Jesus wants. And when we want what he wants, why wouldn't he give it to us?

This brings to mind a quote from St. Alphonsus Liguori. "In cold and heat, in rain and wind," said this wise doctor of the church, "the soul united to God says: 'I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it.'" In a similar vein, another doctor of the church, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, said that God has "always given me what I've desired, or rather, He's made me desire what He wanted to give me." This is the secret to constant contentment. No matter what life brings, when we truly desire to embrace God's will, we are bound to be happy.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**The Road Not Taken**  
By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy  
and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,  
And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.

Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.  
<http://allpoetry.com/The-Road-Not-Taken>

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

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Ruth Bundy  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Sophie Coleman  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing

Irena Fields  
Gwendolyn Fortune  
Tina Garvin  
Oceacie Gray, Jr.  
Joseph Grear  
Florence Hall  
Michael Harkins  
Chris Hawkins  
Charlene Haywood  
Brenda Henson  
Michael Holland  
James Holley

Rudolph Holley  
James Hughes  
Charles Jamison  
David & Keisha Jones  
Mary A. Lewis  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray

Vincent Neal  
Dieudonne Ndouga  
Marlene Patterson  
Silvia Perry  
Alfred Price  
Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen  
Doreene Redd  
Bernadette Redmond  
Anna E. Smith  
Betty Smith  
Ruth Stokes



Anna Strother  
Kayla Tatum  
Gloria Thompson  
Matthew Thompson  
Barbara B. Tyler  
Jerome J. Wallace  
Wayne A. Wallace  
Shiela Washington

**Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/John 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/John 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/John 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/John 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 John 4:7-10/John 15:9-17

***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

Thank you for supporting our parish.  
May God reward you abundantly

**\$3,732.29**

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**258**

**Lectors Schedule for Next Week**



**5/9 4:00pm Mass— Chris Edelin & John Rookard, Sr.**

**5/10 8:30am Mass— John Faxio & Debora Savoy**

**5/10 11:00am Mass— Bernard Robinson & Terrenthia Sweeney**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**PARISHIONERS CELEBRATION  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



We would like to wish Brenda Smith, Marita Edelin,  
Bertha Jordan, Carolyn Holland, St. Anthony T. Wallace, Sr.  
& Miesha Davis  
a wonderful happy birthday.

&

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Charles  
and Gloria Fantroy.



## 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 northwest 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.

**MOTOWN DANCE PARTY** given by the Knights of Columbus, Washington Assembly 151 on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Tickets: \$30.00, Couples: \$50.00 — Lite Buffer — Dress to Impress Music by: DJ Jamming Proceeds will go to the American Civil War Memorial on "U" Street and Florida Ave., N.W.

**ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON** sponsored by Our Lady of the Annunciation Sodality on May 16, 2015 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at St. Luke Center. Donation \$25.00 — Contacts: Joyce Thomas, Janice Williams, Bernadine Conrad & Gloria Washington.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**CAMP ST. CHARLES** is a traditional, Catholic overnight summer camp located on the shores of the Wicomico River in Southern Maryland. Their unplugged summer program is a place for campers to try new experiences and grow as individuals under the supervision of their caring counselors at the open house May 17, 2015 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. For more information, directions and to sign up for an open house, see their web site: [www.campstcharles.org](http://www.campstcharles.org) or call them at 301-934-8799 or email [director@campstcharles.org](mailto:director@campstcharles.org). You may try out their program for the weekend at the parent-child weekend. Cost is \$50/person and includes lodging, meals and activities.

**FORTHCOMING PROGRAMS AT DOMINICAN RETREAT ADVANCE RESERVATIONS NECESSARY: May 15-17, 2015 – From Stress to Joy – Weekend Retreat for Women.** Directed by Fr. Nicholas Amato Time Friday 7.30 pm – Sunday 3.00 pm and **June 12-14, 2015—Retreat for Women of AA.** Directed by Sr. Maureen M. Time Friday 7:30pm— Sunday 1:30pm **For further information and reservations, call Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243 or check the website at [www.dominicanretreat.org](http://www.dominicanretreat.org)**

**WOMAN'S CONFERENCE: "Blessed Art Thou"** The Dignity of a Woman: A Woman's Conference Focusing on Domestic Violence and Life Issues. *Keynote speakers: Renesia Martin Author of "Don't Hit My Mama and Christa Lopiccola, Dept. of Life Issues, Archdiocese of Washington.* Saturday, May 16 8:00am to 4:30pm. Cost \$35.00 per person includes registration & materials and light continental breakfast and lunch at the St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C. Register at [www.josephitepastoralcenter.org](http://www.josephitepastoralcenter.org) or call Cherly R. Holley 202-526-9270.

**GET HAPPY: GOSPEL AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL:** Saturday, May 9 at 7:30pm. Hear the splendor and joyful sounds of the Washington Performing Arts' Men and Women of the Gospel Choir under the direction of Artist in Residence Stanley J. Thurston, in a program which will inspire you and bring joy to your heart.

**THE BISHOP MCNAMARA FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT** will hold the String Orchestra and Wind Ensemble Concert on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.bmhs.org](http://www.bmhs.org) or you may purchase at the door. All tickets are \$6.00 online and \$8.00 at the door. All are welcome to attend! This concert is a wonderful musical experience, and a chance to see the Bishop McNamara High School Fine Arts, Music Program at its finest! Questions? Contact: Adrienne Davis, Administrative Assistant to Fine Arts Department, [301-735-8401 x136](tel:301-735-8401) or [Adrienne.Davis@bmhs.org](mailto:Adrienne.Davis@bmhs.org)

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

**FIREFIGHTER EMT ENTRANCE EXAM** on line registration begins on May 20, 2015 for the exam that will take place on June 20, 2015 to join the D.C. Fire & Emergency Medical Service Dept. You must complete the online registration application to qualify for the exam. You must be a U.S. citizen, possess a valid driver's license, have a high school diploma/GED and be 19 years of age at the time of applying. For more information, visit [careers.dc.gov](http://careers.dc.gov) or call 202-673-7580. It's a good job with good benefits.