



# 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*

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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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 19th	4:00pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday (VIGIL)	Safety of Pope Francis during his visit	Parish Family
Sunday 20th	8:30am 11:00am	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of O T Twenty-Fifth Sunday of O T	Safety of Pope Francis during his visit Safety of those attending the Papal Mass	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 21st	10:00am	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evange- list (Feast)	Ceneca L. Espinoza Sr.++(BB)	Janice Williams & Family
Tuesday 22nd	8:00am	Weekday Mass	All the Sick in Our Parish & Family	Parish Family
Wednesday 23rd	8:00am	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (OBL)	Fr. Joseph Calamari SSJ	Fr. Cornelius
Thursday 24th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Lorraine T. Aikens++	Family
Friday 25th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Monica Okwara	Family

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**LIVING AS AN AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN IN A NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD**

By **Richard Stearns**

What if we simply stuck to what Jesus commanded us to do: love our neighbors as ourselves, care for the poor and the sick and the brokenhearted, stand up for the oppressed, be generous with our time and our money, and live winsome lives filled with grace and gentleness? Christians have always lived, and often thrived, in cultures where they are minorities. Christianity began in a Jewish culture and thrived in a pagan Roman one. The apostle Paul, writer of nearly half the New Testament, actually offers advice to the church in Corinth which lived in the midst of a very pagan society. His words should guide us today. In I Corinthians 5:9, Paul encourages the Christians to clean up their own affairs. The church was in a mess with sexual shenanigans, internal bickering, and a deep division between rich and poor.

Paul gives them some advice, but he also says Christians shouldn't worry about whether others follow Christian moral teaching. Paul's point is this: Be strict with yourselves, expecting fellow Christians to obey the demands of Jesus. But don't hold others to the same rules. I think these verses can show Christians the way forward in today's America. We need to find a way to live in a pluralistic society without engaging in an arms race with those who are not Christians. I recently saw a beautiful example of how Christians can love their neighbors, offering a compelling invitation to the kingdom of God at a banquet for a Christian homeless ministry, the Bread of Life Mission in Seattle.

A man spoke to those present that night about his life of the streets and the addiction that cost him his job, his family, and his self respect. "I was on drugs, sleeping under the bridge," he said. Just eight months ago, he visited the mission in order to get a free wool hat. He decided to accept the offer to help him get off the streets. Next he wheeled in the shopping cart that once carried all of his belongings, and he held up a cardboard sign. On it, he had written, "I don't live here anymore." He was about to graduate from the Bread of Life discipleship program and would soon be living on his own with his own roof over his head. He showed us a picture of himself while he lived on the street. "I gave my life to Christ," he said. "The man you see here tonight is a different person altogether."

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**REFLECTION FOR**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."* This statement from Jesus is actually very similar to the famous passage from Matthew's Gospel where he says, *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (25:40). But in Matthew, this idea of serving Jesus by serving others is applied to more dramatic cases: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and the stranger. Isn't it interesting to note that caring for children can also be a way of experiencing Christ's presence among us?

For many people, "receiving" a child is part of their daily routine. Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them throughout their lives. Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children God has placed in their circle. Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the "business" of receiving children. How wonderful to think that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ! Because dealing with children can become routine, or at times even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring.

Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today's Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that. When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we "receive" them as they are—with all that entails—we are in turn receiving Jesus ... who first came to us as a child.

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

Lester Allen  
Barbara Barnes  
Barbara Batts  
Mary C. Bennett  
Beatrice Carroll  
Edna Coates  
Sophie Coleman  
Melinda Conrad Brown  
Edith Cornish  
Alvera Dance  
Mary E. Davis  
Bertha Dearing  
Rosemary Feaster

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  
Lawrence Lee  
Rose Luck  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Doreene Mahoney  
Barbara Mallory  
Alice L. Montague  
Martyn Montague  
Veronica Murray  
Vincent Neal  
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry  
Alfred Price  
Lillian Pharms  
Joseph Queen  
Doreene Redd  
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  
Wellington Waters  
Dolores Woodard, Jr.  
Harold Woodard, Sr.  
St Luke military families.  
Sister Vartimea  
Sister Lavrajoy

**Readings for the Week of September 20, 2015**

Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/James 3:16—4:3/Mark 9:30-37  
Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Luke 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9/Luke 9:1-6  
Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8/Luke 9:7-9  
Friday: Haggai 2:1-9/Luke 9:18-22  
Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/Luke 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/  
ANNIVERSARY**

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Frances A. Cooper and Candice Williams.

&

We would also like to wish a wonderful happy anniversary to Westley & Natoshka Faxio Douglas.

May the joy of the Lord be your

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

**E.M.E. SCHEDULE**

**9/26– 4:00pm Mass**  
**K. Ndouga & J. Rookard Sr.**

**9/26– 4:00pm Mass**  
**P. Glover & S. Glover-Cox**

**9/27– 8:30am Mass**  
**S. Mode & D. Lucas**

**9/27– 8:30am Mass**  
**C. Holland & D. Savoy**

**9/27– 11:00 am Mass**  
**T. Sweeney & S. Williams**

**9/27– 11:00 am Mass**  
**J. Thomas & V. Tinsley**

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***Church Support***

**Sunday Collection:**

**\$3,760.80**

Thank you for supporting our parish.

May God reward you abundantly

Parish Office-Rectory Heater/AC fund :

**\$525.00**

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Snyder Webb!*  
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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 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.

**SICK AND SHUT IN MASS:** Annual sick and shut in Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 10:00am in the church. After the Mass there will be lunch in the church hall.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 MASS RESCHEDULED:** from 10:00am to 8:00am due to the Holy Father's address to U.S. Congress at 9:00am.

**DANCE MINISTRY** for adults and children will start on September 26, 2015 at 11:30 am in the church. Call Brenyce Sweeney at 202-494-9531 for more information.

**PRAY FOR THE CURE PINK AND BLACK CANDLE LIGHT BRUNCH** at 1:00pm in the church hall after the Pray for the Cure Mass on October 11, 2015. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets are now available for purchase in the back of church after each Mass. This brunch is a fundraiser for the parish and a portion of the proceeds will be given to Children Hospital in Washington, D.C. for children with cancer and life threatening diseases.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER & DANCE** A St. Luke fundraiser on Saturday, November 7 in the St. Luke Center. From 6:00pm until 10:00pm. Donation: \$35.00. There will be live music. Volunteers needed please contact Gloria Washington at 301-505-2850.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS**

**THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY** is hosting a free, open-to-the-public Pope Arrival Watch Party, Sept. 22, 3-7 p.m. Details and a flyer are online at [www.myfranciscan.org/pope](http://www.myfranciscan.org/pope). There will be a live-streaming Pope Francis' arrival, food trucks and more.

**WALK WITH FRANCIS AT THE INTERFAITH WALK** on Sunday, September 27, 2015, Opening ceremonies will begin at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St. NW at 1:30 PM; Closing ceremonies will take place at The Islamic Center, 2551 Massachusetts Ave. NW at 4:30 PM. Free and open to all, no registration required. ASL interpretation will be provided. Music, art, food, and a city-wide service project... Join us for the The Walk DC 2015.

**HOW IS YOUR WALK WITH FRANCIS PLEDGE?** Have you followed through? Jesus encourages us with the joy and beauty of humble service in the Gospel today when He teaches, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." If you need help getting started, check out the opportunities featured in this bulletin or find more at [WalkwithFrancis.org](http://WalkwithFrancis.org). With Pope Francis about to arrive in the United States, take this opportunity to challenge family, friends, and coworkers to take the pledge as well! Share your pledge and challenge others on social media using #WalkwithFrancis.

**26 ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER FALL REVIVAL:** The Revival will be held on **Monday through Thursday, October 5-8, 2015** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway Street; Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our revivalist or key speaker for the Revival is Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, from Portland, Oregon. He will speak on the overall theme for this year, "*The Joy of the Gospel.*"

### **SCHEDULE**

**Date:**  
Monday, October 5

**Focus:**  
Opening Night