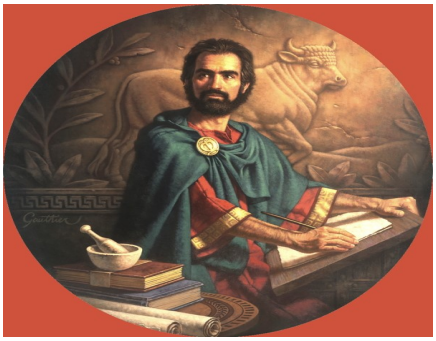
Rs.



ST. LUKE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
4925 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20019

Staffed by The Josephite Fathers and Brother
Serving Washington DC (Far S.E.), N.E. and Prince Georges County Since 1957

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Sunday, July 16, 2017**

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ (202) 584-8322 Ext. 1 **IN RESIDENCE:** Rev. Denis Mandamuna (202) 584-8322

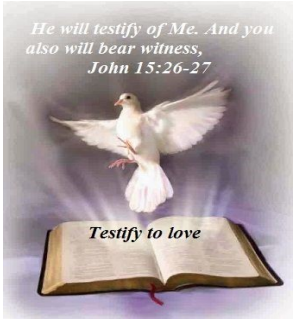
DEACON: Richard Walker (301) 283-8339 **SISTER:** Anne Marie Schreiner, DC (205) 919-0010

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

SECRETARY: Ms. Michele Peters (202) 584-8322 Ext. 2 **DIRECTOR OF CENTER:** Mrs. Brenda Smith (202) 584-1400
D.R.E.: Mrs. Shirley Williams **MA INTENANCE VOLUNTEER** Mr. Lensor Jones (202) 907-3342

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **FRIDAY & WEEKENDS**: By Appointment
Fax: (202) 584-3421 **Email** : stluke.dc@adwparish.org **Website:** www.stlukechurchssj.org



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 2017 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.

Parish Devotions

3rd Sunday - 1:00 p.m.	**Cameroon Mass**
3rd Saturday– 3:00pm	**Prayer Meeting**
Monday - —-10:30 a.m.	**Miraculous Medal Novena**
	Seniors Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.	**Novena to St. Joseph**
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	**Bible Study**
Friday - ——--8:00 a.m.	**Prayer for Vocations**
1st Friday - —6:00 p.m.	**Holy Hour**
Fridays———6:00pm	**Stations of the Cross**
Saturday —-- 3:30 pm	**Rosary**

Mass Schedule

VIGIL MASS
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Masses
In the Martin De Porres Chapel
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 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 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.

Rs.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Sunday, July 15, 2017**

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 15th	4:00pm	15th Sunday (Vigil) Mass O.T	In thanksgiving to God for Carlita McDonald	Parish Family
Sunday 16th	8:30am 11:00am	15th Sunday Mass O.T 15th Sunday Mass O.T	Praying for an end in Domestic Violence in our Community Praying for an end in Domestic Violence in our Community	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 17th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	God blessings on Russell Jones and Family	Family
Tuesday 18th	8:00am	St. Camillus OPT	God's Guidance on those incarcerated	Parish Family
Wednesday 19th	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Healing and God Blessings on Fr. Joseph Begay SSJ	Fr. Cornelius
Thursday 20th	10:00 am	St. Apollinaris OPT	In thanksgiving to God for Brenda Anyaibe	Parish Family
Friday 21st	8:00 am	St. Lawrence OPT	Eternal Repose of Mrs. Obioma Umunna+++	Joseph

REFLECTION FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be *"the seed sown on rich soil"* that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be *"the one who hears the word and understands it."*

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

First, we must beware of *"the evil one"* who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that *"tribulation or persecution"* do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer—"Thy will be done"—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that *"worldly anxiety and the lure of riches"* do not *"choke"* us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the ***words*** he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's word.

2015 Liturgical Publications Inc. Resource Center

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED (MATTHEW 13:1-23)

To put the lessons simply:

1. We like the Sower (Christ at first) have the responsibility to proclaim the message of the kingdom, the gospel, to the world. It is the Word of God that will produce results.

2. We will be aware that not everyone will receive it by faith. That is not our business; our business is to continue to proclaim the good news.

3. The evidence of those who receive it by faith and act on it is that their lives will change and they will produce righteousness. The evidence of saving faith is a growing spiritual life.

4. The advance of the kingdom, the spiritual life, does not occur instantly, but over time. But it makes continual progress. Those who believe, like the disciples, do not instantly understand it all. But the Spirit of God, using the Word of God, illumines their understanding daily. Eventually, stumbling disciples will become bold apostles.

5. It is our task to know and understand the message well, so that we can present it as clearly and meaningful as possible. The rest is not up to us. And if we do that, we know that only some will receive it. We dare not consider some who share God's word and see only a small response to be less spiritual or talented than those who share God's word and see great responses. God gives the increase.

Excerpt from https://bible.org/seriespage/20-parable-sower-and-seed-matthew-131-23

Rs.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Sunday, July 16, 2017**

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Lester Allen
Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Edna Coates
Melinda Conrad Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Lamont Diggs, Sr.
Irena Fields
Florence M. Fields
Gwendolyn Fortune
Tina Garvin
Elizabeth Gillem
Joseph Grear
Florence Hall
Steve Halle
Dawn Lattimer Handen
Michael Harkins
Chris Hawkins
Charlene Haywood
Brenda Henson
Michael Holland
James Holley
Rudolph Holley
James Hughes
Charles Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Lawrence Lee
Rose Luck
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Monica Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Michael Mason
Doris McCannon
Hilda McDougald
Alice L. Montague
Martyn Montague
Veronica Murray
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Joseph Queen
James Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Leroy Sandifer
Anna E. Smith
Betty Smith
Ruth Stokes
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson

James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Jerome J. Wallace
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Cecelia Williams
Wellington Waters
Terrell Wilson
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalms 65:10-14/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Exodus 1:8-14, 22/Psalms124:1b-8/Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a/Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/Psalms103:1b-4, 6-7/Matthew11:25-27
Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20/Psalms 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Exodus11:10—12:14/Psalms 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/ Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Song of Songs3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17/Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9/John 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday: Wisdom12:13, 16-19/Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Romans 8:26-27/\ Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday Sister Anne Marie Schreiner,, Louvina Miles, Janille M. Thompson, William Brown, Caleb Brown, Kelly Tatum, Byron Wilson and a wonderful wedding anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence D. & Kecia A. Proctor.

May the Joy of the Lord Be your strength!!!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

07/22/2017– 4:00pm Mass
M. Holland

07/23/2017-830am Mass
N. Douglas & A. Miles

07/23/2017– 11:00 am Mass
CCD Students

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE

07/22/2017– 4:00pm Mass
V. Watson & R. Watson

07/23/2017-8:30am Mass
D. Lucas & C. Holland

07/23/2017– 11:00am Mass
D. Baker & J. Thomas

Church Support

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
$5,265.02

ATTENDANCE:
245

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

— Mt 13:22-23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Rs.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of l leaves the northwest corner of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 38 leaves still available for memorializing decease 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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP July 31 thru August 4: We would appreciate your donations of small bottle waters, juices, and snacks (Please, no peanut products) for VBC. Our kids appreciate your generosity!
DO YOU: Laugh, dance, pray, read, draw, love children, have patience, sing (out-of-tune)? If you do any or all, or maybe more; then you are ideal for VBC! Contact me, Shirley Williams, at 301/518-5596. Delighted to have you on the team!

ANNUAL CRABFEAST: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, September 9 from 5pm to 9pm in the St. Luke Center. It is all you can eat and there will be other catered food. Tickets are $50. The contacts are Keith Quarles 301-785-0315, Lenny Jones 202-907-3342 and Ray Crawford 202-438-7298.

SAVE THE DATE for St. Luke's Street Festival on August 19, 2017. More information will come later.

SAVE THE DATE : St. Luke's Family Fun Day at Watkins Parks will be on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

60TH ANNIVERSARY "TEE SHIRTS" can now be pre-ordered for $10 ($12 for 2x and above). Please sign up at the back of the church or contact any member or the committee or parish office to place your order. **DEADLINE** FOR ORDERING "TEE SHIRTS" IS JULY 31, 2017. Orders will go out on August 1, 2017

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES sponsored by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center and Center for Family development. Men's Retreat on August 18-20, $225 per person and October 5-8, $300 per person. Women's Retreat on September 8-10, $225 and September 28 –October 1, 2017, $300. To register or get more details please contact Charlie McCullough 703-851-0799 or mcculloughcharlie@gmail.com

COMMEMORATIVE MASS on July 22, 2017 on the Gettysburg battlefield, in honor of Father William Corby who gave general absolution to the soldiers at Gettysburg during the Battle of Gettysburg; he was president of Notre Dame University on tow different occasions. This request is from the Workers of St. Joseph, a lay ministry promoting spirituality by leading Joseph way of life.

MID-MARYLAND MISSION OF MERCY & HEALTH EQUITY FESTIVAL on September 7, 8 & 10th 2017 from 7:00am to 5:00pm at the University of Maryland, College Park Xfinity Center will provide the following dental procedure: Hygiene (Cleaning) Restorative (Filings) and Oral Surgery (Extractions) for free but it is FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. You do not have to be a Maryland resident. This is a Catholic Charities event. All dentist and volunteers are welcome to assist.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN BARNESVILLE, MD CORDIALLY INVITES YOU to join in their 142nd annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on Saturday, July 29th from Noon to 7 pm. Full course dinners served inside are $16 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Carryout is $16 for all ages. There is a Jousting Tournament from 1 –4 pm, which is free to spectators. There will also be a craft booth, games for the children, baked goods, cake-wheel, candy stand, country store, white elephant sand, book store, and other games of chance. Mass will be celebrated in the shrine church at 4pm and 5 pm.

WASHINGTON, DC STEP OUT WALK On September 23, 2017, the American Diabetes Association will host the Greater Washington Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes on the grounds of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Funds raised will support diabetes prevention, treatment, research, awareness and support. The 5k Walk will be a celebration of community and strength-a chance for those affected by diabetes to know they are not alone in the fight.