

Sunday, October 20, 2019

29th Sunday in Ordinary Times

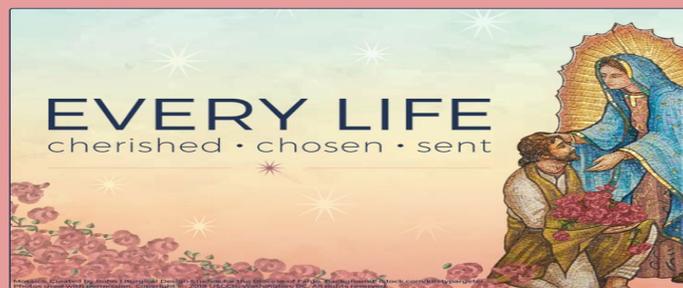
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm

Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment

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October is
RESPECT LIFE MONTH



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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. Come join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our theme for 2019 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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 11:00am

2nd Sunday 1:15pm (Igbo) 3rd Sunday 1:15pm (French)

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am

Sunday: 10:00am-10:45am Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant Baptism registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class which is held on the First Saturday of each month. Baptism takes place every First Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 19th	4:00pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (v)	God's blessings and healing on Ashley Gale	Parish Family
Sunday 20th	8:30am 11:00am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	We pray the respect of all human life from conception to natural death	Parish Family
Monday 21st	10:00am	Weekday Mass	God's blessings and healing on Elizabeth Patterson	Parish Family
Tuesday 22nd	8:00am	St. John Paul II OPT	In thanksgiving to God for Johnpaul and wife	Family
Wednesday 23rd	8:00am	St. John of Capistrano OPT	Eternal repose of the soul of Haydee Patterson, Sr.+++	Patterson Family
Thursday 24th	10:00am	St. Anthony OPT	God's blessing on the Mulholland Family Foundation	Parish Family
Friday 25th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	God's protection on all expectant mothers	Parish Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AMONG US NATALI'S STORY

When Natali called the Gabriel Network, she was in trouble. Natali was new to the United States and was eight months pregnant. She lost her job because she was pregnant, she needed housing, and her fiancé had recently passed away. She needed practical help, but she also needed someone to talk to and stand with her. She needed a friend. Natali found both when she was connected to the Gabriel Network Angel Friend Team at Little Flower Catholic Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

When Anne Davis and the Angel Friends met Natali for the first time over lunch, they were struck by her positive attitude, resourcefulness, and determination. Together, they started to tackle her challenges one at a time. Little Flower's Team threw her a baby shower, complete with diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, a car seat, a stroller, toys, wall art, a mobile, a bathtub, towels, lotions, and wash cloths. More than a celebration of gifts, the shower began the healing between Natali and many of her family and friends.

Soon after, her beautiful baby boy was born. Natali reached out and asked if her son could be baptized at Little Flower with her Angel Friends around her. At brunch after he was welcomed into the Christian family, Natali shared that she would like to be an Angel Friend too. With friends to help them, this new mother and her baby have found stability in a new life.

Anne Davis and her Angel Friend Team found that they received much more than they gave in their friendship with Natali. With the generous support of the Archdiocese of Washington, Gabriel Network is a growing channel of God's love touching over a thousand mothers and children each year. Your parish could become part of the Gabriel Network, too! Contact the Gabriel Network at 800-ANGEL-OK (800-264-3565).

<https://adw.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/10/Bulletin-Insert-Respect-Life-Mo-1-10.16.19-FINAL.pdf>

REFLECTION FOR 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge.

If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something *“fair,”* which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good.

No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
OCTOBER 26TH**

4:00pm Mass
P. Wines & E. Coefield

8:30am Mass
P. Nixon & C. Tolson

11:00am Mass
CCD Students

**E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
OCTOBER 26TH**

4:00pm Mass
V. Watson & K.H. Ndouga

8:30am Mass
D. Savoy & C. Tolson

11:00am Mass
J. Williams & E. Young

Readings for the Week of October 20th 2019

Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13/Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Timothy 3:14—4:2/Luke 18:1-8
Monday: Romans 4:20-25/Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18/Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Romans 6:19-23/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Romans 7:18-25a/Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Romans 8:1-11/Psalms 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Luke 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18/Luke 18:9-14

Bible study for the week
A Dying Girl & a Sick Woman Luke 8: 40 – 56

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Ikia O.Nelson, Dana Joseph Dudley, Stervon West, Mary Robinson, Porcha W. Thompson, and Dominique Lewis.

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Church Support

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$3,999.58

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

265

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad
Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
Iyana Davage

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Marita C. Edelin
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Chris Hawkins
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James Hughes

Melvin Jamison
Mary Ann Johnson
David & Keisha Jones
Dawn Lattimer
Lawrence Lee
Fred Lewis
Maria A. Logan
Bernadette Mahoney
Doreene Mahoney
Barbara Mallory
Doris McCannon
Alice L. Montague
Veronica Murray
David Neal
Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson

Silvia Perry
Lillian Pharms
Alfred Price
Kecia Proctor
James Ratiff
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace

Shiela Washington
Steven Washington
Cecelia Williams
Carrie R. Williams
Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.
All the Homeless men and women in our community.
Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves the northwest corner of the inside 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.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will hold a Mass on this Thursday, October 24 at 10:00am in the Mother of Africa Chapel at the Basilica. For any questions or more information you may contact Byron Wilson at 240-35-8027.

ST. LUKE PARISH ANNIVERSARY AND UNITY MASS will be celebrated on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Anniversary Mass will begin at 11am followed by a reception. All parishioners are invited to this celebration.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HOLY NAME SOCIETY are having their Memorial Mass and brunch on November 17 at the 11:00am Mass followed by a reception in the Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 for more information contact Phil Smith at 301-675-6208 or Toni Neal at 202-316-9322.

ANNUAL PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER Get your appetites ready for the pre-Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Ecumenical ministry on Monday, November 25th in the Church Hall. Food and monetary donations are accepted.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

INTERCULTURAL SKILLS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Youth, Clergy, Musicians, and Assembly are invited to "**Being Christ to One Another**," led by Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, on November 15 & 16 at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, MD. Join us for a sequence of dynamic presentations, music, and prayer as we explore how we may better celebrate our liturgies in increasingly diverse communities. Details and registration: www.npmdc.org/events.

NOVEMBER 1 HOLY DAY MASS ONLINE FOR THE HOMEBOUND Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1 Holy Day Mass in celebration of All Saints Day? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at www.HeartotheNation.org all day. (For those who cannot attend church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the celebration of Mass in honor of Black Catholic History Month and its theme of "Steadfast Witness". The celebration will take place on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Hillcrest Heights, MD (2210 Callaway Street) It will begin with praise and worship at 3:30pm, followed by Mass at 4pm with the Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington as the principal celebrant. For more information contact culturaldiversityatadw.org.

WELL WOMAN WITNESS RETREAT is sponsored by St. Margaret of Scotland. This retreat is based on the Samaritan woman@ the Well (John 4: 1-30, 39-42). Women will speak of their encounter with Christ, their unburdening; healing, leaving this event feeling refreshed, free of fear, guilt and despair. The event takes place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 8:00am to 4:00pm Mass. Registration: \$65 until October 22nd Walk-Ins—\$70 Dinner is included; Second-Line Dance (Bring Umbrellas). For online registration visit: <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/w-w-w-well-women-witness—10262019-2138739889>.