

Sunday, May 23 , 2021

Pentecost Sunday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment

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**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."
- Jn 15:26

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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 & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 7:00pm . -8:00pm

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR UNIVERSAL RENEWAL

Holy Spirit,
 fulfill in us the work begun by Jesus.
 Let our prayer on behalf of the whole world
 be fruitful and unwavering.
 Hasten the time when each of us
 will attain a genuine spiritual life.
 Enliven our work that it may reach all human
 beings, all who have been redeemed
 by the Blood of Christ
 and all His inheritance.

Take away our natural presumption
 and uplift us with a holy humility,
 with reverence for God and selfless courage.
 Let no vain attachment impede the work of
 our state in life,
 nor personal interest divert us from the de-
 mands of justice.
 May no scheming on our part reduce love
 to our own petty dimensions.

May all be noble in us; the quest and the re-
 spect for truth,
 and the willingness to sacrifice even to the
 cross and death.

And may all be accomplished
 in accord with the final prayer
 of the Son to His heavenly Father
 and in accord with the grace
 that Father and Son give
 through You, the Spirit of love,
 to the Church and to her institutions,
 to every soul and to all peoples.

Amen.

REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
**Judith Travers, Chinazor
 Onianwah, Z'mire Egypt and
 Steven Williams.**

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

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during this trying times. You may Drop off or mail your gifts to the parish. You may give online through our website:

<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/>

And clicking on the donate button.

You may also TEXT: 202-335-3116

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezra 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9/Psalms 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Deuteronomy 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ezra 37:1-14/Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Joel 3:1-5/Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25/John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Psalms 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/John 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12/Psalms 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sirach 36:1b]/Mark 10:32-45

Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25/Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Sirach 44:1, 9-13/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mark 11:11-26

Saturday: Sirach 51:12cd-20/Psalms 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mark 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40/Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Romans 8:14-17/Matthew 28:16-20

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 05/24

Eternal repose of the souls of the deceased of the Williams Family+++ by Patterson Family

Eternal repose of the soul of Overton Free-land+++ by Patterson Family

Tuesday 05/25

SS. Bede the Venerable & Gregory VII

**Wednesday 05/26
St. Philip**

Thursday 05/27

Eternal repose of the souls of the deceased of the Williams Family+++

Eternal repose of the soul of Haydee Patterson+++ by Patterson Family

**Friday 05/28
Weekday**

**Saturday 05/29
St. Paul VI**

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

Marita C. Edelin
 Tina Garvin
 Elizabeth Gillem
 Florence Hall
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Charlene Haywood
 Brenda Henson
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes
 Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee

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
 Kecia Proctor
 Doreene Redd
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith

Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Matthew Thompson
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Marquita Ward
 Shiela Washington
 Steven Washington
 Cecelia Williams
 Wellington Waters
 Dolores Woodard, Jr.
 Harold Woodard, Sr.

Innocencio Quinones
 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 21 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 Parish Weekly Schedule

Mondays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)
Wednesday Bible Study Live Stream & Voice @ 6:00pm
Thursdays Morning Mass @ 10:00am (will also be livestreamed)
First Friday & Last Friday Adoration @ 7:00pm
Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

To join our Live Stream, please go to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339.

Access code: 269615

You can watch our videos on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

To continue assisting St. Luke: You may **DROP OFF** your donation or **MAIL** your check or visit our **WEBSITE** <http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate> OR **TEXT**: 202-335-311621

Offertory Contributions for 5/23/2021: \$1,049.00

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day:

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. (John 15:26-27)

FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN SCHOLARSHIP The 2021 online application for the Father Charles Coughlin Scholarship is now available. If you are currently accepted or enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. If interested, please send an email request to stluke.dc@adwparish.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 for the Celebration of Saints of Africa —12th African Prayer Day. Venue is St. Luke Catholic Church. Mass will begin at 7pm.

COMMUNITY EVENT S

THE PROGRAM “STAY DC” provides financial assistance to residents unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to COVID-19 pandemic. Through STAY DC the District will —Pay unpaid rent going back to April 2020; Pay forward rent up to 3 months at a time; Pay for water, gas and electricity expenses on your behalf, and Provide extended housing support for up to 18 months, per tenant. We encourage anyone who is struggling to pay their rent or utility bills to visit stay.dc.gov or call 833-4-STAYDC from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We do not want a situation where the public health emergency ends and suddenly we have residents who owe thousands of dollars in back rent and bills.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT: Holy Family Catholic Church at 2210 Callaway Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748 is having a FREE paper shredding event to the public. on June 19, 2021. from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The Holy Family Men’s Club is asking the community to bring 2-3 canned goods or non-perishable items for the Holy Family Church Food Pantry. The Pantry’s mission is to FEED the HUNGRY of their community by opening their pantry doors on the 3rd Saturday of each month. All Shredding will take place on Site. Maximum of 5 boxes per Vehicle.