

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**6TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."
- Jn 14:16-17a

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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 2023 is "You are my inheritance O Lord, you have made my destiny secure." [Psalm 12:8] 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 St. Luke Church

Monday: 10:00am & Thursday: 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00pm

Holy Hour/ Adoration

Every First 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Prayer to Be Recited by Catholic Mothers

O Mary, “full of grace and blessed among women,” stretch out the hand of thy motherly protection, we beseech thee, upon us who gather round thy queenly throne as thy handmaidens, obedient to thy command and resolved with thy help to bring to realization in ourselves and our sisters the ideals of truth and Christian perfection.

Our eyes are fixed on thee in admiration, Immaculate Virgin; thou who art loved by the Heavenly Father above all others! O Virgin Spouse of the Holy Ghost! Tender Mother of Jesus! Obtain for us from thy Divine Son the grace to reflect thy sublime virtues in our conduct, according to our age and condition of life. Grant that we may be spotless and pure in our thoughts and in our behavior; gentle, affectionate, and sympathetic companions to our husbands; to our children solicitous, vigilant and wise mothers; prudent administrators of our homes; exemplary citizens of our dear country; faithful daughters of the Church, ever ready to allow ourselves to be guided by her in thought and deed.

Help us, loving Mother, to be truly devoted to the duties of our state of life; help us make our homes true centers of spiritual life and active charity, schools where consciences will be rightly formed, gardens where every virtue will flourish. Give us thy help that in social and political life we may be patterns of deep faith, of consistent and gracious practice, of incorruptible integrity, and of well-balanced judgment based upon the solid principles of religion.

Bless these resolutions which thou hast inspired us to make and the trials thou hast helped us to bear; may we with thine aid come to see their abundant fruits in time and in eternity. Amen.

— Composed by Pope Pius XII, May 26, 1957

REFLECTION FOR 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, “That's my son.” They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, “You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son.” My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, “**I will not leave you orphans.**” God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans.

The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

Father John Muir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to
Thomas Hamlin, Janice Ware,
Leina Amah,
Leria Amah & Florence Amah
 and a wonderful wedding anniversary to
Mr. & Mrs. Ayodeji & Angela Ewezor
MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!

Church Support

Please consider making a donation to support our parish during these 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 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Psalms 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/John 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Ephesians 1:17-23/Matthew 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Psalms 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/John 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Psalms 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/John 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Ephesians 1:17-23/Matthew 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Peter 4:13-16/John 17:1-11a

WEEKLY MASS

Monday 5/15
 Eternal repose of the soul of Betty & Pete Scaffidi+++ by Sister Anne Marie Schreiner

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

Tuesday 5/16
 Easter Weekday

Wednesday 5/17
 Easter Weekday

Thursday 5/18
 God's blessings & protection for people who attend weekly Masses by Patterson Family

Healing prayers for Anthony and Jacqueline Wilson by Wilson Family

Friday 5/19
 Easter Weekday

Saturday 5/20
 Eternal repose of the soul of Mary L. Young+++ (BB) by Connie Young
 Healing prayers for Anthony Wilson by Wilson Family

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

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

Joyce Diggs
 Lamont Diggs, Sr.
 Crawley Easley
 Marita C. Edelin
 Joshua M. Faison
 Kimbolyn Flowers
 Anthony Flowers
 Betty Gale
 Tina Garvin
 Katrina Griffin
 Steve Halle
 Chris Hawkins
 Faye L. Hawkins
 Brenda Henson
 Carolyn Holland
 James Holley
 Rudolph Holley
 James Hughes

Melvin Jamison
 Mary Ann Johnson
 David & Keisha Jones
 Dawn Lattimer
 Lawrence Lee
 Maria A. Logan
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Barbara Mallory
 Sadie Mason
 Doris McCannon
 Alice L. Montague
 Veronica Murray
 Kathy Ndouga
 David Neal
 Martha Neal
 Florence Patterson
 Silvia Perry
 Gertrude Quarles

John Quarles
 Doreene Redd
 Corley Redd
 Regina Rivers
 Leroy Sandifer
 Betty Smith
 Helen Smith
 Kayla Tatum
 Rolland Taylor
 Gloria Thompson-Price
 James F. Thompson, Jr.
 Barbara B. Tyler
 Wayne A. Wallace
 Marquita Ward
 Shiela Washington
 Steven Washington
 Charles Watson, Jr.
 Cecelia Williams

Lois 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 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 Adoration @ 6:00pm

Saturday Holy Rosary (Voice call only) @ 6:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00am (11am mass will also be livestreamed)

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

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Offertory Contributions for 5/7/2023

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.

Quote of the Day

“A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.” —Cardinal Mermillod

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIALS for Agnes Queen on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Viewing at 10:00am and funeral Mass at 11:00 Jacqueline Y. Colbert on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Viewing at 9:00am and funeral Mass at 11:00 am and Marlene Patterson on Friday, May 19, 2023. Viewing at 9:00am and funeral Mass at 11:00am. Please pray for the families.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP: The 2023 online application for the Father Charles T. Coughlin Scholarship is now available. If you are currently enrolled into a college, university or trade school, and require financial assistance, please feel free to apply. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is June 16, 2023. Please note, a gmail (google email) account must used/created to access the scholarship application. Please visit the following website to apply: <http://shorturl.at/pyOV2>

MEMORIAL DAY AT CEMETARIES “We remember those who sacrificed their lives to serve others.” On Memorial Day, come gather in loving memory of family, friends and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom. A special Outdoor Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023, on the sacred grounds of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington. Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD, (301) 428-1995; Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, (301) 871-6500; Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, D.C., (202) 399-3000; Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, (301) 868-5141; St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 (301) 475-5005.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemetery managers, family counselors and grounds crews are called to a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional, and ethical way. As Pope Francis observes, this mission is for those who “are unafraid to share in the suffering” and “know how to mourn with others” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*). If you or someone you know has the gifts and talents for this ministry of the Church, Catholic Cemeteries is actively seeking qualified candidates.