



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 7, 2007



Daily Mass Readings

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4	Jon 1:1-2:2,11	Jon 3:1-10	Jon 4:1-11	Mal 3:13-20	Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2	Jl 4:12-21	2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps 95:1-2,6-9	Jon 2:2-5,8	Ps 130:1-4,7-8	Ps 86:3-6,9-10	Ps 1:1-4,6	Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16	Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12	Ps 98:1-4
2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14							2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:5-10	Lk 10:25-37	Lk 10:38-42	Lk 11:1-4	Lk 11:5-13	Lk 11:15-26	Lk 11:27-28	Lk 17:11-19

Lectio Divina

While reading sacred scripture, read the words with a love and sense of discovery until something seems to strike home. Sit with the passage as one would with a good friend- not just thinking or analyzing, but instead remaining in a quiet, listening spirit, so the word can nurture and challenge you.

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Call to Prayer

"Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer."

The Word of God

Choose one of next Sunday's readings.
One person reads the scripture aloud as others are attentive to a word, phrase, or theme that is meaningful to them.
Allow for a minute of silent reflection.
Have another person read the same scripture a second time.

Faith Sharing

Begin with an open ended question such as "What strikes you from this reading?" and/or you can use the "Reflection Question" found on our website or bulletin.
Allow time for reflection & sharing.

Closing Prayer

At the end of the faith sharing, invite participants to pray aloud for any particular petitions or praises they may have. Feel free to close with:
The Lord's Prayer
Spontaneous prayers or A faith-based song

Reflection Question for October 14th

How do I show the Lord my gratitude for the many gifts and blessings he has given to me?

Mass Intentions for Week of October 7, 2007

Sunday	6:45am	Philip Gillett & Cardelia Gillett
	8:00am	Jane Gossage & Valerie Gossage
	9:30am	William Thurau & Mr. Donnelly
	11:15am	Eleanor Mansolillo & Candida Lynd
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz & Mary Louis Wilson Troy
Monday	7:00am	A.J. Faulstich & Patricia Cappello
	8:30am	Gigi Ciletti
Tuesday	7:00am	Elma Donohue & Jim Donohue
	8:30am	Michael Borkowski & Blasé Cooke
Wednesday	7:00am	Harney family, SI
	8:30am	Antoinette Bolcato
Thursday	7:00am	Elma Donohue & Jim Donohue
	8:30am	Antoinette Ducote, SI
Friday	7:00am	Maria Bochniewicz & Christopher Kelley
	8:30am	Special Intention
Saturday	8:00am	Neville de Andrado & Eleanor Mansolillo
	4:00pm	Philomena Veltre & Doff Fleshman
	5:30pm	Gerard Barcak & Jerry Lu

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, October 13th, Father Sorra and Father Peridans.

In Your Prayers, Please Remember Those Who Are Sick Especially the People Listed Below

Joey Ackermann	Beth Hartner	Dolores Prevosto
Emily Ahmuty	Gina Hindes	Edward Prevosto
Justin Arnold	Sharon Ingraham	Frank Joseph Pusateri
Rodger Barger	Andrea Keating	Rita Randazzo
Rose Marie Barger	Louise Koontz	Angela Raymond
Ann Basler	Addison Mannion	Tracey Roberts
Bradley Benefiel	Peter Marin	Be Shaw
Elizabeth Bennett	Bill Meehan	John Schanne
William Blanchard	Marie Meehan	Clarissa Schilstra
Elizabeth Bowers	Sean Mello	Jacqueline Shearer
Joan Brannan	Evelyn Metzbower	Ed Sherman
Victoria Brown	Rhonda Milauskas	Agnes Sobeck
Joseph Caron	Bob McCullum	Bill Stevens
Tim Connors	Charlie Myers	Bob Thommen
Marlene Feaga	Matthew O'Donnell	Pauline Thornton
Msgr. John Fitzgerald	Juanita Ogle	Anna Tomalis
Sally Fleshman	Rosalie Oleferchik	Lee Wellen
Dorothy Franz	Clara Olive	Joanne Wood
Aileen Gay	Susana Pasetti	Melanie Wurtzer
Mary Haney	Joe Pfeifer, Jr.	
William Hartleb	Amanda Post	



Dear Parishioners,

Good news! We've been blessed to be able to purchase approximately 3 acres of land behind the church—the land contiguous to our parking lot as you enter from Ten Oaks Road. Dale Thompson (who is developing the property) and his daughter Tracy have been truly cooperative and helpful in assisting us in acquiring this important parcel. We are otherwise land-locked! This property enables us to have space for our children to play and for over-flow parking on high holidays and during the Clarksville Picnic. Our parish is truly grateful to Dale and Tracy Thompson for not only being good neighbors but also being so kind to offer us this property at a price that comes with a heavy discount—far below market price! And I'm also pleased to report that a family in the parish has pledged 75% of the cost!

You may have noticed we have had to put a chain across the entrance to prevent parking in that area. It is important that we not ordinarily use that land for parking because Howard County required certain restrictions be added to the deed before the county would permit ownership to be transferred to Saint Louis. Essentially the county is requiring that we maintain this land as "open space"—which enables us and the new community to have a buffer between us; parking is allowed as an "exception."

Because it is so important that we use the land in compliance with the deed, I am publishing the specifics of the deed so that all of us may be informed. The deed reads:

"Specifically, the property shall be subject to certain restrictions and conditions related to the use and development of the property, which restrictions and conditions shall run with the land, and shall provide that the property shall be subjected to no more excavation than the grading which is necessary to provide for level playing fields and the subsequent grassing of the property. Fences and landscaping may be installed, subject to the Grantor's approval on up to three (3) sides of the property, and the property shall be used for only: (i) overflow parking on holidays and special events, so long as such dates do not exceed thirty (30) days per calendar year; (ii) a playground, including playground equipment; (iii) athletic playing fields, provided that any goal posts or goals are less than twenty (20) feet in height (other than a standard basketball/softball backstop which shall be permitted); or (iv) activities associated with the annual Clarksville Picnic provided that such activities are limited to one (1) week before the date of the picnic and one (1) week after the date of the picnic. The property shall not: (i) be paved with asphalt, concrete, or otherwise be covered by an impermeable or semi-impermeable surface; or (ii) contain any building, structures, or improvements of any kind, including without limitation lights, storage sheds, permanent bleachers or bathroom facilities. The Grantee shall at all times comply with any conditional use, application or permit that allows the Grantee to use the property solely for the purposes set forth herein, but shall not otherwise subject the property to any conditional use application."

There you have it! I'm delighted to share this good news with you.

Msgr. Luca

P.S. I'm praying for a generous donor to pledge the remaining 25% of the cost!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Experience teaches only the teachable.

The Altar and Sanctuary flowers are given this weekend in joyful memory of AJ Faulstich. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Marianne Faulstich providing this weekend's flowers.

The flowers for St. Joseph are given this weekend in loving memory of Michael Joseph Albanese. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the Cummings family for providing this weekend's flowers.

PILGRIMAGE WITH MONSIGNOR LUCA (May 11-22, 2008)

Next year's pilgrimage will visit Rome, Assisi, Florence and Tuscany! The pilgrimage includes visits to some of the holiest places of our Catholic Faith and an audience with Pope Benedict XVI. In addition, we will visit the village of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, the magnificent city of Florence with incredible treasure of art and several of the quaint and unique villages of Tuscany—one of the most fascinating areas of Italy. Details and cost will be announced soon. Mark your calendars for a truly memorable experience.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Our departed friends and loved ones: Patricia Capello, wife of Joseph Capello; Blasé Cooke, husband of Dawn Cooke.

CHURCH LINENS

Today by Ms. Wiedel & on October 14th by Ms. Ballard.

ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 20th/21st-Mission Sunday
 October 27th/28th-Building Fund
 November 17th/18th-Campaign fro Human Development
 November 24th/25th-Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Although religious faith is a strong force in the lives of many Americans, there is a strong tendency to privatize faith, to push it to the margins of society, confining it to people's hearts or, at best, their homes, while excluding it from the marketplace of ideas where social policy is formed and men and women acquire their view of life and its meaning. The life of a Christian steward, although challenging — even difficult — in many ways, is charged with intense joy. Those who seek to live as good stewards experience God's peace and mercy.

SOME OF THE GOOD DEEDS OUR CHILDREN OFFERED TO GOD THIS WEEK

To help my mom; Cleaning my room; Playing nicely with my brother and sister; Being good all week; Paying attention at church; Being helpful at school; Being nice to my nana all week and helped with the yard sale; Passing out hugs to the whole family; Sharing my toys; Taking my dog outside; I helped my dad; Praying a lot; I helped my mom with the party; I was nice to my sister for a long time; Helping my mom set up for the yard sale; Cheering for my friend's basketball team; Giving to Goodwill; Make a gift for mom; Made my bed; Being kind to my friends; Helping other people when they needed help; Helping mom clean up; Not getting mad; Praying the Rosary; Loving God every day and praying to Him; Being helpful around the house.

PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

RCIA	Sunday, October 7	Room 301	11:00 AM
Faith in the Family Opening	Sunday, October 7	Gym	2:00 PM
Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation	Sunday, October 7	Social Hall	4:00 PM
Novena	Monday, October 8	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, October 9	Room 305 (Music)	9:30 AM
Divine Mercy	Tuesday, October 9	Room 301	1:30 PM
High School Regional Fair	Tuesday, October 9	Gym	6:30 PM
CDA Victorian Tea Committee	Tuesday, October 9	Room 304	7:30 PM
Pastoral Council	Tuesday, October 9	Pastor's Conference Room	7:30 PM
Mothers' Playgroup	Wednesday, October 10	Nursery	10:30 AM
CDA Board Meeting	Wednesday, October 10	Room 304	5:30 PM
RCIA	Wednesday, October 10	Room 305	7:00 PM
Prayer Group	Wednesday, October 10	Room 306	8:00 PM
Middle School Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, October 11	Church	6:30 PM
Catholic Scripture Study	Thursday, October 11	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, October 11	Room 305, Church	8:00 PM
MS CYM Dance	Friday, October 12	Gym	7:00 PM
Eucharistic Holy Hour	Friday, October 12	Chapel	7:00 PM
Golf Committee Meeting	Saturday, October 13	Religious Education Loft	7:00 PM

PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?

Here are a few things to keep in mind.

- Parents must participate in a Baptism Preparation Session before the Baptism date is set.
- The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Wednesday, October 17th in Room 301 of the Pastoral Center from 7:15pm to 9:15pm.
- Please register for a session by calling the Parish office at 410-531-6040.
- One godparent must be a practicing Roman Catholic, verified by the godparent's parish.
- Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Louis for at least 6 months.

RECENT BAPTISMS AT ST. LOUIS

Rose Christine Colon,

child of Henry and Carolyn (Boyer) Colon

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please keep in your prayers for a safe return to their families: Cpt. Gregory Steenberg, Cpt. Edward Beatty, Cpt. Joshua Pike, Cpl. Dan Haack, LTC John Spain, Lt. Joseph McDonald, Spc. Curtis Campbell, Cpt. Brendan Gallagher, Lt. j.g. Clifton E. Jackson and Father Tyson Wood.

Their pictures and mailing addresses are on the board in the Narthex so you can put a name with a face in your prayers. Please do bring any pictures and addresses of your family members in the military to the parish office for inclusion in the bulletin and on the prayer board.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Join us **today, October 7th** at 3:45pm, when we commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of Animals. Bring your pets, large and small, to the front of the Church, for a brief prayer service and blessing, as we celebrate the joy of God's creation.

DONUT SALE TO BENEFIT ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Donuts after Sunday masses are back! Please join us **today October 7th** after all masses in the Parish Social Hall for delicious donuts and fellowship. Proceeds benefit St. Louis School.

REMEMBER TO TAKE 4

Take four hours per week to live out our belief that all of our time, talent and treasure is a gift from God and we should give back to God from these gifts:

- One Hour for the Eucharist
- One Hour for Prayer though Personal Prayer Time, Adoration, Lectio Divina or Bible Study
- One Hour of Service to Others, the Parish, the School or the Community
- One Hour of Your Weekly Salary in Tithe*

*Tithing is based on the Bible's instruction to give a percentage of your gross income to the Lord. This tithe is simply a guideline or estimate for one's sacrificial giving. It is suggest that you give at least one hour of your gross income to the parish through your weekly offertory giving.

GARDEN CLUB

St. Louis Garden Club members who are signed up to visit Mt. Vernon Estate and Gardens, will meet at 9am on **October 11th** in the St. Louis parking lot. The bus will leave promptly. For further information, call Beth Felsecker, 301-953-2677.

ORGAN RECITAL

Saint Louis Church Concert Series presents Paul J. Carroll, Director of Music, in an organ recital featuring music of J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Liszt, and John Weaver on **October 21st** at 4pm. Admission is free; no tickets required; free-will offering. A dessert reception will follow the concert in the Social Hall. Come and enjoy some beautiful organ music in our church! For more information call 443-535-8929.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

It is a month to reflect on the wonder, beauty and sanctity of all human life. We are created, loved, and redeemed by God. In every child, born or unborn, God sees the individual he created to love, and be loved by, for all eternity. Stop by the narthex table **this weekend**. We would love to talk with you about pro-life activities at St. Louis.

October 12th Holy Hour for Life. Join us in the Chapel at 7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and offer our prayers to the living Jesus.

October 19th Rosary for Life. The meditations of the Joyful Mysteries of the holy rosary are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death. In this beautiful format we meditate on each Hail Mary. Join us at 7pm in the Chapel.

October 26th Evening Prayer. Join us at in the Chapel at 7pm for the ancient tradition of vespers with prayers, songs and scripture.

A BABY'S FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

Our parish Respect Life Committee will sponsor a Baby Bottle Fundraiser on **October 6th/7th** to benefit the Howard County Pregnancy Center in Columbia. Your pocket change can make a difference. Please take a bottle home, fill it with coins, bills or checks and return it on either the weekend of October 27th/28th or November 3rd/4th. Your generous gift will enable the Howard County Pregnancy Center to continue to provide free services to mothers to be, the unborn and new mothers and their little ones. Please make any check payable to the Howard County Pregnancy Center. All donations are tax deductible. Thank You!



This week is our food collection weekend. We will be sorting food in the back of the Church at 6:30pm. We can always use help. With a good crew we are finished well within an hour. Sorting food is fun and easy and for parishioners of all ages. Please join us!

BEREAVEMENT MASS AND DINNER

Come join us for a remembrance of St. Louis' deceased loved ones. Mass will be celebrated **November 3rd** at 5:30pm in the church with dinner to follow at 6:30 in the Pastoral Center's Social Hall. Please call the parish office to RSVP for the dinner by Friday, October 26.

FAMILY BINGO IS BACK

Join us on **October 14th** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the school gym for Family Bingo! Bring the whole family and join the fun! Proceeds benefit St. Louis School.

ART AUCTION

Mark your calendars now for the Art Auction on **November 17th** in the Pastoral Center Social Hall. Beer, wine, soda and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Doors open at 6pm and the auction starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 or \$40 for four. No tickets will be sold at the door. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Further information will be forthcoming or contact Sal or Carol at 410-997-5975.

SPEND THE DAY IN NEW YORK THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Saint Louis is sponsoring two day trips to New York City during the Christmas Season - **December 15th** and **December 19th**. Tickets for trip only are \$60 each. Tickets for the December 15 "Rockettes" Christmas Spectacular (11:30 AM performance) are \$160. Contact Mary Helfrich at MHelfrich@StLouisparish.org or 410-241-0985 to reserve your seats.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SEW BAPTISMAL BIBS?

St. Louis has a team of wonderful volunteers who share their time and talent sewing Baptismal Bibs for the babies and children who are baptized. The bibs represent the white garment put on when they become a new creation in Christ. It is an outward sign of our Christian dignity. If you would like to help sew bibs call Julie Farmer at 301-854-1223 or email farmertakesawife@aol.com. Directions and materials are provided.

FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you like to sing? We are now searching for a few additional willing and able singers to cantor at Mass. Please contact Paul Carroll at pcarroll@stlouisparish.org or the Parish Office for more information.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There is a myth that men don't like to ask for directions when they are lost. I guess some men are that way, but I usually do stop and ask someone for the way...if I know I am lost! I was hiking recently at Great Falls (aptly named since I seem to fall every time I am there!). The trail I was on ended so I kept going straight, down to the Great Falls River. Finding no path along the bottom of the river, I decided to head back up a rather steep incline until I found the trail. Never did I find the trail there but I discovered myself in someone's backyard! The house was huge! As I tried to go around the side of it, I heard dogs barking, then saw a sign INVISIBLE FENCE. Not sure if either dogs or sign were a security system for my accidental intrusion, I very quickly made my way to the street and continued on. However, never being in this neighborhood, I realized that I was wandering aimlessly (sometimes called being lost). Can you imagine the surprised homeowner's expression when I asked him, "How do I get out of this neighborhood to Scott's Run?" (where my car was parked). He gave me directions and I made it back to the car, kissing my hood when I got there (jk). Not really learning anything at this point, I went to another

part of Great Falls Park and proceeded to get lost *again and again* found myself walking in an unknown neighborhood! Those 8 plus miles gave me time to pause (spiritually) and consider wandering vs. getting lost. Sometimes it is fun to wander, and I am a believer in the phrase "It's not the going but the getting there." and "Not all who wander are lost." And yet, other times losing your way can be dangerous. Take sin, for instance. When we lose ourselves to sin, we have wandered too far from God's love and will for our lives. Be careful as you walk and wander through life. I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOU.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

October 12th: Middle School CYM Dance from 7-10pm in the Gym. Tickets on sale starting October 1 in the Religious Education office.

October 20th: CYM Service Day

October 24th: MS CYM Youth Council Meeting in Youth Room from 6-7pm

October 26th: MS CYM Larriland Farms

October 28th: Youth Mass at 9:30am

SCHOOL NEWS

Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented Program

Nearly 50% of our 7th and 8th grade students qualified to participate in the Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented program. To qualify for this program, the student must have scored in the 95th percentile or above in one of the following areas on the student's most recent standardized test: Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies, or Total Battery. Most often, the areas of qualification require abstract, critical thinking skills. Congratulations to these students and their teachers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We extend a very sincere and warm welcome to all Parishioners to come visit our school for our **Fall Open House on October 28th** from 2 – 4pm. We are eager to share with the community the great news in education that occurs every day! Come learn more about the preschool we are planning for 08/09! Bring your neighbors and friends!
- Also in October we kick off our **Annual Appeal**. Last year we had an extraordinarily successful drive thanks to so many of you! Your support is invaluable and allows us to provide the highest quality in Catholic Education! More information on how you can help will come later in October.

A TROPICAL NIGHT IN NOVEMBER

Mark your calendars and save the date for St. Louis School's Fall Social. "A Tropical Night in November" is scheduled to take place on November 9th from 7pm till midnight at the Ten Oaks Ballroom. It is a great mixer for old friends and a wonderful opportunity to make new ones as well as a great night while having fun raising funds for the school. So far we have a great menu, Live Steel Drummers, Jimmy Buffet music, Casino Games, 50/50 Raffle, Big Wheel and a Silent Auction. When ticket sales start, we will be able to reserve tables for you and your guests upon purchase of tickets. Spread the news, get your tropical attire ready and mark your calendars for this wonderful event. If you would like to volunteer or would like to donate an item(s) for the Silent Auction please contact Lisa Ferraro at 301-776-2345 or FerrEvents@aol.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PLEASE DON'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE!!!
REGISTER NOW!!!!

All of us in the Office of Religious Education are looking forward to another fun filled year with your little ones... and big kids too!

Have you registered yet?

Please help us to better plan for September by making sure your family is registered in one of the many programs being offered. From Wee Praise Sunday School for our 3, 4 & 5 year olds to Family Religious Education for the entire family, there's a place for everyone and all are WELCOME!!

Please visit our website at www.stlouisparrish.org/reled for a schedule of classes being offered, our 2007-2008 calendar and also to download a registration form for your family. Information specific to Wee Praise Sunday School can be found at www.stlouisparrish.org/weepraise. Remember...Register Now! (Some classes are already full.) If you have any questions, just e-mail us at mjohnson@stlouisparrish.org or call at 410-531-6688.

Saturday Morning Elementary Religious Education

Remember to visit our web site www.stlouisparrish.org/reled for

access to newsletters, schedules of lessons, our calendar and so much more.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

St. Louis Young Adult Ministry (SLYA) welcomes Catholic young adults (single, married, married with children) ages 18-35, and connects them through a balance of social, service and spiritual events. SLYA is a member of the Howard County Regional Young Adult Ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Christine Loppatto (ctrlainbow@yahoo.com) or Pat Sprankle (psprankle@stlouisparrish.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12th Holy Hour in the Chapel at 7pm. We will go out afterwards for food and drinks.

October 19th Monthly Dinner at 7pm at TGI Fridays in Columbia.

October 20th Corn Maze in Thurmont and dinner at a local restaurant in Thurmont. Time TBA.

November 9th Holy Hour in the Chapel at 7pm. Dinner afterwards.

November 16th Monthly Dinner will be a Potluck Dinner at 7pm. Location TBA.

Ultimate Frisbee/Soccer game at River Hill High School fields at 4pm on October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and November 4th, 11th.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

Recurring Events:

Daily Mass, Monday thru Friday, 12 noon

(Tuesday Mass includes the Novena to St. Anthony)

Daily Evening Prayer, Monday thru Friday, 5pm

First Friday Healing Mass, 7:30pm

Third Sunday Healing Mass, 3:00pm

Confession, Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm and Friday, 7:00-8:00pm

(except for First Friday of each month)

Upcoming Events:

October 4th-November 4th, Art Exhibition at the Manor House

A collection of watercolors of the late Claude Jarmak, OFM Conv. Will be displayed in an open gallery situated in the rotunda. The exhibit particularly features landscapes of Assisi.

October 7th, Blessing of the Animals, 2pm

We ask that all pets be on a leash and accompanied by their owner.

October 7th, Dinner and Concert "Under the Arches", 6pm

Relax and enjoy an autumnal evening concert accompanied by a gourmet Italian dinner complete with wine. Adults are \$25, children \$15. RSVP required.

Unless otherwise noted, all above events are held at the Shrine of St. Anthony at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd in Ellicott City. For more info call 410-531-2800 or visit www.companionsofstanthony.org.

TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR MASS TIMES

To find church locations and Mass schedules while traveling or on vacation in the U.S.A., call 1-410-676-6000, or go to

www.MassTimes.org.

TENT OF ABRAHAM PEACE GATHERING

Members of three Abrahamic Faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - and all others of good will are invited to gather on

October 14th from 3:30pm to 7pm for panel presentations and discussion, personal and community prayer, and shared food and drink. The purpose is to understand, celebrate and enable the prophetic visions of non-violence, justice and peace that are common to the three families of Abraham. The event will be held at the Stony-Run Friends' Meeting House at 5116 N. Charles St, next to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. For more information contact Don Miles (410/531-2589 or djandctmiles@aol.com).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Cardinal Keeler encourages all Catholics to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort September 26-November 4. In addition to prayer and fasting, the faithful are encouraged to consider registering to pray outside an abortion facility, either Hillcrest Clinic, 5602 Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville (call 410-290-0643), or at Planned Parenthood (call 410-569-7226), 330 N. Howard St., Baltimore. Another clinic may also be selected if desired. In a letter to priests Cardinal Keeler wrote, "The focus will be one of conversion, forgiveness and prayer for those who provide or assist in abortions, those who encourage mothers toward abortion, and the mothers themselves, so that all may come to understand the truth of the dignity of human life from the first moment of conception. Prayer will also be for the softening of hardened hearts and the healing of broken hearts caused by abortion." For more info call Linda Brenegan at the Respect Life Office: 410-547-5537.