



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2008



Daily Mass Readings

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Is 42:1-4,6-7	1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Is 49:3,5-6
Ps 29:1-4,3, 9-10	Ps 116:12-19	1 Sm 2:1,4-8	Ps 40:2,5,7-10	Ps 44:10-11, 14-15,24-25	Ps 89:16-19	Ps 21:2-7	Ps 40:2,4,7-10
Acts 10:34-38							1Cor 1:1-3
Mt 3:13-17	Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	Jn 1:29-34

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 January 20th

How am I open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life, the same Spirit whom John saw descend upon Jesus?

Mass Intentions for Week of January 13, 2008

Sunday	6:45am	Emil Liscik & Doris Fields
	8:00am	Jane Gossage & Special Intention
	9:30am	Joseph Cassidy & Philip and Lena Zaccagnini
	11:15am	Clara Depp & Laura Berman
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz & Edna Feaga
Monday	7:00am	Jivaka deSilva
	8:30am	Jessica A. McGonigal
Tuesday	7:00am	Rudy D'Urbano, SI
	8:30am	Harney family, SI
Wednesday	7:00am	William Hopkin
	8:30am	Marvin McGlothlin
Thursday	7:00am	Special Intention
	8:30am	Mike Borkowski
Friday	7:00am	Mary Moelter
	8:30am	Blase Cooke
Saturday	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	4:00pm	Special Intention
	5:30pm	Antionette Ducote

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

We are beginning a new list for 2008. If you would like to have a name put on our sick list, please call the parish office at 410-531-6040.

Kimberly Affayoux	Maryetta Jeske	Anna Tomalis
Joan Brannan	Rochelle Ludicke	Joanne Watson
Rudy D'Urbano	Judy Morraye	
Antionette Ducote	David Pittman	

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Ethel Hauser, mother of Matthew Hauser and grandmother of Kaetlyn and Sarah; Louise Randall Hodges, aunt of Ruth Randall Hoch.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, January 19th. Father Sorra and Father Peridans.

CHURCH LINENS

Today by Ms. Gill & on January 20th by Ms. Hoeck.



Dear Parishioners,

I'm often asked about the possibility of praying in our Chapels. Many parishioners may not know that our 1889 Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 6pm and on Saturdays from 7:30am to 4pm. In addition, the Chapel is open all day on Sunday for Eucharistic Adoration. You are most certainly welcome to stop in, pay a visit, say a prayer or light a votive candle.

Our Cemetery Chapel, built in 1855 and recently renovated, is open Monday through Saturdays from 11am to 1pm. It is closed on Sundays since Mass and Adoration are the focal points on the Sabbath. You are invited to pray for your beloved deceased or to simply stop in for a moment of prayer and quiet.

Msgr. Luca

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If it were not for hope, the heart would break.

PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

RCIA	Sunday, January 13	Room 301	11:00 AM
Deeper Waters CYM	Sunday, January 13	Howard Bishop A, B, C	6:00 PM
Novena	Monday, January 14	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, January 15	Room 305	9:30 AM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, January 15	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Respect Life Committee	Tuesday, January 15	Room 303	7:30 PM
Mothers' Playgroup	Wednesday, January 16	Nursery	10:30 AM
CDA	Wednesday, January 16	Social Hall	7:30 PM
Prayer Group Mass	Wednesday, January 16	Chapel	8:00 PM
Catholic Scripture Study	Thursday, January 17	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 17	Room 305, Church	8:00 PM
Faith in the Family Pizza Night	Friday, January 18	Howard Bishop A, B, C	6:30 PM
Cub Scouts Religious Medals Preparation	Saturday, January 19	Chapel	9:00 AM

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers used to decorate our church sanctuary are available to honor a loved one who is living or deceased. The flowers may also be used as an expression of gratitude to God on special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays or other significant events. In addition to placing flowers at the Altar in loving memory of someone, you may also acknowledge loved ones, with flowers at the other shrines in our new church. Flowers for the Shrine of St. Louis, Shrine of St. Joseph or the Blessed Mother are \$50 each; Pieta is \$75; Altar Flowers are \$75. Arrangements may be made by calling the parish office (410-531-6040) Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and 5pm. All who are honored will be acknowledged in the bulletin.

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

I said special prayers for my grandfather who died 6 years ago; I help with chores; I helped my grandma when she had a hard time; I prayed for peace on Christmas; I cleaned my room and said I love you; Gave toys to a needy family for Christmas; Helping to clean up the house; Doing a Tae Kwan Do class with my dad; I prayed before I went to bed and before I ate dinner; I helped a friend make a birthday card; I made my bed; I helped my mom do the dishes; Picked up my toys; I watched my brother for my parents; I helped my sister when she was sick; I listen to my mom and dad; I gave my pen pal a gift; Sharing with my sister; I collected homework for twins who were not at school; Doing silverware; I swept the garage.

ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 19th/20th-Special Care for Diocesan Priests
January 26th/27th-Building Fund
February 5th/6th-Eastern Europe

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Being a light to the nations means work. Like those who minister to prisoners, it means getting your hands dirty.
Faith without works is sentimentality.
Faith with works is stewardship.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

The following offerings were made after the publication of the Christmas Flower Memorial Booklet:

Given By

Mrs. Anne Ardoin
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Collins
Chris Fay
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Javellana
Mrs. Theresa Kaminski
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kemp
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Kovalyak
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Kovalyak
Mrs. Fiume Orwig
Mr. & Mrs. Len Pettiford
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rankin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rankin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rankin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rankin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rankin
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sanin
Mr. & Mrs. John Wolf
Mr. & Mrs. John Wolf
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In Memory/Honor Of

Jeff D. Ardoin
Collins Family Members
Dearstone Family Members
Wil J. Dooley, Sr.
Special Intention
Special Intention
Special Intention
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cellerini
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kovalyak
Special Intention
Special Intention
Alice L. Day
James Donald Day, Jr.
James Donald Day, Sr.
Frances Rankin
James Rankin
Margaret Hovett Olson
Rosina & Matthias Beutgen
Lillian & John Wolf
Lawrence Wolf
Eric Wolf
John & Stella Beutgen

2007 TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a statement of your contributions for 2007 to St. Louis Church, please call the parish office. If you contribute to the Preserve Our Treasured Legacy campaign you will automatically receive a statement for contributions to the campaign as well as all other contributions. All other statements will be mailed by request and should be ready shortly. Thank you!

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

This year's pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence and Tuscany is sold out.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

For your convenience the Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 9am-8:30pm, Saturday from 9am-6pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. The office is closed weekdays from 12:30pm-1:30pm for lunch. The entrance to the Parish Office is located along the right side of the front entrance to the new church.

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, February 13th 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember the following soldiers in your prayers: Cpt. Gregory Steenberge, 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, Father Tyson Wood, 1st Lt. Matthew Middleton, PFC Catherine Sanagursky, PFC Joseph Henry, Lt. John Ryan, Lt. Steven Cooper, 1st Lt. Robert Charles, Cpl. Allen Scott P. and Mr. Kenneth Abel.

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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Looking for food for thought (and maybe heart)? Fr. Dominique has posted his homily (and other presentation) notes on the parish website: www.stlouispish.org.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Liturgy will be televised in this chapel during the 4pm Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses on Sunday. This chapel is provided for parents of toddlers to teach their little ones to pray and participate in our celebration of Eucharist. Because our children's chapel is a sacred space, not a "cry room," nursery or playroom, please refrain from bringing any food, snacks, toys or crayons into the chapel and remember to turn off cell phones. It is our responsibility to help our children understand why Mass is different and why we behave differently there than we do in secular situations. Distractions are left behind... this is our special time to be with God.

FAMILY BINGO

Come join the fun **today, January 13th** from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the school gym for the first St. Louis Family BINGO of 2008! Have dinner, play BINGO, win a dessert and enjoy a great time with other families. Bring the whole family! We hope to see you there!!



WELCOME SESSION & PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new or nearly new to the parish, please plan to join us **next Sunday, January 20th** for our New Parishioner Welcoming Program. In order to REGISTER and officially join our parish family we invite you to attend. We will meet Sunday afternoon from 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center.

RESPECT LIFE

Do you want to promote a Culture of Life? Come and see how you can help your brothers and sisters in Christ in promoting a true respect for all life! The next Respect for Life meeting is on **January 15th** at 7:30pm in Room 303 (note room change). For more info or to join the Respect Life Ministry or just to talk, call 410-730-0201 or e-mail gkissane@verizon.net.

Roe v. Wade reality check:

Myth: "High court rules abortion is legal the first three months".

FACT: Abortion is legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.

In Roe v Wade the Supreme Court ruled that abortion may not be restricted at all in the first trimester; in the second trimester abortion may be regulated only for the mother's health. After "viability," abortion may be prohibited except where necessary to preserve the mother's health. Roe's companion case, Doe v. Bolton, defined maternal "health" as: "all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient." Thus, abortion is legal—and cannot be prohibited—in the 7th, 8th, or 9th months of pregnancy if any of these reasons is invoked.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22nd is the 35th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. The theme for this year's Walk is "Build Unity on the Life Principles throughout America-No Exceptions! No Compromise!" The 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision denied the personhood of the unborn, making abortion legal for all nine months of pregnancy. As Catholics, we are called to embrace the teachings of the Gospel of Life and to be leaders in the renewal of American respect for the sanctity of life. Please join with fellow parishioners on Tuesday, January 22nd as we march in public witness for legal protection of the innocent and defenseless unborn. Mass will be said at 8:30am and we will depart from the Church parking lot promptly at 10am and return by 5:30pm. St. Louis will sponsor busses for those wishing to attend but the round trip Metro fare is \$3.00 (exact change please). Call Pat Kelley at 410-997-8094 or the parish office at 410-531-6040 for bus reservation information.

UNITED IN PRAYER

If you can't attend the March for Life in Washington, but want to be part of this mission, join us in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Beginning at 9am, and at the top of each hour following, we will pray the rosary followed by silent prayer and meditation on life related issues. Benediction will end the day at approximately 5pm when those attending the March for Life return and join us. Come to the Chapel throughout the day on **January 22nd** as we pray for life! Please contact Jenny Thompson at 301-854-2279 if you can commit to a specific hour to pray for life before the True Presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. Your prayers are POWERFUL!

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

{You may have seen this already, but it is worth repeating. Thanks, Eileen!}

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares .

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together .

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOU!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

January 22: March for Life. HS CYM is going! 7:30am-6pm

January 26: High School NYC Trip!

January 27: Youth Mass at 9:30am

January 28: "Survival Skills for Parents!" in the Religious Ed Loft from 7-8:15pm

February 1: HS CYM Open Gym from 7-10pm

February 2-3: Parish Ministry Fair after all masses. Call Pat to help!

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 (ctlrainbow@yahoo.com) or Pat Sprinkle (psprinkle@stlouisparish.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18th Monthly Dinner at 7pm. This month is a chili potluck. Please bring your favorite chili and drinks to share. Dinner will be held in Howard Bishop Room C. Contact Jason McDuffie (jcm97973@hotmail.com) for more information.

February 15th Monthly Dinner at 7pm. Location TBD.

SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Schools Light the Way!

This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week (1/27-2/2/08) seems to have been chosen specifically with our school in mind. St. Louis School has been Lighting the Way for nearly 80 years by teaching our youth about our faith and providing the highest quality of education.

On Sunday, **January 27th from 2 to 4 p.m.**, we will kick off Catholic Schools Week with an Open House for families. Teachers from every grade will be on hand as will administrators and current parents and students. Tours of the school will also be given. Don't forget -- in the Fall of 2008 we will be opening a **Pre-School** for 4 year old children.

Come see how we Light the Way at St. Louis School!

Our "Attitude of Gratitude" campaign is on its way!

In mid-November, we kicked-off our 2007-2008 Annual Appeal to benefit St. Louis School. This year, we are focusing on all the reasons we are grateful to belong to this community ~ and there are so many! We are grateful for our teachers, our administrators and our faith-filled community that instills in our students the desire to help others and their responsibility to those less fortunate. We have already received over \$25,000 and the donations keep pouring in! We are so grateful for all of the support you have given us and hope we can count on your support again this year.

As you make plans for giving in 2008, please remember the children and add St. Louis School to your list. Giving envelopes are available at the Ministry table in the Narthex and information about the appeal is posted weekly on our bulletin board and on the website at www.stlouisparish.org/school. Our Annual Appeal Parent Co-Chairs are Colleen Craig (301-260-2847) and Dana Riley (410-531-5662). They will be happy to talk to you or to help you become involved in this most important campaign.

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:

January 13th: "Pray Without Ceasing" Annual Christian Unity Service, 5:00pm

January 14th: Mass for Dignity of the Human Person, Noon

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.

CLASSES OFFERED AT

THE SANCTUARY AT DELLWOOD SPRINGS

The Sanctuary at Dellwood Springs, Spiritual Retreat Center is offering the following classes starting February 1, 2008.

Please call 301-854-1120 for a class schedule and to register for: GRIEF SUPPORT; GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION, CENTERING PRAYER, HOLY FRIENDSHIPS; SPIRITUAL GARDENING FOR YOUR SOUL AND SOIL; GOD IS GOOD; AND STUDYING THE LIFE OF THE SAINTS (WINTER CLASS WILL BE ON TERESA OF AVILA.

CARDINAL SHEHAN SCHOOL REUNION

Cardinal Shehan School is celebrating its 20th year beginning in the fall of 2008. We are looking for any and all alums...students, families, faculty and staff. Please visit our website at www.cardinalshehanschool.org where you will find a link for alums or email predman@cardinalshehanschool.org or call 410-433-2775.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact: 1-800-286-4224 or email projectrachel@archbalt.org. The cost is \$150.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Contact us for additional information or check out www.project-rachel.net or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels in Howard County has a variety of volunteer positions available. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Howard County office at 410-730-9476.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

If you have a clothing donation, you may drop your items into the blue St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin located in the rear of the St. Louis Church parking lot by the Maintenance Barn. If you need to obtain a receipt for your clothing donations, you need to call St. Vincent de Paul directly at 410-276-7600. Clothing items should be placed in sturdy plastic bags and tied securely and then placed *in the bin*, making sure that the bags are pushed up and over the inside ledge. 15 gallon trash bags fit well in the clothing bin drop slot. This is a wonderful opportunity for used clothing in good condition to be distributed to the poor. It would be regrettable should there be the need to remove the bin from the St. Louis Campus. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

BISHOP'S SCHOLARSHIP TO MOUNT ST. MARY'S

The Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship provided by Mount St. Mary's University to a student from the Archdiocese of Baltimore in the amount of \$15,000. Applicants for the Bishop's Scholarship must be accepted as a freshman to the university, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and 1100 SAT (CR and Math), and submit a 500-word essay with their scholarship application. Deadline is February 1. To learn more about the Mount and to obtain a Bishop's Scholarship application, visit www.msmary.edu/bishop or call 1-800-448-4347 to schedule a campus visit.