



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 6, 2008



Daily Mass Readings

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1	Acts 8:1-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 2:14, 36-41
Ps 16:1-2,5, 7-11	Ps 119:23-24, 26-27,29-30	Ps 31:3-4,6-8, 17,21	Ps 66:1-7	Ps 66:8-9, 16-17,20	Ps 117:1-2	Ps 116:12-17	Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 1:17-21							1 Pt 2:20-25
Lk 24:13-35	Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	Jn 10:1-10

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 April 13th

How do I Understand Jesus' promise that he came to give us "life more abundantly."

Mass Intentions for Week of April 6, 2008

Sunday	6:45am	Ralph Fernandez
	8:00am	Jane Gossage & Wayne Harting
	9:30am	William Thurau & Mark Kurtzman
	11:15am	Edna Feaga & John Brian Schoppert
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz & Claudio Calderone
Monday	7:00am	Dorothy Trovato
	8:30am	Frank Flynn's family
Tuesday	7:00am	John McGunigal & Special Intention
	8:30am	Richard Hurst & Mary Fitzpatrick
Wednesday	7:00am	Guido Sepe
	8:30am	Jeanne Mortimer
Thursday	7:00am	Ludwig Heller
	8:30am	Adam Feaga
Friday	7:00am	Jeanne Petty
	8:30am	Antionette Ducote, SI
Saturday	8:00am	Special Intention
	4:00pm	Karen Brown
	5:30pm	Abigal E. Peddicord & Jerome C. Peddicord

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

If you would like to have a name put on our sick list, please call the parish office at 410-531-6040. Names on the Sick List will be included for three months. If you would like your name to be listed after the three month period, please call the Parish Office at that time. Thank you.

Doni Belleza	Scott Kingsley	Gerry Shaw
Bradley Benefiel	Louise Koontz	Tim Shaw
Joan Brannan	Nancy Krug	Charlie Smith
John Conrad	Peter Marin	Matthew Sussan
Rudy D'Urbano	Mary Marilley	Meghanne Symon
Jacob Dexter	Bob McCollum	Harriett Teixeira
Antionette Ducote	Ruth McGinnis	Regie Tesk
Betty Farrell	Evan "Mort" Mortimer	Bob Thommen
Peggy Fry	Judy Morraye	Anna Tomalis
Betsy Haney	John Nash	Joanne Watson
Beth Hartner	Robert Overberg	John Williams
Charles Hopkin	Melissa P.	Samantha Wierney
Br. Jim Horan, SJ	David Pittman	Melanie Wurtzer
Sharon Ingraham	John Rettaliata	Bernadette Zellars
Maryetta Jeske	Bea Shaw	
Good Friend of the DeJames Family		

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Our departed friends and loved ones: Mary Fitzpatrick, mother of Sharon Rodgers and grandmother of Kathryn, Kevin and Connor.



Dear Parishioners,

You may have noticed work being done on our parish grounds. Since we were able to purchase some of the property behind us, we've removed years of debris, cleaned out the underbrush and relocated the four large trees that had delineated the previous property line. This has visually "opened up" our property and enabled us to do some grading and seeding. By doing this we have gained an additional 30 feet of usable land that will be more useful as a play area for our children and for overflow parking. Hopefully we will also be able to create a baseball diamond and soccer field.

Since the construction of our new church, we have planted over 500 new trees and tree-lings on our property. As you can see some of the trees have not made it partly to last year's dry spell and partly due to damage caused by deer. So we will be replacing these plantings.

On the parking lot, we are installing decorative boulders and plantings in the grassy islands. These islands are an integral part of our storm water management system and need to be protected. Unfortunately some people have been driving over them, parking on them and thus causing serious damage and problems for us. The boulders will be softened with plantings of liriope and rose bushes which bloom all summer and are resistant to drought and salt. It is my hope that these islands will not only be visually pleasing but also serve as a reminder to drivers not to drive or park on these islands.

Msgr. Luca

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Justifying a fault doubles it.

The Altar and Sanctuary flowers in the Church are given this weekend in loving memory of our parents, Albert and Franziska Heil, by Harold and Elizabeth Ginsberg.

The Altar and Sanctuary flowers in the Chapel are given this weekend in loving memory of Virginia and James Grove. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Ginny Matthias for providing this weekend's flowers.

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

PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Novena	Monday, April 7	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, April 8	Room 305	9:30 AM
Divine Mercy	Tuesday, April 8	Room 301	1:30 PM
Pastoral Council	Tuesday, April 8	Pastor's Conference Room	7:30 PM
Mothers' Playgroup	Wednesday, April 9	Nursery	10:30 AM
STAND	Wednesday, April 9	Social Hall	1:30 PM
CDA Board	Wednesday, April 9	Room 304	5:30 PM
Picnic Raffle Committee	Wednesday, April 9	Room 306	7:00 PM
Baptism Prep	Wednesday, April 9	Room 301, 302	7:15 PM
JOYS Game Night	Wednesday, April 9	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Prayer Group	Wednesday, April 9	Room 305	8:00 PM
Garden Club	Thursday, April 10	Room 301, 302	8:00 AM
Why Catholic	Thursday, April 10	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, April 10	Room 305, Church	8:00 PM
CYM MS Dance	Friday, April 11	Gym	7:00 PM
Respect Life Mass & Reception	Saturday, April 12	Church, Social Hall	5:30 PM

ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 26th/27th-Building Fund

May 3rd/4th-Seminarians

May 24th/25th-Building Fund

June 7th/8th-Black and Native Americans

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another, like good stewards dispensing the grace of God in its varied forms."

(1 Peter 4:10)

PRESERVING OUR TREASURED LEGACY

Please consider doing your part by making a sacrificial pledge to this campaign that will enable us to bring down the mortgage of our new Church and Pastoral Center.

1. If you gave to the Heritage of Hope Campaign, which ended in 2001, consider making a pledge to the Legacy Campaign. Or...
2. If you are nearing the end of your payment to the Legacy Campaign, consider extending your pledge for another year or two. Or...
3. If you are new to the parish or were unable to make a pledge in the past, consider doing your part by making a pledge now.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to support and participate in this important time in the life of our parish. For additional information contact the parish office at 410-531-6040. Thanks sincerely to all who have been supportive.

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

Helping my parent clean up; Helped clean the basement for Easter; Shared with my sister; Helping my dad cook; Not whining when asked to do something; Led my family prayers before Easter dinner; I helped my dad when mom was gone; I paid attention during Mass and did not run to the bathroom; I made my bed and my parents too; Doing the best I can; Random acts of kindness; I made my sister lunch; I did the dishes two days in a row without being asked; I did something special for my sister when she came home from Mexico; Helping someone do their work; Make my grandmother happy and proud of me; I help my sister make things; I lighted a candle and said my prayers for my sick grandfather; I love Jesus who rose for me.

ARE YOU A "SNOW BIRD"?

Help us update our files and ensure that you get your mail when you are away. If you are away from your primary address for an *extended annual time frame* please call the Parish Office at 410-531-6040. We will be happy to update your file and ensure your St. Louis mail gets forwarded to you.

CHURCH LINENS

Today by Ms. Tranchitella & on April 13th by Ms Wiedel.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, April 12th. Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

HOWARD COUNTY HOSPITAL CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

In order to better serve Catholic patients at Howard County General Hospital, the Catholic parishes in Howard County are sponsoring a priest to offer pastoral care to patients at the hospital—especially in times of emergency. **Father Edward Szymanski** will be the first priest called in cases of emergency. In a day of more Catholics and fewer priests, Saint Louis is happy to sponsor this effort to provide priestly care for Catholic patients.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were elected to the Pastoral Council last weekend: John Clarke, John Justice, Chris Long and Chris Timanus. And our sincerest thanks to all who were willing to put their names on the ballot.

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, April 9th 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

John Walter Birrane, Jr.,
child of John and Mary (Meiser) Birrane

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember the following soldiers in your prayers:
Cpt. Gregory Steenberge, Cpt. Edward Beatty, Cpl. Dan Haack, LTC John Spain, Lt. Joseph McDonald, Spc. Curtis Campbell, Cpt. Brendan Gallagher, 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., Capt. Kristy Steenberge 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 DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

This week is our food collection weekend. We will be sorting food in the narthex 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.



ARE YOU LISTED IN THE PARISH DIRECTORY?

Each year St. Louis publishes a Parish Directory which is available to all parishioners for pick-up at the Picnic. If you would like to be listed in the directory or your contact information has changed please fill out a form available in the kiosk in the narthex and return it to the Parish Office by **April 28th**. Additionally, if you would like to advertise in the directory please call Phil or Tim Maher of FATA at 410-578-3600.

ST. LOUIS GARDEN CLUB

The St. Louis Garden Club monthly meeting will be held on **April 10th** at 9am in the St. Louis Pastoral Center. Master gardener, Melanie McKibbin, will give a talk on flowering shrubs. New members are most welcome. For further information, please call Kay Bair at 301-854-0173.



CELEBRATE LIFE~ARE YOU A NEW PARENT? EXPECTING? ADOPTING?

Do you have a new child by birth or adoption this past year? Your parish family at St. Louis wants to celebrate the wondrous gift of life that God has given. Each year, as part of our Respect Life activities, we give families in the parish a chance to share and celebrate the gift of new life. Join us at the 5:30pm Mass on **April 12th** and at a reception immediately following in the Pastoral Center Social Hall.

Deacon Stash Dailey will talk about the miracle of his birth after an attempted abortion, the gift of life and the love and compassion of Christ Jesus. Join him on Friday, April 11th at 7:30pm in the Social Hall.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Be a voice for life and attend the parish Respect Life meeting. Everyone is welcome. Our next meeting is **April 15th** at 7:30pm in Room 304. For more info call Grace Kissane at 410-730-0201.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

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

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Honor/Memory Of</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Barger	Barger Family Members
Lisa Brendes	Albert F. Brendes
Lisa Brendes	Albert C. & Mary Brendes
Lisa Brendes	Anna & Louis Sabatini
Lisa Brendes	Arnold B. Valentine
Mrs. Lisa Ferraro & Mr. Shible Shible	Josephine Ferraro
Mrs. Lisa Ferraro & Mr. Shible Shible	Elaine Ferraro
Mrs. Lisa Ferraro & Mr. Shible Shible	Oudie Shible
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Guthrie	Wyatt Genrty
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Guthrie	William & Frances Guthrie
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Guthrie	William Patrick Guthrie
William & Rosario Inglis	Francisco Rodriguez
Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Jimenez	Special Intention
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kemp	Special Intention
Mrs. Joan McDaniel	Special Intention
Mr. & Mrs. Len Pettiford	Special Intention
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Jose Borrouzo
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Amparo Borrouzo
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Rosario CuUnjieng
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Ramon Borrouzo
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Jose Borrouzo, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Benito CuUnjieng
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Abelardo Valencia
Mr. & Mrs. Abelardo Valencia	Socorro Valencia

CONGRATULATIONS CUB SCOUTS PACK 108

St. Louis Cub Scout Pack 108 would like to congratulate the following Senior Webelos for achieving Cub Scouting's highest award, The Arrow of Light: Daniel Budai, Daniel Burnett, Gabriel Costa, Zack Denison, Will Derenge, Paul Donald, Nicholas Esquela, Tyler Gleeson, and Joseph Keating. Congratulations and good luck in all your future endeavors!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

During the month of May, about 160 of our children will share in an event of great joy for both them and our entire Catholic community. They will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. They and their families have been preparing for the celebration of this Sacrament for some time now. They have learned how sacred and precious the gift of the Eucharist is and what it means to share that gift with others. Our St. Louis family recognizes what a gift these children are to us and we ask for your prayers as we bring these two great gifts together...

Blessing for our First Communicants

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life,
travel beside these children as
they take their first steps to your table.
Help them to recognize you
in the words of Holy Scripture,
in the Blessed Sacrament,
in your people, and in themselves.
Draw these children close to you so they
may radiate your love to others.
Amen.

Important Dates for First Communion Families to remember:

- April 11 "Blessing Cup" Activity (Howard Bishop at 5pm & 7pm)
- May 1 Rehearsals for May 3rd Celebrations (4:30pm & 6:30pm)
- May 3 First Holy Communion Celebrations (9:30am & 12:30pm)
- May 4 May Crowning Procession after 12:45 Mass
- May 7 First Holy Communion Quilt Raffle (Howard Bishop at 7pm)

SAVE THE DATE!

REGISTER NOW! Vacation Bible School is coming once again to St. Louis Church this summer. Join us 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on July 14 through July 18 for a lot of faith filled fun. Our nominal tuition includes a T-shirt, daily snack, daily craft and a lot of fun! Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available to download. Just go to the parish website www.stlouisparish.org, then click on St. Louis Religious Education in the far left column, then click on St Louis Parish in the top middle of the page, then click on Vacation Bible School and follow the onscreen instructions. There is a free nursery for the younger children of volunteers. If you have any questions or need additional information about our Vacation Bible School program, please contact Mrs. Moira Monk at 410-531-6752. See you all soon!

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

In a *Baltimore Sun* (3/24/08) front page article, I read with some interest about the Gettysburg battlefield. Most of us have probably been to Gettysburg to walk the battlefields and sightsee but I am not only a Mount Saint Mary's grad (next town over) but have hiked the fields and town of Gettysburg at least 10 times. Anytime I see a book or article on Gettysburg, I get interested...However, as I read this article last week, I became even more excited and fascinated. You see, the article started off about a 16 year old who, soon after the Civil War, collected relics, sometimes from dead soldier's bodies. This young man would later found a museum and his descendants would create a huge electronic map for visitors to see the directions of troops and main battles at the town. I remembered thinking, "Hey, wait a minute, that young man's name is the same as my grandmother's maiden name!" I called my dad who informed me that his great grandfather's name was the same as this young man! Our ancestors were an important part in keeping the history of Gettysburg alive!

Family...You can't choose them like you can your friends and yet they are so important to who you are! In the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' family history is laid out so everyone can see what a very human lineage he really had (some for whom to be proud, others not so much!) I think Matthew was saying that Jesus was like us in every way (and I mean skeletons in ancestors closets way!) but sin. He came to bring about a new family, very human but hopefully committed to a new kind of love and belonging in the Body of Christ. When we are with our family (whether at home or in our church home), do we think this way? Do we build up others or tear them down? Do we try to live in peace, justice and unconditionally or does our family look more like a Gettysburg battle? May God give you the patience, peace and courage to grow with our family in the love of Jesus.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- April 11th Middle School CYM Dance from 7-10pm. Tickets on sale starting 3/31 in the Religious Education office.
- April 13th World Youth Day Thanks to Parish for support after 9:30am & 11:15am Masses in Social Hall.
- April 25th High School Bonfire
- April 26th-27th Fair Trade Coffee Sales and 9:30am Youth Mass

News from World Youth Day Pilgrims

We would like to thank Monsignor, and the entire St. Louis Parish for continuing to support World Youth Day 2008--through prayer and contributing to the success of our bake and fair trade coffee sales! The World Youth Day Pilgrims would be privileged to pray for any special intentions parishioners would like to request. A special prayer book located in the church next to the statue of St. Louis is available for anyone to write their personal intention they would like to share. This book will be taken to Sydney and the World Youth Day Mass with the Pope where all the intentions will be offered. If you would prefer, you may e-mail your intentions to psprinkle@stlouisparish.org and they will be scribed into the book. We are so grateful how you always make our youth feel they are a contributing and important part of this parish!

SCHOOL NEWS

Pre-Kindergarten is Here!!!

Did you know St. Louis School will be offering a Pre-K program starting in Fall '08? It provides the benefit of an Archdiocese-approved Pre-K curriculum right in our own school. It is open to 4 year old children and is a half day session. Slots are still available for the afternoon session. If you are interested, call the school office at 410.531.6664. It's never too early to help your child Light the Way! *The school also has openings in other grades for Fall 2008.*

Gift Card Program

St. Louis School is once again collecting gift cards to help raise money for the school. Please consider donating your partially or unused gift cards. Gift cards that contain any amount are appreciated. The school receives money back for every gift card donated. Please ask your friends and family members to contribute as well. Collection envelopes are available with the St. Louis school parents selling Scrip in the Narthex of the church after Mass. The Gift Card Fundraiser will continue until April 1st. Contact Jane Ponton at tjponton@comcast.net or (301) 596-7253 with questions.

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 Kristen Daub (kdaub@stlouispish.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16th Bible Study from 7:30pm-9pm. Location tbd.

April 18th-20th Regional Young Adult Retreat weekend in Southern Maryland. Cost is \$125. Contact Christine (ctrlainbow@yahoo.com) for more details.

May 9th Holy Hour in the Chapel at 7pm. Dinner and fellowship afterwards.

May 28th Bible Study in the Pastoral Center room 303 from 7:30pm-9pm.

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:

April 26th, Workshop on Anger, 9am-noon

Join Fr. Bart as we look at the emotion of anger: why we get angry, how we deal with anger, and how we can use it constructively. Cost is \$25 and registration is required.

May 26th, Memorial Day Mass, 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.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **May 16th-18th** call 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com. If you would like to receive info in the mail, email us at tomncarol@comcast.net.

INTERESTED IN THE SUMMER TERM AT THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY?

The Ecumenical Institute of Theology offers graduate theological education to qualified men and women from throughout the Archdiocese. Classes can be taken for credit or audited. Applications for the summer term (June 9 - July 17) will be accepted until May 15. The spring shadowing program April 14-17 will provide an opportunity for prospective students to sit in on classes. Reservations are required. For more information on applying to the Ecumenical Institute of Theology or to make a reservation for the shadowing program, contact Patty Rath at 410/864-4200 or prath@stmarys.edu.