



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 27, 2009



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	1 John 1:5-2:2	1 John 2:3-11	1 John 2:12-17	1 John 2:18-21	Numbers 6:22-27	1 John 2:22-28	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10	Psalms 124:2-5, 7-8	Psalms 96:1-3, 5-6	Psalms 96:7-10	Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13	Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8	Psalms 98:1-4	Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24					Galatians 4:4-7		Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Luke 2:41-52	Matthew 2:13-18	Luke 2:22-35	Luke 2:36-40	John 1:1-18	Luke 2:16-21	John 1:19-28	Matthew 2:1-12

What is 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.

Call to Prayer

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

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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 or Spontaneous prayers or a faith-based song.

Reflection Question for Next Sunday, January 3, 2010

Right on the heels of Christmas joy, there are hints of a plot to destroy Jesus. The power of evil – jealousy, fear, lying – is all there in Herod's response to the threat of another king. But the Magi are persistent and faithful. We search for the Lord like the Magi did, but know that just to *want* to look for Jesus means that he has always already found us.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

ACTS Men's Monday Small Group	Monday, December 28, 2009	Room 305	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, December 28, 2009	Chapel	7:30 PM
ACTS Women's Retreat Team	Tuesday, December 29, 2009	Room 301/302	7:00 PM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Tuesday, December 29, 2009	Howard Bishop Rooms	6:30 PM
RCIA	Wednesday, December 30, 2009	Room 301/302	7:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, December 30, 2009	Room 306	8:00 PM
ACTS Men's Group	Saturday, January 02, 2010	Room 305	7:00 AM
First Saturday Fellowship Coffee	Saturday, January 02, 2010	Social Hall	8:00 AM



Dear Parishioners:

This year's **Christmas Concert** was truly a very special one! The concert featured our St Louis Choir, the St Louis Middle School Chorus, the St Louis Orchestra and five exceptional vocalists including "our own" Christopher Rhodovi and Kate Douglass.

We were also very fortunate and honored to have as our guest organist, **Donald S. Sutherland**, a world-renowned organist who has performed throughout the United States and Europe including such places as the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, Westminster Abbey, London, and King's College, Cambridge—just to name a few. Mr. Sutherland has just returned from St. Petersburg, Russia where he performed two concerts to dedicate the new Blue Organ at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and now he can add **Clarksville** to his impressive accomplishments!!!

The entire program was under the direction of our distinguished Director of Music **Paul J. Carroll** who truly has been a great blessing for our parish and to whom I extend our deepest thanks.

All who attended were delighted by the program that featured the perfect blend of music that was both serious and spiritually uplifting—such as the performance of The Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio—as well as familiar "songs of the season" that brought great joy to our hearts.

My deepest thanks to all the members of our choir, the school chorus, the vocalists and instrumentalists and especially Paul Carroll for a marvelous, marvelous concert.

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*As we approach the end of the Year 2009 my **New Year Prayer** for each of you is that you may live in a home at peace and in a world at peace. May you be blessed in 2010 with every joy, good health, and a deeper awareness of God's love for you.*

**Happy New Year!**

Msgr. Luca

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person.*

*--Benjamin Franklin—Poor Richard's Almanack*

**ADVENT CANDLES:** The candles for the Blessed Mother last weekend were in loving memory of Mary Lazarek and Ann Sheehan. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the Lazarek family for providing last weekend's candles.

**CHURCH LINENS:** Altar linens are to be picked up this week by Ms. Tranchitella and next week by Ms. Wiedel.

# WORSHIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Next Saturday, January 2nd by Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel is canceled on December 27 & 28 and January 3 & 4. Adoration will resume on January 10 & 11.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES:**  
Please continue to remember the following service members in your prayers: Cpl. Dan Haack, Cpt. Joseph McDonald, Cpt. Brendan Gallagher, PFC Joseph Henry, Lt. John Ryan, Lt. Denise Recardi, USNR, Major Chaplain Father Tyson Wood, Cpt. Brian Green, PFC Patrick Bacon, LCP Daniel Smith, LCP Larry Draughn, Ensign Kelly McLin, CH (Captain) Arek Ochalek, CPL James Parquette, Cpt. Steven Cooper, LCpl Dane Joyce, LC Christopher Holly, Major Will Fenwick; Cmdr. J. Patrick Madden, PFC Patrick Steckman, 1st LT Vincent Paul Rubbo, SR Mark Mangus, Jr.

**PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?** The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in Room 301 of the Pastoral Center from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office at 410-531-6040 to register.

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

- Lucy Ferri, mother of Father Greg Ferri
- Verna Kuzmicki, mother of Kathleen Frampton
- Leslie Tabajdy, husband of Ilona Tabajdy, father of Maria Waters and Liz Harmon

**SICK LIST:** 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.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:**

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|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Josephine Adamsky   | Leo Mortimer      | Nick Riccio           |
| Joan Brannan        | Nancy Mortimer    | Nelson Rinehart       |
| Drena Cunningham    | Peggie Murray     | Kathryn Rosewag       |
| Mitchell Cupps      | Matthew Norwic    | Lori Ryan             |
| Mary Dauer          | Stephanie Norwic  | Martine Mary Schwarts |
| James Edmonston     | Isabella O'Rourke | Mary Frances          |
| Jim Haig            | Lori Olivi        | Steve Scott           |
| Sue Hall            | Brendan Pegg      | JoAnne Simmons        |
| Karen Hutson-Botler | Leah Pegg         | Doris Slack           |
| Shirley Ingraham    | Kelli Penn        | Claudia Smallwood     |
| Shannan Machado     | Emanuel Picek     | Richard Tobin         |
| S.A. McClain        | Teagan Price      |                       |

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009**

|           |         |                                               |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 6:45am  | John Evans and Renea Shields                  |
|           | 8:00am  | Jane Gossage and Buzz Wiedel                  |
|           | 9:30am  | John Evans and Buzz Wiedel                    |
|           | 11:15am | Ralph Crane and Marvin McGlothlin             |
|           | 12:45pm | Maria Bochniewicz and Vestelle Thorpy         |
| Monday    | 7:00am  | Michael & Marie Albanese and Buzz Wiedel      |
| Tuesday   | 7:00am  | Buzz Wiedel and Tran Van Phuong               |
| Wednesday | 7:00am  | Edmund Cutts, Sr. and Anthony Rettaliata, Jr. |
| Thursday  | 7:00am  | Buzz Wiedel and Rita Miller                   |
|           | 7:00pm  | Parishioners                                  |
|           | 12:00am | Parishioners                                  |
| Friday    | 8:00am  | Maria Bochniewicz and Buzz Wiedel             |
|           | 10:00am | Buzz Wiedel and Thomas Amerault               |
|           | Noon    | John Evans and Eva Deylerle                   |
| Saturday  | 8:00am  | John Kamienski                                |
|           | 4:00pm  | Verdan Wiedel and Mary Frances Schuyler (SI)  |
|           | 5:30pm  | William Santo and Betty Curtis                |



**TIME FOR A QUIET HEART-TO-HEART WITH THE LORD?**  
Join us this Wednesday in the church for "Taize Adoration". Feel free to come and go between 7:30 and 9:00 pm. Experience the Prince of Peace: chant from the Taize monastery and scriptural meditations and silence...

## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

Thursday, December 31, 2009

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass—Church  
10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Midnight Exposition  
Of the Blessed Sacrament— Chapel  
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass following Exposition  
In the Chapel

Friday, January 1, 2010

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Noon  
All Masses in the Church

# EDUCATION



'Twas the night after Christmas and all through the school,

not a creature was stirring, because of the Yule.

No homework, no meetings, no fear of the flu;

Our students and parents are singing "Yahoo!"

As we rest and relax, making resolutions anew

We wish you blessings and Happy New Year, too!!

**A busy and joyful month....Mid-term exams, concerts, Christmas preparations...**

Our students and teachers had a busy month preparing for the holidays and are now enjoying a much-needed break. We spent the last month collecting books for Sarah's House, gifts for our sister parishes in Western Maryland, and recently our parents, staff and administration "adopted" four families in need for the holidays. We are happy to be in a position to help and realize how fortunate we are to be able to do so. Please accept our warmest wishes for a **Merry Christmas** and a **New Year** filled with many blessings.

**Basketball News** If you find yourself with some extra time this weekend, why don't you stop by Pallotti High School and watch some great CYO competition at the **St. Louis Holiday Hoops Classic** tournament. The double elimination tournament runs from December 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and is sure to be a great event! For more information, please contact Sue Gallagher at [earsqallagher@verizon.net](mailto:earsqallagher@verizon.net), and come on out and support our **St. Louis Knights!**

# FELLOWSHIP

**PLEASE COME HOME! AN INVITATION . . .** Ever wonder why church is so full at Christmas? Besides visiting family and children home from college, we are blessed each year with folks wanting to reconnect, if only for a little while. People yearning for a relationship with the Church that somehow has gotten broken over the years. But the longing is there: they find their way home at Christmas. If this sounds like someone you know, please tell them we love them, we miss them, we want to welcome them home. Please join us on Monday night, January 4 beginning at 7:00pm for an informal, low-key get-together with the priests and other members of the Pastoral Staff and Council. We would love an opportunity to mend what's been keeping them away. Questions? Contact Marianne Faulstich, Pastoral Associate, in the parish office at 410-531-6040 or [mfaulstich@stlouisparish.org](mailto:mfaulstich@stlouisparish.org).

**UPCOMING ACTS RETREATS:** Do you find church boring? Do you feel somewhat disconnected? Are you looking to energize your spiritual life? Do you want a more personal encounter with Jesus? Join us for a *dynamic* ACTS retreat! It is led by a team of fellow parishioners, with the help of our clergy. Ladies, do not miss this opportunity: Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact: Patricia Dutko at 410-507-9873 or [actspd@gmail.com](mailto:actspd@gmail.com); Stephanie Nucci at 443-794-8502 or [smnucci@comcast.net](mailto:smnucci@comcast.net); or Fr. Dominique at 410-531-6040 or [dperidans@stlouisparish.org](mailto:dperidans@stlouisparish.org). Men, we haven't forgotten about you. A men's retreat will be held Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact: Padraic Walsh at 410-290-5835 or [padraicwalsh@verizon.net](mailto:padraicwalsh@verizon.net); Wayne Strupp at 410-480-4845 or [wayne.strupp@ngc.com](mailto:wayne.strupp@ngc.com); or Fr. Dominique at 410-531-6040 or [dperidans@stlouisparish.org](mailto:dperidans@stlouisparish.org).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**SATURDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** are off to a great start. Please mark your calendars with the following important dates: (For more info on any event, please call 410-531-6688)

January 2: No Class/Christmas break  
January 9 Religion classes 9:00am

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every  
greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE CYM OFFICE!!!**

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

Dec. 28: MS & HS CYM Snowtubing Trip  
Jan. 4: Monday Religious Education Begins Again  
Jan. 8: MS CYM Dance 7-10pm TICKET SALES BEGIN 1/4  
Jan. 17: Lunches to the Homeless  
Jan. 22: March for Life  
Jan. 24: 9:30am Youth Mass



# STEWARDSHIP

**December 27, 2009**

At the time of print deadline, the figures for December 27th were not available. Please see future bulletins for the final recap for December 27th.

Electronic Funds Transfer Recap for December 2009  
307 gifts totaling \$ 27,693.00

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

December 26/27 Building Fund

## **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do you measure up?

## **PLANNED GIVING**

As parishioners of Saint Louis Church, old or new, we are all beneficiaries of more than 150 years of service and parishioner generosity. A planned gift to Saint Louis Church, will sustain this good work for generations to come. For more information on making a planned gift to Saint Louis Church, contact Mary Helfrich, Parish Development Director at 410-531-6040 or [MHelfrich@stlouisparish.org](mailto:MHelfrich@stlouisparish.org).

### ***Preserving our Treasured Legacy Campaign:***

#### Parish Mortgage:

As of April 1, 2007.....\$ 3 million  
As of April 1, 2008.....\$ 1,478,322  
As of October 1, 2009.....\$ 791,735  
Balance of Ten Oaks Property....\$ 452,708  
New mortgage..... \$ 1,244,443

As of December 1, 2009..... ..\$ 1,197,021

(Our monthly mortgage payment will be \$27,342 for 48 months)

Please consider 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 extended 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 now 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.

# OUTREACH



## FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next week is our monthly food drive. Please help us help the hungry by bringing a "St. Louis Bag of Food" to church next weekend. This is what is in our bags: 1 box of cereal, 1 box of powdered milk, 1 box of spaghetti, 1 jar of spaghetti sauce, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 can of green vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 2 boxes of

macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of tuna fish, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of baked beans. Bring a bag or part of a bag. It all helps and goes the next day to the poor.

## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels in Howard County has a need for drivers/visitors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Howard County office at 410-730-9476 or [howard@mowcm.org](mailto:howard@mowcm.org) or [www.mealsonwheelsmd.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org).

**THE POOR NEED YOUR HELP:** Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of poor people? Among the many ministries here at Saint Louis there is one that is looking for additional helpers. Once a month Saint Louis parishioners feed 700 people at Our Daily Bread—a wonderful place in Baltimore city where poor and homeless people literally sit down for a served meal. No questions are asked about their status. They are simply treated with dignity and respect in an environment of Christian love and compassion. You can help by preparing chicken pieces according to a simple recipe. Members of our parish prepare the meal in their homes as they would prepare chicken for their family and then drop them off at the home of Mary Agnes Lewis (6005 Ten Oaks Road—across from our parish cemetery) on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month**. Available volunteers then take the food to the facility located on Falls Way Road and serve the meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. For additional information about how you can help, call Mary Agnes Lewis at 410-531-3813.

This is a wonderful way in which a family can work together in preparing a wholesome meal for some of God's special people.



# COMMUNITY

## SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

### RECURRING EVENTS:

- Daily Mass, Monday thru Friday, 12 noon (Tuesday Mass includes the Novena to St. Anthony)
- First Friday Healing Mass, 7:30 PM
- Third Sunday & Last Sunday Healing Mass, 3 PM
- Confession, Wednesday, 4 PM-5 PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 31st 9pm.-1:30am.** New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil: We invite you to join us for a New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil as we reflect on the past year, seek reconciliation, and offer thanksgiving. Fr. Bart Karwacki, OFM Conv. will present "Grieving the Past and Embracing the Future with Hope." Following the presentation, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass at Midnight, and then breakfast in the Papal Dining Room. There is no charge for this event.

**January 13th:** 12 Noon - 3:00 pm: Christmas Open House for Seniors: Join us for noon Mass followed by Christmas caroling, and a complimentary lunch in the Papal Dining Room. See the Christmas creches and decorations and receive a guided tour through the Shrine. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TRAIN GARDEN:** In the Manor House, weekends from 2-5pm. (Dec. 12 & 13, Dec. 19 & 20, Dec. 26 & 27, and Jan. 2 & 3.) Br. Gerry Seipp, OFM Conv., one of the Franciscan Friars at the Shrine of St. Anthony, has been collecting trains and train accessories since he was a child growing up in East Baltimore. Bring your family and friends to the Manor House and enjoy an old-fashioned train garden and the chance to talk trains with Br. Gerry. There is no charge for this event.



## TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR MASS TIMES:

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