



# ST. LOUIS CHURCH

## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### August 2, 2009



#### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15	Nm 11:4-15	Nm 12:1-13	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Dt 4:32-40	Dt 6:4-13	1 Kg 19:4-8
Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54	Ps 81:12-17	Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13	Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23	Ps 97:1-2, 5, 6, 9	Ps 77:12-16, 21	Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51	Ps 34:2-9
Ep 4:17, 20-24				2 Pt 1:16-19			Ep 4:30-5:2
Jn 6:24-35	Mt 14:13-21	Mt 14:22-36	Mt 15:21-18	Mk 9:2-10	Mt 16:24-28	Mt 17:14-20	Jn 6:41-51

#### *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 August 9, 2009

*"Murmuring" "Murmuring"* Sometimes, the Lord offers us gifts that are almost unbelievable – too awesome to be true -- and we spend a lot of energy trying to understand. He asks only that we surrender and TRUST.

#### Mass Intentions for Week of August 2, 2009

Sunday	6:45am	Donald Sweet and Ann Rosewag
	8:00am	Jane Gossage and Michelle Rice-Ryan
	9:30am	William Thureau and Muriel Albert
	11:15a	Gladys and Joseph Jacques & Brian Walsh
	12:45p	Maria Bochniewicz and James Leumas
Monday	7:00am	Earl Becker and Julian Brown
Tuesday	7:00am	Joseph De Andrado and Bob Miller
Wednesday	7:00am	James A. Murray and Stephen Dragisics
Thursday	7:00am	Mrs. Penne Wells
Friday	7:00am	Anthony Salerno and Gigi Blasi
Saturday	8:00am	Wendy Pinnix
	4:00pm	Margaret Filla and Olga Szelest
	5:30pm	Elwood Tingle

#### 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.

Gloria Barbaro	Patty Kilroy Hodgins	Bill Quail
Rose Marie Barger	Louise Koontz	Rana Lilyann Rejaie
Margaret Biro	Kieran McMahon	Kathryn Rosewag
Michael Blom	Nancy Mortimer	Martine Mary Schwarts
Joan Brannan	Mary Naill	Nicholas Straight
Tom Driscoll	Cathy Nichols	Allison Ward
James T. Dwyer III	Brendan J. Pegg	Matthew Wade
Bill Feild	Leah Grace Pegg	Marie Wiedefeld
Jim Haig	Herm Pierlioni	Kyla Zeilinger

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, August 8, by Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

#### CHURCH LINENS

Today by Ms. Justice & on August 9nd by Ms. Tranchitella.



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend I would like to give you an update on the following:

First, I am saddened to report that we are not scheduled to receive another priest to replace Father Jim. Archbishop O'Brien has personally expressed to me on several occasions his concern about our parish and the impact this would have on parish life. I have been meeting with various Pastoral Staff members to explore ways to address those areas of parish responsibility that Father Jim carried. During the month of August I will continue discern possible solutions to these issues and will discuss the possibilities with our Pastoral Council at their first meeting in September.

Second, the property on Ten Oaks Road, which we purchased at auction, is working its way through the necessary approval by the Civil Court. Once approved, we will be able to go to final settlement. My best guess is that this will take place around the last week of August. Our parish debt as of August 1<sup>st</sup> stands at \$844,141.00 which does not reflect the cost of this purchase. Once we settle, I'll be able to give an update on the financial impact. However, I would like to publicly thank those who have, on their own initiative, already generously contributed to this important acquisition.

Third, as reported in *The Spirit of Saint Louis* newsletter, a magnificent Russian Icon, depicting Jesus entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, was gifted to the parish by the participants of the May parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I am deeply touched that they would give this unique gift to the parish in my honor and would like to take this occasion to publicly express my profound gratitude to each pilgrim for this very special work of art—it is truly a most wonderful gift to the parish. We are presently in the process of having an expert from The Walters Art Museum advise us how to best display and protect this precious icon before we place it in the narthex. During all the Masses next weekend it will be on display in the Sanctuary of the church so that parishioners may view it. Again I express my deepest thanks to all those who made this gift possible.

*Msgr. Luca*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.*

The flowers for the Altar are given in loving memory of Donald Sweet.  
Our sincere gratitude is extended to Elizabeth Sweet for providing this weekend's flowers.

The flowers for the Chapel are given on the occasion of Peggy & Louis Walsh's 50th Wedding Anniversary.  
Our sincere gratitude is extended to Peggy & Jim Fry for providing this weekend's flowers.

The flowers for the Pieta are given in loving memory of Gladys & Joseph Jacques.  
Our sincere gratitude is extended to Sam & Mary Hergert for providing this weekend's flowers.

**PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

ACTS Men Monday Small Group	Monday, August 03, 2009	Room 305	7:00 PM
Catholic Daughters/Knights of Columbus Bingo Committee	Tuesday, August 04, 2009	Room 301	7:00 PM
Taize Adoration	Wednesday, August 05, 2009	Church	7:30 PM
Prayer Group	Wednesday, August 05, 2009	Room 306	8:00 PM
"THE SHACK": An Evening of Theological Discussion	Thursday, August 06, 2009	Social Hall	7:00 PM

# ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 26, 2009

520 Envelopes: \$ 19,431.50

Loose: 5,277.15

Total Collection: \$24,708.65

Electronic Funds Transfer Recap for July 2009

247gifts totaling \$ 23,476.58

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 1—Catholic Communication/Catholic University

August 29—Building Fund

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Good stewards often demonstrate their stewardship by giving of their time, their talent and their treasure. Service to Saint Louis Parish and in our community consists of offering our time in activities such as serving the poor, volunteering at school and/or in Religious Education and participating in bible study, prayer groups and Adoration. Are you a good steward of your time?

## 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).

## PERSERVING OUR TREASURED LEGACY

Parish Mortgage:

As of April 1, 2007.....\$ 3 million

As of April 1, 2008.....\$ 1,478,322

As of July 1, 2009.....\$ 844,144

Monthly mortgage payment.....\$ 29,320 for 31 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 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been my great privilege, honor, and joy to be able to serve as one of your priests at St. Louis. You have touched and changed my life in more ways than you will ever know and I give thanks to God, the Father and giver of all good things for you. It is too difficult to say goodbye to you all, so, I've decided that I won't do that. Instead, I'd simply like to tell you that I will always pray for you, and you will always be present with me before the Lord. I am also leaving my contact information in case you ever want to talk or visit. I hope you stay in touch. I look forward to coming back in a few weeks to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with you. Until then, I am sincerely

Yours in the love of Jesus,

Fr. Jim Sorra

St. Michael the Archangel Church

10 Willow St.

Baltimore, MD 21206

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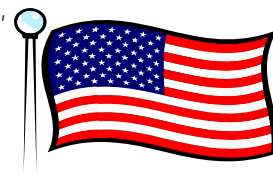
## PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Our departed friends and loved ones: Muriel Albert, wife of Philip Albert, mother of Philip Albert, Jr; Andrew LaMonde, uncle of Mary Hasenei; Dolores Cashman, wife of Dan Cashman.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember the following soldiers in your prayers:

Cpl. Dan Haack, Cpt. Joseph McDonald, Spc. Curtis Campbell, Cpt. Brendan Gallagher, PFC Joseph Henry, Lt. John Ryan, Lt. Denise Reccardi, Cpt. Brian Geary, Capt. Mairead Melis, USNR, Major Chaplain Father Tyson Wood, Lt JG Jonathan Hughes, Cpt. Brian Green, PFC Patrick Bacon, LCP Daniel Smith, LCP Larry Draughn, Ensign Kelly McLin, CH (Captain) Arek Ochalek.



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

Donovan played nicely with his sister; Glenn helped Lucky; Tara saved a turtle from the road; Tess shared her Smarties at the pool; Kayla made her sister breakfast; Zachariah helped fix the mulch; Lourdes made a hat for her daddy; James helped the science teacher do her experiment; Andrea cleaned the bathtub; Anja helped her daddy pull weeds; and Gillian played nicely with her brother.



## .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.

## BAPTISM

**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, August 12th in Room 301 of the Pastoral Center from 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM.
- 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

**Gavin Edward Bergstrom**

Child of Bud and Alix (Braunstein) Bergstrom



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Amee Hasson and Justin Curtis, July 24, 2009

Lauren Brookman and Michael Hammett, July 25, 2009

**"THE SHACK" BY WM. PAUL YOUNG** is a number one NY Times best seller. Subtitled "When Tragedy Confronts Eternity" it is the story of a man whose daughter is kidnapped and murdered, who then embarks on a bizarre journey of encounter with a trinity of persons who claim to be God. Fr. Dominique will attempt to break open this book in an evening of theological exploration. Join us Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 pm.

## 5-TIME MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STAR ON WINNING THE GAME FOR CHRIST—MIKE SWEENEY:

All star Mike Sweeney speaks to 5000 young adults about his own experience of living his Catholic Faith from when he was a high school jock, through his time in Major League baseball. With humor and humility, he shares the circumstances that led him to completely center his life on God, and how the Lord wants to personally be involved in your life, too. Mike relates how pivotal choices led to his amazing ride with Christ. *"This presentation was fantastic – Mike is a great role model for our times! I will give the CD to our youth groups and catechism students."* Christopher – E. Hartford, CT *"Mike's story is an uplifting example of how each one of us can find peace when our focus is on God's will for our lives."* Chris – New Port Richey, FL. Look for this inspirational CD in the Kiosk in the Narthex. A contribution of \$3 is requested for each CD and \$0.50 for each brochure.

## RESPECT LIFE

**Legalizing the "Right to Die"** (Part 2) In 1967, the educational branch of the Euthanasia Society of America (ESA) introduced the Living Will as a tool to "promote discussion of euthanasia." Soon after, a campaign to pass laws making Living Wills legal documents was launched. In 1975, ESA changed its name to the Society for the Right to Die (SRD), improving its image by purging "euthanasia" (a reminder of the horrors of the German euthanasia program) from its name. The very next year, SRD tasted success: California enacted the world's first Living Will law, the "Natural Death Act." Like dominoes, state after state fell for the claim that Living Will laws were necessary to give patients the right to refuse unwanted medical procedures, tubes and machines ahead of time in case they were ever incapacitated. In reality, Living Wills blurred the distinction between allowing a natural death and sending someone to an early grave. They were designed to be the first step toward gaining full blown acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide. SRD involved itself in numerous "right to die" court cases which resulted in judicially sanctioned removal of feeding tubes (food and fluids) from severely brain-damaged patients. Choosing death by dehydration and starvation for disabled people, who could not speak for themselves, was hailed as somehow protecting their "right" to refuse unwanted treatment even if they had never expressed such a wish. In 1991, SRD changed its name to Choice in Dying. The notion that death is a choice, that people should have the "right to die" on their own terms—or someone else's terms—had become mainstream. *Imposed Death* by the HLA (Human Life Alliance)

**9th ANNUAL CLOTHING AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION:** St. Louis Parish will conduct this year's drive on **August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. This project is in support of our sister parishes in Western Maryland, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. Adult and children's coats should be clean and in good condition. We will also collect children's hats and gloves. We are asking for the following new school supplies: spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, loose leaf paper, binders, school glue, erasers, scotch tape, pencils, pens, crayons, book bags, folders, pencil boxes, small staplers, rulers and blunt scissors. Please plan to drop off your donations before or after Masses at the Maintenance Building in the south corner of parking lot. *Thank you for your support!*



**TIME FOR A QUIET HEART TO HEART WITH THE LORD?** Join us this Wednesday, August 5th, for "Taize Adoration". Feel free to come and go between 7:30 and 9:00 PM in the church. Experience the Prince of Peace: chant from the Taize monastery and scriptural meditations and silence...



## 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.

## 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 visit us at [www.stlouisparrish.org/reled](http://www.stlouisparrish.org/reled) for a schedule of classes being offered, our 2009-2010 calendar and also to download a registration form for your family. Information specific to Wee Praise can be found at [www.stlouisparrish.org/weepraise](http://www.stlouisparrish.org/weepraise)

**Remember...Register Now!**  
(Some classes are already full!!)

### Our Religious Education Ministry Team Needs YOU!!!

Do you think it's important to pass on our Catholic faith to our young?

Would you like to become more involved in parish ministry?

Do you enjoy spending time with God's little children?

Does the energy of our youth excite you?

If you answered yes to just one of these questions, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining our Religious Education Ministry Team! Volunteers are the heart & hands of our program and the possibilities for involvement are many... from assisting with office tasks to becoming a Catechist/Teacher. Please call Vickie Yozwiak at (410) 531-6688 for more information on our Wee Praise and elementary ministry teams or call Pat Sprankle at (410) 531-6668 for info about our youth programs.

*The halls are quiet...but we are still busy!*

Although the halls are quiet while the children are away, the staff has been busily preparing for their return. Thanks to our very generous families and parish community, and due to the success of our Golf Tournament and Annual Appeal, we have been able to make the following improvements to our facility over the summer months:

- All primary grades are being repainted – spic-n-span! (Last year the middle-school got the treatment!)
- Windows in the entire building are being washed – inside and out!
- The Gymnasium/cafeateria is being cleaned and sanitized top to bottom! Including windows!
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor Boys room is being entirely refurbished with new tile, paint and fixtures
- 30 new Dell desktop computers have been installed in our upper-school technology lab
- A new interactive white- board system has been installed in the school – very cool technology!
- New LCD projectors have been installed in each grade
- New Base drums and cymbals have been purchased for our band programs! The music sounds better already!

If you may be considering a new direction for your family, we would love to have you visit the school to see what we have to offer. We think you will like what you see!!

Enjoy the Lazy, Hazy, Crazy days left in the Summer!



## YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

It has been a summer of losing things...first it was our air conditioner unit going out with a pretty expensive repair...then it was our hot water...And now, I seem to have lost most of the summer! Where has time gone? How about you? Have you ever lost anything, or, on a more serious note, anyone?

Maybe the best thing we can do for people who have lost something or someone is to support them in prayer and presence. I noticed that friends commenting about loss of AC or hot water is similar to (but not as intense) sentiments expressed when I have lost a family member or friend...Bear with me, here.

I had people make some interesting comments to me: "*AC gone? Well, at least you have a roof over your head!*" OR "*No hot water? It will make you appreciate it when you get it back, huh?*" I noticed that none of these opinions really made it easier to be without; instead I felt as though the person really didn't understand what our family was going through. I think it is far greater when a person loses someone to death. Instead of trying to find reasons for the loss or phrases to motivate, it is important to just be with the people grieving and to ensure them of your prayers. To those of us who have lost someone over the summer, I am praying for you.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

**August 1:** Bryan Borucki, Anna Martello, Eamonn Clark, Meghan Sprankle, David Comberiate, and Matt Sprankle (peer) return today from the Archdiocesan High School Leadership Institute!

**August 5:** CYM Mystery Trip; Deadline: 7/29

**August 11& 19:** Catechist & Mentor Information Night 7pm Youth Room

**August 12:** CYM Hershey Park Trip; Deadline: 8/5

**August 14-15:** Confirmation Retreat; Please pray for those attending!

**August 16:** College Send Off Mass 12:45pm & Lunch afterwards

**August 21:** Middle School CYM Open Gym Night 7-9pm

## 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
- Daily Evening Prayer, Monday thru Friday, 5 PM

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

### CRAB FEAST TO BENEFIT THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF ELLICOTT CITY EDUCATION FUND FOR

**SEMINARIAN SUPPORT.** Sunday, September 20, 2009—1-6 PM. Martin's East, 9000 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21220. Unlimited crabs, full buffet, choice roast sirloin of beef, fried fillet of fish, raw clam bar, beverages, wheels, raffles, live music by TKO. \$50 per ticket. Tables of 10 encouraged. Advance sales/payment only. Call Denise Livesay at 410-531-9200 to reserve your seat or visit [www.companionsofstanthony.org](http://www.companionsofstanthony.org) for more information.



### 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "DINE UNDER THE ARCHES" at the Shrine of St.

**Anthony:** Enjoy the music of Greg Malanowski & Friends on Sunday August 9th, 2009 from 6pm.-8:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4:45 pm. Begin your evening with sumptuous appetizers and a glass of wine, followed by a delicious dinner (salad, main course, vegetables, bread, and dessert) enjoyed amid the beauty of the Shrine Courtyard. Spend time with family and friends, and meet the friars.

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$15 per child (6 and over) \$30 per adult at the door. Gather family & friends and reserve a table of 8! For more information or to RSVP please call 410-531-2800. Greg Malanowski & Friends have provided the music and song at St. Leo the Great Church in Little Italy since 1994. They will be performing contemporary Christian music.

**PREGNANT, NEED HELP?** Call the Gabriel Network: 1-800-ANGEL-OK

**SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?** Call Project Rachel: 1-800-286-4224

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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