



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2009



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Num 11:25-29	Zech 8:1-8	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Neh 2:1-8	Neh 8:1-12	Bar 1:15-22	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Gen 2:18-24
Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14	Ps 102:2, 16-23	Ps 138:1-5	Ps 137:1-6	Ps 19:8-11	Ps 79:1-5, 8-9	Ps 69:33-37	Ps 128:1-6
Jas 5:1-6							Heb 2:9-11
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Lk 9:46-50	Jn 1:47-51	Lk 9:57-62	Lk 10:1-12	Mt 18:1-5, 10	Lk 10:17-24	Mk 10:2-16

Lectio Divina

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

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Call to Prayer

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

The Word of God

Choose one of next Sunday's readings.
One person reads the scripture aloud as others are attentive to a word, phrase, or theme that is meaningful to them.

Allow for a minute of silent reflection.
Have another person read the same scripture a second time.

Faith Sharing

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

Closing Prayer

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

Reflection Question for October 4, 2009

Jesus reminded his questioners about the loving plan of a gracious God who gave us a mirror of the covenant that God had with Israel in the bond between wife and husband. Think about the vocation to marriage so many of us have – despite our flaws and failings, we are a witness of the love between Christ and the Church to all the world.

Mass Intentions for Week of September 27, 2009

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

Sunday	6:45am	Rose Anne Donohue
	8:00am	Tim Werner
	9:30am	Sean Finnegan & Victoria Rhoads DuBois
	11:15am	Delia Huard & Ed Briskie
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz & Denise Dinardo Cowan
Monday	7:00am	Lucy Bobco & Luz Casas
Tuesday	7:00am	Walter H. Greif, Sr.
Wednesday	7:00am	Ross Jerome Deal
Thursday	7:00am	Michael Albanese
Friday	7:00am	Josephine Salerno & Michael Albanese
Saturday	8:00am	Margaret Snell
	4:00pm	Gigi Blasi & Marion Clarke
	5:30pm	Lawrence Hutchinson

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.

Lisa Baker	S.A. McClain	Martine Mary Schwartz
Peggie Ball	Marie Meehan	JoAnn Simmons
Rose Marie Barger	Carol Miles	Claudia Smallwood
Michael Blom	Nancy Mortimer	Charlie Smith
Joan Brannan	Isabella O'Rourke	Nicholas Straight
Mary Coffey	Brendan J. Pegg	Noah Thyberg
Jean Crane	Leah Grace Pegg	Matthew Wade
Mary Dauer	Bill Pratt	Marie Wiedefeld
Linda Gorton	Eileen Queenin	Buz Wiedel
Jim Haig	Rana Lilyann Rejaie	Walter York
David Hensing	Kathryn Rosewag	Kyla Zeilinger
Sheila Max		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, October 3, by Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

CHURCH LINENS

Today by Ms. Gill & on October 4 by Ms. Hoeck.



Dear Parishioners:

Want to know the secret of happiness? Ponder this little story:

A boy set off on a quest to discover the meaning of happiness. He trekked 50 days through the forest until he reached the mountain fortress of a wise man. When he entered the compound, he saw people from many walks of life, coming and going. The wise man sat on a throne in a great hall offering counsel to his many visitors. After waiting several hours, the boy finally stood at the wise man's feet. Without hesitation the boy bowed and asked: "I am here to learn the secret of happiness." "Unfortunately," said the wise man, "I cannot explain that to you at this moment. But do this for me: Take a tour of my palace. Do not hurry yourself." The wise man then handed the boy a teaspoon and placed two drops of oil in it. "And take this with you, but don't spill any of it."

The boy obeyed and began to tour the rooms and grounds of the estate. He walked slowly and focused his concentration on the oil in the spoon. After two hours, he returned to the grand hall. This time the wise man approached him. "So, did you explore my library? What did you think of the tapestries hanging in the dining hall? Were the fragrances and textures of the garden to your liking? It took 10 years to complete, you know."

The boy shook his head and admitted that he'd been so preoccupied with the spoon that he overlooked the treasures of which the wise man spoke. "Then you must go off again and have a better look at all the wonderful features of my home," said the wise man. And so the boy did. This time he focused more of his attention on the objects in the house and less on the spoon. After many hours, he returned to the wise man and began recalling the many things he had experienced while touring the estate. But the wise man interrupted. "Where are the two drops of oil that I gave you?" The boy looked at the empty spoon and reddened in embarrassment.

The wise man placed a firm hand on the boy's shoulder. "You want to know the secret of happiness?" "Yes!" said the boy. "It is simple," said the wise man. "Happiness is being able to explore and appreciate the many wonders of the world without forgetting or neglecting the things that are nearest to you."

Msgr. Luca

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"?

The flowers for the Altar are given on the occasion of Frederick Merther's 75th Birthday. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the Boucher, Merther and Ruddy families for providing this weekend's flowers.

PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Confirmation Classes	Sunday, September 27, 2009	Howard Bishop Rooms	9:30 AM
EDGE Religious Education	Sunday, September 27, 2009	Gym	10:30 AM
ACTS Women's Prayer Meeting	Sunday, September 27, 2009	Room 301/302	2:00 PM
ACTS Men Monday Small Group	Monday, September 28, 2009	Room 305	7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, September 29, 2009	Room 301-306	9:30 AM
Confirmation Classes	Tuesday, September 29, 2009	Howard Bishop Rooms	7:30 PM
RCIA Weekly Gathering	Wednesday, September 30, 2009	Room 305	7:00 PM
WIRED Religious Education	Wednesday, September 30, 2009	Howard Bishop Rooms	7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, September 30, 2009	Room 306	8:00 PM
Gospel of John Scripture Study	Thursday, October 01, 2009	Social Hall/303/304	7:00 PM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Thursday, October 01, 2009	Room 301/302	6:30 PM
K of C /CDA Charity Bingo	Friday, October 02, 2009	Social Hall	7:00 PM
CYM Open Gym	Friday, October 02, 2009	Gym	7:00 PM
First Saturday Fellowship Coffee	Saturday, October 03, 2009	Social Hall	8:00 AM

GIFT CARD SALES/SCRIP: Do you need groceries, school supplies, dinner? Of course you do!! Don't forget to stop by the table in the corner of the Narthex and purchase your gift cards. They are sold at face value – at no additional cost to you, and one of our ministries (either the School, Religious Education, CYM, or outreach to the poor—your choice) gets a rebate!

FATHER JIM'S FAREWELL MASS:

Due to conflicting schedules at both parishes, Father Jim's Farewell Mass will be held on Saturday evening, October 17, at the 5:30pm Mass. A reception will follow after the Mass in the Social Hall. All are invited to come and express our gratitude to Father Jim for his faithful and loving service to our parish during his three years among us.

ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2009

593 Envelopes: \$ 23,121.50

Loose: 5,750.74

Total Collection: \$28,872.24

Electronic Funds Transfer Recap for September 2009

306 gifts totaling \$ 27,693.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 26—Building Fund

October 11—Propagation of the Faith/Mission Sunday

October 17—Haiti Weekend

October 24—Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Saint James warns us against accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normal in society needs no counter-cultural challenge. The temptation is to accumulate riches and make bargains at the expense of the powerless happens because these things can look respectable enough. Saint James points to God's judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given?

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.

PERSERVING OUR TREASURED LEGACY

Parish Mortgage:

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

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

As of September 1, 2009.....\$ 817,987

Monthly mortgage payment.....\$ 29,320 for 30 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.

MSGR. LUCA'S 2010 PILGRIMAGE: "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL" -May 3-15, 2010: This year's pilgrimage will visit many places where St Paul preached the Gospel—places we often read about in the Bible. Fly to Istanbul, Turkey and visit the Hagia Sophia, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Blue Mosque, and the Grand Bazaar—the world's largest and oldest covered market with over 4000 shops selling everything from herbs to gold. Also in Turkey cruise along the Bosphorus waterways, visit Izmir (ancient Smyrna), Kusadasi (ancient Ephesus), the House of Mary and the tomb of St Luke. Then take a 3 day cruise among the Greek islands and visit Patmos, Heraklion (Crete), Santorini, and Pireaus. Disembark in Athens and visit the wonders of that city as well as Kavalla (ancient Neapolis), Phillipi, Thessalonkia, Delphi, and Corinth. Tour cost of \$3615.00 per person/double occupancy includes airfare, taxes and fuel surcharges, first class hotels, Greek Islands cruise in superior outside cabins, breakfast and dinner daily, transfers, and transportation to and from Clarksville to Dulles Airport. For more information pick up a brochure at the Information Table in the narthex or call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499. When calling the tour agency, please note they are on Pacific Time (3 hour difference) due to their location in San Diego, California.

SOME OF THE GOOD DEEDS OUR CHILDREN OFFERED TO

GOD THIS WEEK: Jack helped with the Color Guard at cub-scouts; Dane helped put the dishes and silverware away; Andrea helped one of her dogs when she had an injury; Samantha unloaded the dishwasher and washed the bathroom mirrors; Zachariah helped his daddy vacuum the car; Anja helped set the table.

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.

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, 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.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Please note that beginning on Monday October 5th the Daily Mass schedule will be as follows: **Church:** Mass on Monday through Friday at 7am and Saturday at 8am; **Chapel:** Communion Service on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am; **School Mass:** Tuesdays at 9:30am in the church. **Novena:** Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the chapel

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, October 14** 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:

Andrew Patrick Bezak

Child of Shaun & Kelly (Krol) Bezak

Matthew Tyler Walton

Child of Michel & Billie Jo (Davis) Walton

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Josh Wing and Brittany Surkovich, September 19, 2009

Martin San Juan & Anita Currano, September 19, 2009

CD TITLE OF THE WEEK: **Defending Truth and Life - Fr. Frank**

Pavone: Fr. Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world and the National Director of Priests for Life, a ministry focused on helping the Church battle the attacks on human life by what Pope John Paul II called the "Culture of Death". In addition, he serves as an official of the Pontifical Council for the Family at the Vatican. This CD presents three homilies which discuss critical life issues such as abortion, embryonic stem cell research, contraception, and more.

"Fr. Pavone was the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church." - Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade abortion decision.

"These homilies touched my spirit. I now feel empowered! Fr. Pavone speaks with warmth, love and compassion as he shares the Truth about the sacredness of Life". Julie - Potomac Falls, VA

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.

ROSARY RALLY: The Mother of God called the World to Conversion at Fatima 90 years ago. Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer. Please join us for the Rosary Rally: 10700 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044 on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 12:00 PM. For more information contact Sunny Maria at 410-715-1427 or Don Douglas at 410-489-6167.

RESPECT LIFE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH – Look in the bulletin each weekend for informative fliers on life issues. Topics will include "The Defense of Marriage", "Addressing Infertility", "Assisted Suicide", and "Building a Culture of Life".



ROSES FOR LIFE. The rose has long been a symbol for life. We invite you to show your support for life by purchasing a rose after each Mass on the weekend of October 3/4 for a \$1.00 donation. All proceeds will benefit Pro life activities throughout Howard County.

PRAYING FOR LIFE – Join us on these Fridays in October at 7:00



PM in the Chapel: **Holy Hour for Life – Oct 9.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and music. (Co-sponsored with the Young Adult Ministry). **Outdoor Candlelit Family Rosary – Oct 16.** Everyone is welcome – No experience necessary. We'll have rosaries and booklets you can take home with you. Parents, this is a great way to get your family together and participate in a beautiful form of prayer. (Co-sponsored with the Knights of Columbus).

Evening Prayer – Oct 23. This is an ancient tradition of vespers with prayers, songs and scripture. If you have never attended evening prayer before, you can try something new that is very old.

Rosary for Life – Oct 30. The meditations of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death. In this beautiful format we meditate on each Hail Mary.

St. Louis has a new opportunity to save babies, and impact the current debate in a major way. **40 Days for Life** is an event that has three locations in Maryland, and over 300 locations nationwide, and in some foreign countries. It is an open, non-denominational event that runs from September 23 to November 1, 2009. This is a powerful event that has been shown to produce great results. St. Louis will be participating at the Berwyn Heights location on Greenbelt Road near College Park. We need vigil partners and prayer partners. Vigil partners will congregate at a specific location across the street from the abortion clinic and pray from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily for 40 days. Prayer partners will seek out the Lord's blessing on this very worthy effort. St. Louis is looking for a large crew of vigil partners that will allow us to schedule some specific times to cover each week at the vigil site. Please let us know if you can commit 1 hour daily, weekly or even once during these 40 days to pray for the unborn and their parents. This event is to be peaceful and prayerful, but the police have been alerted of the event and are ready to help in any situation. Obviously we want to be there in large numbers. More information is available in the Narthex on the Information Table. Please Contact Kevin McCarthy (K of C) at 202-253—3076, or Grace Kissane (Respect Life) at 410-730-0201, and sign up to be a prayer partner or a vigil partner.

JAVA AND JAMS! The 7th Annual Respect Life Coffee House, Saturday, October 10th at 7:00 pm, St. Louis Church Pastoral Center Social Hall. Back by popular demand: "Cassock Rock" - featuring Fr. Jim Sorra & Fr. Jesse Bolger, Philip Rosensteel with Erik Christensen & Friends, and other musical surprises! Fr. Michael DeAscanis, Assoc. Pastor at Crucifixion and Good Shepherd Churches in Glen Burnie will offer a reflection. Coffee, sweets, and snacks will be served. Music lovers of all ages are invited to come to this live and celebration of life! Admission is FREE!

ACTS RETREAT BAKE SALE: Sunday, October 4th following the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM masses. So to defray the cost of the upcoming Men's and Women's ACTS retreats and to provide scholarships to the retreat, there will be a sale of delicious baked goods. Please stop by the Social Hall to support this important parish effort. Do you love to bake? We would welcome any baked good donations. Bakers should contact Stephanie Nucci at smnucci@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!

ST. LOUIS GARDEN CLUB: The October meeting of the St. Louis Garden Club will be a bus trip to The Franciscan Monastery in Northeast Washington, DC, on Thursday, October 8, 2009. **This outing is open to non members.** There will be a one-hour tour inside the church, which was built in the late 1800's. You will also have an opportunity to walk through the catacombs as well as explore the grotto, woodland gardens, rose gardens and portico outside. Be sure to wear good walking shoes! Lunch will follow at La Ferme Restaurant in Chevy Chase. The bus will leave the St. Louis parking lot promptly at 9:00am and will return by 4:00pm. Cost for the bus and lunch is \$66.00. For more information, please contact Beth Felsecker at 301-953-2677.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENTS FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE: The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving presentations at our parish concerning divorce and annulment from a Catholic perspective. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, and others who have a vested interest because of family or friends. These sessions will be held on October 12 & 13, 2009 at 7:30pm at St Louis Church (Rooms 301 & 302). No prior registration is required. For further information please call 410-547-5533.

ST. LOUIS'S GOT TALENT: Try-outs for "Saint Louis (Un) Plugged", our semi-annual, sell-out evening of music and celebration (to benefit the ACTS retreats). We have one or two openings left for *musicians from the parish*. We welcome all styles of music. Please contact Fr. Dominique or Stephanie Nucci (smnucci@comcast.net or 443-794-8502).

ADULT EDUCATION

SCIENCE AND RELIGION FORUM at St. Louis Church : Sunday October 4, 2009, 4:00 pm, St Louis Church Social Hall. *"Evolution and Original Sin"*, a Discourse by Daryl. P Domning, Ph.D., and Rev. Joseph F. Wimmer, OSA. Dr. Domning is a Professor of Anatomy at Howard University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Domning, a noted paleobiologist and author, is considered the world's foremost expert on the evolution of sirenians. Rev. Wimmer is a Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Washington Theological Union. He was one of the signatories of the founding document of the Washington Theological Union. Rev. Wimmer received his degree of Dr. of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. After the Forum there will be a reception with light refreshments. RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009: Marianne Faulstich, (410) 531- 6040, mfaulstich@stlouisparish.org.



Congratulations to our Student Council Officers, Class Representatives and Members-at-large, who were inducted to service at an Opening Ceremony this week. Our Student Council *leads our students to service* through the many student activities it organizes throughout the year, as well as represents our school throughout the community and in Annapolis as we lobby in support of Catholic education. These children often sacrifice prized recess and week-end time for meetings and events, and always do so with a positive attitude. We are very proud of you and know that you will work hard and be wonderful leaders this year!

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Members-at-Large</u>
Emma Williams –President	Sam Kolodrubetz
Rachel Kostelec - Vice President	Amy Nwaba
Mitchie Marsden – Secretary	Kyle Van Winter
Tyler Gleeson – Treasurer	Sarah Hannan
	Sydney Dominguez
	Will Essl
	Nellie Hines
	Hae Mee Lee

Class Representatives

Sarah Rosso	Madison Vicendese
Grace Sullivan	Conor Habiger
Carter Williams	Danica Garvin
Mary Kate Johnson	JP Osborne
Colette McGarvey	Lauren Comeaux
Sara Minnis	Chris Magnolia
Zachary Schauerman	Katherine McGivern
Michael Rutkowski	Bridgette Mady

Pre-K Openings. Do you have a little one at home that you think is ready for a few hours of instructional time? We would love for you to explore our Pre-K program! Our current program has openings in the afternoon session for any child who has turned 4 by September 1st of this year. Feel free to call the school office to arrange a tour, or email your questions to ccraig@stlouisparish.org.

Grape Expectations Thank You! Thanks to all who joined us for our GRAPE EXPECTATIONS Wine Tasting event. It was a wonderful night thanks to our hard-working committee of volunteers and our fun-loving guests! A special thanks to **John Clarke**, our chairperson, and his wife **Meg**, for your many hours of time and dedication to our school – you did a fantastic job! We are already looking forward to next year!

Looking ahead... On October 18th, our school will host an **Open House** for prospective students and their families, from 2 – 4 pm. Please mark your calendars and come by for a visit. We encourage you to speak with one of us about the wonderful opportunities we can provide your children for a comprehensive academic and spiritual education. **We would love to have you here!**

There will be a **bake sale benefitting St. Louis School** after all masses on October 11th. Please come and enjoy delicious baked goods lovingly prepared by the St. Louis School community.

MAPPS (MINISTRY AMONG PEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS):
Calling all Howard County public high school students! I would like to bring to your attention the possibility of your school hosting what is essentially a "Catholic club" this school year. The umbrella program that it would operate under, "MAPPS" (Ministry Among Peers in Public Schools) is attempting to reach into every school in Howard County, and the success of this effort depends entirely upon the active participation of students such as yourself. I sincerely hope that you will be open to the possibility of being involved in this special opportunity this year. Teachers: we are also in need of faculty sponsors! Look for more information soon or contact Eamonn Clark at clark942@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have you registered yet?

Please visit us at 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

Did you know... the term "CCD" is no longer used? Formal faith formation classes are simply referred to as "Religious Education Classes."

Important Dates:

- September 27: First EDGE Class – 9:30am
- October 3: First Saturday Religious Ed. Class (grades K-5)
- October 4: First WEE PRAISE Class - 9:30 Mass
- October 4: Faith in the Family Mandatory Parent Meeting – 2:00-3:00pm
- October 5: First Monday Religious Ed. Class (grades 6-10)

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Preparation: Few experiences in the religious education of children are as meaningful & rewarding as helping them to prepare to celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The Canon Law of the Church and the regulations of the Archdiocese of Baltimore state that as children reach the age of discretion (about 7 for most children), they are to be invited to prepare for these two sacraments. Children are also to be enrolled in a formal religious education program in a parish or catholic school at least one year before beginning preparation for these sacraments. Informational letters will be mailed home to all 2nd grade students whose family is registered at St. Louis and who are currently registered in our religious education program or enrolled in St. Louis School.

If your child attends Woodmont Academy or Trinity School & you feel they are eligible to begin their sacramental preparation, or if you feel you should receive a letter and do not, please call the Office of Religious Education at (410) 531-6688. The dates and times for the upcoming Parent/Child meetings for First Penance Preparation are as follows:

Wednesday, October 14: 5:00pm
OR 7:00pm in Howard Bishop
Wednesday, October, 21: 7:00pm in Howard Bishop

Parents, please note, it is not necessary to sign up ahead of time for one of the meetings. You simply attend just one of the meetings listed above. Please also remember that this meeting is for parents and the child who will be preparing to receive First Reconciliation.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

As speaker coordinator for our bi-monthly Archdiocesan youth minister's meeting, I usually ask for a biography so that I can introduce each person. The bios range from a sentence to two pages depending on how much the speaker wants us to know about him/her! It is always interesting to see what the speaker focuses on from his/her life, family, education, ministry experience, etc. Some say nothing about their personal lives, while others begin with it! How would your bio read? How do you want people to see you? What would the important information be concerning your life, your accomplishments, your experiences? And, ready...Is there any indication that God is central to everything you do and say? Just a thought... I'LL BE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

- Sept. 27: 9:30am Youth Mass, 6-8pm Deeper Waters
- Sept. 29: 7:30pm Catechist and Mentor Makeup Training (Youth Room)
- Oct. 2: HS Open Gym & Open Mike Night!
- Oct. 3: HS Corn Maze
- Oct. 16: MS Monthly Dance 7-10pm Tickets on sale starting 10/5
- Oct. 19: 7:15-8:15pm Adolescent Catechesis Parent Meeting
- Oct. 20: 6-7pm MS CYM Youth Council
- Oct. 25: 9:30am Youth Mass

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY'S 5th Annual Dinner Concert Under the Arches, featuring the Anne Taylor Quartet, Sunday October 4th, 2009 6 pm to 8:30 pm; Mass at 4:30 pm. Cost: \$25 per adult, \$15 per child (\$30 at the door). 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 friends and family, and meet the Friars.

FAMILY FUN DAY: The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be hosting a Family Fun Day for persons with developmental disabilities, their families, and friends. Admission to Family Fun Day is free and will be held rain or shine on Sunday, **October 4, 2009** from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center, 15523 York Rd, Sparks, Maryland 21152. For more information, please contact Bill Fleming at 410-547-5410 or at bfleming@archbalt.org.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SCHOOL will hold its annual Fall Open House on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from Twelve Noon to 3:00PM. All prospective students, Grades 9 through 11, and their families are invited and encouraged to attend. The school is located at 3225 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21229. For more information, please call 410-644-1770 X109.