



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2010



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Isaiah 60:1-6	1 John 3:22-4:6	1 John 4:7-10	1 John 4:11-18	1 John 4:19-5:4	1 John 5:5-13	1 John 5:14-21	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13	Psalms 2:7-8, 10-12	Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8	Psalms 72:1-2, 10-13	Psalms 72:1-2, 14-15, 17	Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20	Psalms 149:1-6, 9	Psalms 104:1-4, 24-25, 28-30
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6							Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	Mark 6:34-44	Mark 6:45-52	Luke 4:14-22	Luke 5:12-16	John 3:22-30	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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 10, 2010

Why was Jesus baptized? Ever wonder? He surely did not need it, but he humbled himself to be baptized by John and thus transformed baptism forever. Now each of us is baptized by the Holy Spirit and fire. And at our baptism, the Father greets us with the same words Luke records here: "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter, with you I am well pleased." What will we do in response?

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, January 04, 2010	Room 305	7:00 PM
Catholics Come Home	Monday, January 04, 2010	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, January 04, 2010	Chapel	7:30 PM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Tuesday, January 05, 2010	Howard Bishop Rooms	7:00 PM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, January 05, 2010	Room 301/302	7:00 PM
Pastoral Council	Tuesday, January 05, 2010	Pastor's Conference Room	7:30 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, January 06, 2010	Room 301/302	9:30 AM
RCIA	Wednesday, January 06, 2010	Room 301/302	7:00 PM
Taize Adoration	Wednesday, January 06, 2010	Church	7:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, January 06, 2010	Room 306	8:00 PM
ACTS Women's Retreat Team	Thursday, January 07, 2010	Room 301/302	7:00 PM
SLYA Holy Hour	Friday, January 08, 2010	Chapel	7:00 PM



Dear Parishioners:

As we embark upon another new year, perhaps we might keep in mind the advice of Mark Twain:

Three daily reminders:

Have the courage to say no.

Have the courage to face the truth.

Have the courage to do the right thing because it is right!

Msgr. Luca

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P.S. The snow storm over the weekend of the 4th Sunday of Advent hit us very hard financially. Please make an effort to help us "catch-up!" Anything you can do to help us would be greatly appreciated. Thank you sincerely.

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

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS: The flowers used to decorate our church altar, shrines, and chapel altar are available to honor a loved one who is living or deceased, as an expression of gratitude to God on special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays or other significant events. 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; and Chapel Altar 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.

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

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.

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Michael cleaned his room; Zachariah made the beds; Andrea shoveled the stairs so the doggies could go inside and out; Anja helped clean the toy room.

WORSHIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next Saturday, January 9th by Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel is canceled on 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:

Alice Manning, sister of Sarah O'Leary.

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:

Josephine Adamsky	Leo Mortimer	Nick Riccio
Joan Brannan	Nancy Mortimer	Nelson Rinehart
Drena Cunningham	Peggie Murray	Lori Ryan
Mitchell Cupps	Matthew Norwicz	Martine Mary Schwarts
James Edmonston	Stephanie Norwicz	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
Wilson John	Emanuel Picek	Richard Tobin
Shannan Machado	Teagan Price	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010

Sunday	6:45am	Buzz Wiedel and James A. Murray, Jr.
	8:00am	Jane Gossage and Steve Dankos
	9:30am	John Evans and William Thureau
	11:15am	The Evans Family (SI) and Buzz Wiedel
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz and Buzz Wiedel
Monday	7:00am	Buzz Wiedel and Lou Blom
Tuesday	7:00am	Buzz Wiedel and Moses Nwulia
	9:30am	Lola Marsiglia and Elizabeth Pellechia
Wednesday	7:00am	Orv Gilbert and Roman Myslinski
Thursday	7:00am	Buzz Wiedel and Maureen Elker
Friday	7:00am	Ralph Santo and Walter E. Meuse, III
Saturday	8:00am	Robert and Laura Gillett (SI)
	4:00pm	Raymond Hatfield and Donald Zernhelt
	5:30pm	Bobby Adams and Lina Liberatore





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

GIVEN BY:	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Bill Baker
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Lillian Baker
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Richard Baker
Mrs. Margaret Miler	William J. Baker
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Arthur Long, Jr.
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Bob Miller
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Cathy Miller
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Robert Edmund Miller
Mrs. Margaret Miler	Marion Olson



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.

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 28th—Sunday, January 31st. For more information, contact: Patricia Dutko at 410-507-9873 or actspd@gmail.com; Stephanie Nucci at 443-794-8502 or smnucci@comcast.net; or Fr. Dominique at 410-531-6040 or dperidans@stlouisparish.org. Men, we haven't forgotten about you. A men's retreat will be held Thursday, February 18th through Sunday, February 23rd. For more information, contact: Padraic Walsh at 410-290-5835 or padraicwalsh@verizon.net; Wayne Strupp at 410-480-4845 or wayne.strupp@ngc.com; or Fr. Dominique at 410-531-6040 or dperidans@stlouisparish.org.

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Important Dates:

Saturday, January 2:	No Class
Saturday, January 9:	Religion classes 9:00am
Wednesday, January 13:	First Eucharist mtg. for parents 7:00pm
Saturday, January 16:	Religion classes 9:00am
Saturday, January 16:	Coffee & Conversation with Fr. Dominique 9:00am
Wednesday, January 20:	First Eucharist mtg. for parents 7:00pm
Saturday, January 23:	Religion classes 9:00am
Saturday, January 30:	Religion classes 9:00am
Saturday, January 30:	5 th grade Soup Kitchen

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION MEETINGS: Our parish rejoices each year as we welcome our children into more active involvement in our community through the Sacrament of Eucharist. Regular reception of Holy Communion fosters a relationship with Jesus that is central to a child's religious development. Parent meetings for those children who wish to prepare to receive First Holy Communion in May will be held in January. Families of second grade students enrolled in St. Louis School, Religious Education classes, Trinity School or Woodmont Academy should have received a letter in the mail inviting them to attend the meetings listed above. If you feel you should have received a letter and did not, or if you have any questions, please contact Vickie Yozwiak at (410) 531-6688. All preparation meetings will be held in the Howard Bishop meeting rooms.

"BEAUTY...ART AS A PRAYERFUL SPRINGBOARD" Mark your calendars now to share "Saturday Morning Coffee and Conversation" with Fr. Dominique and fellow St. Louis parishioners on Saturday, January 16th. All parents, grandparents, Godparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and parishioners are welcome to gather in the Howard Bishop Meeting Rooms at 9:00a.m. for this informal opportunity to socialize and discuss "Art as a Prayerful Springboard."



YOUTH MINISTRY

Our extended Sprinkle-Amrhein-Diggs-Daigle family meets regularly at the McKeldin Park for a huge reunion! Plenty of sports, food, games, and conversation makes for an awesome day. It is always good to catch up and it helps that we all really *like* each other!!! Not sure if you have these graced family times, but it is so important to celebrate relationships! We choose our friends, but must choose over and over again to love those family members that God has given to us.

I hike at McKeldin from time to time and, although I really love the river and hiking trails, I often think that something (someone) is missing. Because of the great moments and memories with the reunions, it is nice but very different to walk the paths alone. This has me reflecting on why I come to church at least weekly. I can walk the path of faith alone, praying by myself and doing good deeds, but there is nothing like celebrating with the family of the Catholic Church! Many say that they really don't need to come to church. I think the opposite. My relationship with the Trinity (a community in and of itself!) is tied up in my relationships with the church! This New Year's, make it a goal to join your faith family. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR WALK WILL BE BLESSED WITH THE CATHOLIC FAMILY!! HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CYM OFFICE!!!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

- 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

ADULT ENRICHMENT

ADULT CATECHISM STUDY: Father Corapi, an international speaker and Theologian presents [via DVD] teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, followed by lively round-table discussions. This semester we will study Part Two of the Catechism, focused on the Celebration of the Christian Ministry / The Sacraments. Previous Catechism study is not required. The study starts January 19th and runs for 12 weeks. We meet on Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the Pastoral Center. We have scheduled a Catechism Overview on Tuesday, January 12th from 7pm until 9pm for anyone not familiar with the Catechism. Come learn how the Catechism will help you better understand Christ and His Church, catechize your family and enhance your study of the Bible. A personal copy of the Catechism is required and can be purchased after the class begins. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition (Green Cover), is recommended. Contact Leo Regensburger at 301-604-8487 or leoregensburger@comcast.net, or the parish office to register. A \$15 registration fee is requested for those who have not already started the Catechism Study. There is no charge for the Catechism Overview. Registration forms are available in the Narthex of the Church. Please register even if you attended a previous Catechism Study. Registration forms may be dropped off at the Parish Office or mailed to: Adult Scripture Study, St. Louis Church, 12500 Clarks-ville Pike, Clarks-ville, MD 21029.

STEWARDSHIP

December 20, 2009

103 Envelopes: \$5,165.00
Loose: 676.00
 Total Collection: \$5,841.00

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

- January 16/17 Special Care for Diocesan Priests
- January 30/31 Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The three kings in today's reading traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will we go and what will we offer to pay homage to the newborn King and Savior?

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.

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 January 1, 2010	\$ 1,174,169
(Our monthly mortgage payment will be \$27,342 for 47 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.

DID YOU FORGET TO BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE THIS WEEK?

Well now there is an easy remedy...Electronic Contributions. St. Louis now has a program which enables your contributions to be deducted once or twice a month. Contributions to the parish will be automatically deducted from your Savings or Checking account (whichever you prefer). For more information please call the parish office at 410-531-6040 or download a contribution form at www.stlouisparish.org/html/econtribute.htm. Thank you!

OUTREACH



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.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY: The St. Louis Respect Life Committee's Elizabeth Ministry provides prayers & meals to families with newborns and newly adopted children, welcoming the child into their families and the St. Louis parish community.

If you are interested in cooking a meal for a St. Louis parish family that has recently welcomed a new child into its' family, please contact Teresa Colella, Elizabeth Ministry Volunteer Coordinator teresa@drake-family.com

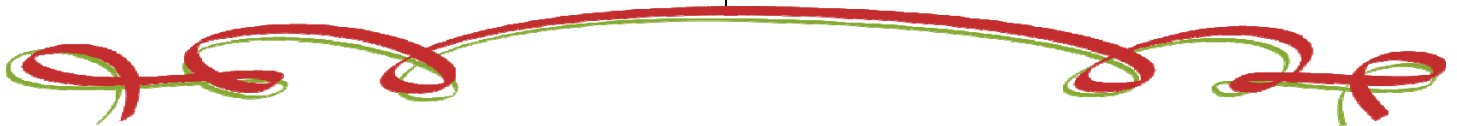
Are you expecting a child? If your family would like to receive meals from parish families, please contact Brian Drake, Elizabeth Ministry Family Coordinator brian@drake-family.com.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2010 . . . Mark your calendars – we will make our pro-life presence known to the lawmakers in Washington, the citizens of the United States, and people around the world, on

Friday, January 22, 2010. Buses will be provided and a special bus sign up will take place after every Mass on Jan 9-10 in the narthex. Let your voice be heard and counted among the throngs of people attending the March.

UNITED IN PRAYER If you can't attend the March for Life in Washington, but want to be part of this mission, join us in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Beginning at 9:00 AM, and at the top of each hour following, we will pray the rosary followed by silent prayer and meditation on life related issues. Benediction will end the day at approximately 5:00 PM when those attending the March for Life return and join us. Please contact **Jenny Thompson at 301-854-2279** if you can commit to a specific hour to pray for life before the True Presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. Your prayers are POWERFUL!



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

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.

A Class on the Mass: presented by Fr. Bart Karwacki, OFM Conv. January 16, 2010, 9:00 am. - 11:30 am. Are you looking for a deeper understanding of the Mass? Have you ever wondered why we do the things the way that we do and what is the proper way to do them? These questions can be answered in this class which will briefly review the History and Theology of the Mass with a look at the Rubrics, words and actions we use to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Participants are welcome to attend Saturday noon Mass following the presentation. Cost: \$15 per person. Catechist Clock Hours are available. Please call the Shrine office for further information or to RSVP, 410-531-2800.

TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR MASS TIMES:

To find church locations and Mass schedules nationwide, call 1-410-676-6000 or go to www.MassTimes.org.



LITTLE SISTERS DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Annual discernment retreat is scheduled for **February 12-14, 2010.** The retreat is open to single, young women ages 18-36 who are discerning a Religious Vocation. There is no fee for the retreat. A reservation is necessary by January 15. To register or for more information contact Little Sisters of the Poor at (202) 269-1914 or (202) 256-0630.

REDISCOVERY WEEKEND FOR MARRIAGE: Retrouvaille (rediscovery) Weekend: **January 15-17, 2010** in Washington, for marriages in difficulty. Helps hurting couples heal. Call 410-647-0350 or 301-6764, or email TomnCarol@comcast.net Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more info.