



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2010



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Malachi 3:1-4	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	Sirach 47:2-11	1 Kings 3:4-13	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalms 71:1-6, 15, 17	Psalms 3:2-7	Psalms 24:7-10	Psalms 32:1-2, 5-7	1 Corinthians 29:10-12	Psalms 18:31, 47, 50-51	Psalms 119:9-14	Psalms 138:1-8
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3		Hebrews 2:14-18					1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 4:21-30	Mark 5:1-20	Luke 2:22-40	Mark 6:1-6	Mark 6:7-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34	Luke 5:1-11

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, February 7, 2010

"They left everything and followed him." Pretty amazing when you think of it – to leave everything and focus on Jesus. This invitation is not just for Apostles, hermits, and monks, but for each of us. Lent is coming. Are there one or two things in your life that have become more important than your relationship with the One who loves you? Can you let them go?

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

CDA Cookbook Committee	Monday, February 01, 2010	Room 304	7:00 PM
ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, February 01, 2010	Room 305	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, February 01, 2010	Chapel	7:30 PM
Blood Drive	Tuesday, February 02, 2010	Social Hall	7:00 AM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, February 02, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
CDA Board	Tuesday, February 02, 2010	Room 304	5:00 PM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Tuesday, February 02, 2010	Howard Bishop Rooms	6:30 PM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, February 02, 2010	Room 301	7:00 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, February 03, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
RCIA	Wednesday, February 03, 2010	Room 301	7:00 PM
Taize Adoration	Wednesday, February 03, 2010	Church	7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, February 03, 2010	Room 306	8:00 PM
ACTS Men's Group	Saturday, February 06, 2010	Room 305	7:00 AM
First Saturday Fellowship Coffee	Saturday, February 06, 2010	Social Hall	8:30 AM



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend throughout the United States begins what is known as **Catholic Schools Week**—a weeklong celebration of our Catholic Schools and the important role they play in educating and forming students with Christian values. These schools range from parochial elementary schools to high schools to colleges and universities.

We are so fortunate at St Louis to have our own Catholic School that has been recognized as one of the best on the East Coast! From its founding eighty years ago to the present day, children are offered the best quality education, provided in the context of our deeply held and cherished Roman Catholic Faith. In a recent evaluation of our school it received the highest possible commendation. In addition, our administration and faculty were commended for not only being exceptionally qualified but also for being caring, welcoming and nurturing.

As we begin Catholic Schools Week I salute our school and thank parents, teachers and faculty for providing such a great environment for our children to grow, learn and to be formed as Christians.

Msgr. Luca

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P.S. My sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the fund for the earthquake victims in Haiti. As of this writing, we have received \$83,644.71—thank you from the bottom of my heart for this exceptionally generous expression of care and compassion for the people of Haiti who are suffering so much. May God richly bless each of you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for.

David Starr Jordon (1851-1931) Educator and Writer

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Samantha helped her sister; Jack tried very hard to get his school work done; Laura helped her mom; Brian made a prayer card; Sarah helped with the dishes and cooking dinner; Donovan helped Mr. Dave with the basketballs; Loagen helped his mom after she came home from the hospital; Averie helped her mom after she came home from the hospital; Gillian shared her toys with her brother; Michelle took care of the cats; Andrea helped a kindergartener pick up her crayons when she dropped them; Andrew helped his mom clean up after dinner; Marisa was nice; Tori picked up sticks for her mommy and daddy for the fire; Becca was a hero for Haiti.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the Altar, the Pieta, the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Louis are given in loving memory of Donald Francis Colella. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Teresa Colella, Brian Drake and Joanne DiNovo for providing this weekend's flowers.

The flowers for the Chapel are given on the occasion of John & Chris Scarzello's 40th Wedding Anniversary. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the Scarzello family for providing this weekend's flowers.

THE 2010 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME...(PSALM 138:3)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of you recently received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien asking you to make a gift or pledge to this year's Annual Appeal.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal funds operations and services of the Archdiocese, as well as, the ministries we support at Saint Louis Parish. This year, we will support:

- Our Sister Parishes in Western Maryland and Baltimore City
- Sisters' Academy of Baltimore
- The Little Sisters of the Poor
- The Saint Louis Parish Needy Family Fund
- Saint Louis School Tuition Assistance

Our parish will receive 25% of each dollar contributed up to this year's goal of \$195,200. Once we make the goal, we will receive 50% of any additional money raised. As in years past, we will commit the amount we receive to our parish partners listed above.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a pledge to this year's Annual Appeal. All pledges can be billed up to ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WORSHIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next Saturday, February 6th, by Father Matthew Buening.

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, February 10, 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:

Goldie K. Thomas, mother of Bill Thomas

Rita McMahan, mother of John McMahan

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE! Archbishop O'Brien will preside at the 2010 World Marriage Day Mass, to be held Feb. 14, 2010 at 3 PM at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. All couples are invited. In particular, the Archdiocese would like to recognize the longest married couple in each parish and any couple married 25 years or more. If you would like to be so recognized, please contact Deacon Fred at 410-531-6040 or fmauser@stlouisparrish.org.

TIME FOR A QUIET HEART-TO-HEART WITH THE LORD? Join us this Wednesday, February 3rd 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.....



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2010

Sunday	6:45am	John & Chris Scarzello (SI)
	8:00am	Jane Gossage and Mary Santo
	9:30am	William Thureau and Bridget Kaufman
	11:15am	Richard Robert and Everardo Sala
	12:45pm	Donald Colella and Maria Bochniewicz
Monday	7:00am	Donald Colella and Gilbert Lee
Tuesday	7:00am	Donald Colella and Bishop Lucas Abadamloora
	9:30am	Emma Mahoney and Ireen Dryburgh-Barry
Wednesday	7:00am	Donald Colella and Carl Tatum (SI)
Thursday	7:00am	Donald Colella and Bobbi Ann Miller
Friday	7:00am	Donald Colella and Jose Grey
Saturday	8:00am	Lee Joyce Darrington and Cynthia Wrightson
	4:00pm	Paul R. Payne
	5:30pm	Parishioners

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	Peggie Murray	Lori Ryan
Elliana Marie Barber	Mona Musgrave	Mary Frances Schuyler
Pat Dunlap	Matthew Norwicz	Stephan Schecter
Eleanor Fidler	Stephanie Norwicz	Steve Scott
Jim Haig	Lori Olivi	Evelyn Scroder
Sue Hall	Leah Pegg	JoAnne Simmons
Shirley Ingraham	Kelli Penn	Claudia Smallwood
Wilson John	Teagan Price	Bill Steckman
Leo Mortimer	Nelson Rinehart	Beth Tylicki
Nancy Mortimer		

FELLOWSHIP

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. A men's retreat will be held Thursday, February 18th through Sunday, February 21st. 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.

BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The St. Louis Knights of Columbus is holding their annual Free-Throw competition for the youth of the Parish and community on **Sunday, February 7th** from 2:15- 3:15pm in the school gym. All boys and girls age 10 - 14 as of January 1, 2010 are eligible to compete. The winners of each age category will compete immediately afterwards at 3:15pm in the District competition. Come on out for what is sure to be a fun time. For more information, please contact John Sniezek 410-312-7453.

LENTEN SOUP FRIDAYS AT ST. LOUIS: The St. Louis Catholic Daughters of the Americas will serve homemade meatless soup, bread, grilled cheese, along with water, on Friday, February 26th and March 19th. Our hope is to have people enjoy a small meal and then attend Stations of the Cross. We will begin serving at 5:30pm and end at 6:50pm, giving everyone time to eat and get to Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM, in the Church.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: *Presented by* St. Louis Knights of Columbus: *Come join us for an old fashion Lenten Friday night fish dinner and friendly fellowship with your fellow Parishioners. Bring the family and enjoy a delicious meal at a very reasonable price without all the cooking and cleaning. And after dinner attend the Stations of the Cross Service at 7:00 PM in the Church. A nice way to celebrate two of the Fridays of the Lenten period.*

When: February 19, 2010
March 5, 2010

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: St. Louis Social Hall

Cost: \$7.00 per Adult
\$4.00 per Child (12 and under)
Free for Children under 3

Menu: Baked fish fillet, potato wedges, cole slaw, applesauce, roll & butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea, punch, water.
Cheese pizza for Non-Seafood Diners.
Take-out dinners available.

Tickets: Available after weekend Masses during February in the narthex and at the door on the day of the Dinners.

Contact: For information or questions contact Bill Thomas at 410-531-2428.



EDUCATION



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

This week St. Louis School celebrates Catholic Schools' Week, the national celebration of Catholic education. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" focuses on our school's commitment to instill in our students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will help them lead fulfilling lives. We have planned a week full of activities to celebrate our students, teachers, parents and our community and would love for you to join us!

We kick-off the week with an **Open House on Sunday, January 31st, from 10:30 am – 2pm.** Please come by and see all that we have to offer your family for a comprehensive, faith-filled education. On your way out today, stop by the ministry table in the Narthex and pick up a prayer card from one of our students. Tuck one away in your purse or wallet and when you look at it, know that our students are praying for you!

As part of our activities this week, the students are conducting a fundraiser "**Sisters Change Lives**" for the orders of sisters who have ministered at St. Louis School. They will collect change to donate to these generous women and thank them for forming and changing our lives.

Our students will also be focusing on helping our brothers and sisters in Haiti. **Maria LaVerghetta**, a St. Louis alumna and current junior at Notre Dame Prep, has coordinated an effort with other Catholic Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore and has asked our students to "**Wake Up to the Problem in Haiti**", with a pajama-themed out of uniform day. Student council will collect a donation from every child who wears their PJ's to school and will donate the money where it is so desperately needed. Thanks, Maria, for the great idea!

We will fill up the week with our annual Parent-Appreciation Day, our 7th vs. 8th grade basketball games, a pep-rally and Spirit Day. Please come out to hear our great school bands as they participate in a **Band Concert** in celebration of Catholic Schools' Week at **12 noon at Kenilworth Mall on Saturday, February 6th.** They always do a great job and will be sure to have you tapping your toes!

Please go to our website to see our schedule of events for the rest of this week www.stlouisparish.org/school. We would love for you to join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETINGS will be held on Tuesday February 23rd or Thursday February 25th in the Howard Bishop Rooms from 7:00-8:30 pm. Sophomores in High School who have been in Religious Education or Catholic Schools are eligible for Confirmation. Eligible Candidates must attend one of the Information Meetings with a parent. For any questions please contact Kristen Daub at Kdaub@stlouisparish.org.

{The following reflection is by Meghan Sprankle, senior at Archbishop Spalding HS and CYM Leadership Team member}

We were just about freezing in the cold, 35-degree weather, surrounded by about 100,000 people. 100,000 people who all believed in the same things we did. 100,000 people marching for the same cause we were. 100,000 people marching for the lives of the unborn babies. It was the annual Anti-Abortion Rally in Washington, D.C. and we were all braving the icy temperatures because of our strong belief in this cause. 100,000 youth and adults coming together to stand up for what they believe in; yeah, that's pretty powerful.

But what does it really mean to be Pro-Life? Yes, it does mean speaking out against abortion and in support of saving innocent, unborn babies. However, this is not all it includes. Being Pro-Life is also about being against unjust wars or inhumane treatment of prisoners or discrimination of any kind. Being Pro-Life involves being "for" all walks of life, from conception to natural death, or as some would say, "From womb to tomb." This means that we are to respect all forms of life, regardless of age, gender, race, or physical characteristics. We are to respect the right to life that all people deserve. For as the Book of Deuteronomy says, *"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants"* (Deuteronomy 30:19). God chose life when he created us. Your parents chose life when they brought you into this world. I choose life. Will you?

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

Feb. 1: Italian Dinner Worker Signup Begins
Feb. 3: HS CYM 5 Week Speaker Series "Decisions, Decisions, Decisions" with Marc Parisi 7:30-9pm
Feb. 5: HS CYM Open Gym 7-10pm
Feb. 8: Parent Speaker Patrick A Brady on "Spiritually Surviving the Economy: 7:15-8:30pm School Loft
Feb. 10: 5 Week Speaker Series "Washing Feet" with Jeff Abel 7:30-9pm
Feb. 12: MS CYM Dance 7-10pm Tickets on sale starting 2/1
Feb. 14: BRUNCH at Grassroots Homeless Shelter
Feb. 16: 6-7pm MS CYM Youth Council (Youth Room)
Feb. 17: 5 Week Speaker Series "Personal Training for Lent" with Lauren Arroyo 7:30-9pm. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE INCLUDED!**

ADULT ENRICHMENT

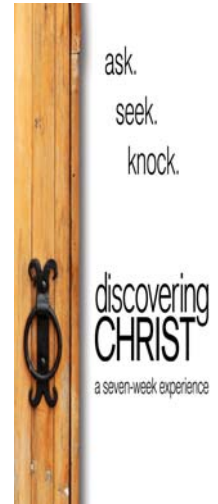
You are invited to **Discovering Christ!**

This seven-week experience begins Monday evening February 15 and runs weekly till March 29 with a life-changing day retreat on Saturday, March 20. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series exploring the meaning of life and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Each session begins with a delicious dinner at 6:45pm in the Parish Social Hall, followed by a video-based teaching, and small group discussion. The sessions end at 9:15pm.

This series is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and invite others in or out of the Church to discover Christ in a life-changing way.

We only have room for 240 participants, so please register early! Registration is available in the narthex or online at stlouisparish.org/discover. There is no cost to participate in this program. The program is only for participants 11th grade or older.



STEWARDSHIP

January 24, 2010

622 Envelopes: \$21,120.00

Loose: 4,653.28

Total Collection: \$25,773.28

Electronic Funds Transfer Recap for January 2010
307 gifts totaling \$ 27,693.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 16/17 Eastern Europe

February 27/28 Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. Reassured by the Lord, both of them answer and follow. Do you hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Are You prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send *me!*"?

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.

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

HOWARD COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER: Are you a compassionate person with a strong commitment to the Culture of Life? Have you ever considered helping women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy? The Howard County Pregnancy Center, located in Columbia, is seeking volunteers to increase our current staff. The Pregnancy Center will present an orientation class for new volunteers on February 18 from 10am to Noon at the Center. To attend the orientation or for more information, please call Joyce or Nancy at the Center, 410-730-3223.

TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR MASS TIMES:

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



OUTREACH

LENTEN RIGHT TO LIFE EVENT – SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

We need your help. 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 February 17 to March 28, 2010. This is a powerful event that has been shown to produce great results. St. Louis will be participating at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic in Catonsville on Route 40. We need vigil partners and prayer partners. Vigil partners will congregate at a specific location near the abortion clinic and pray from 7:30 AM to 7:30 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, and there is great strength 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. Sponsored by the St. Louis Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Committee.



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.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY LOBBY NIGHT: Please consider making a commitment to join other Catholics from all over Maryland on **President's Day February 15** to offer a "Testimony of Charity" at the 26th Annual **Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis**. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak with their State elected officials about Social Justice issues, like support for women in challenging pregnancies, tax help for non-public schools, clarifying what "marriage" means. Full range of topic will be available as time draws nearer.

DO NOT BE AFRAID! Your presence alone is invaluable: you can just **BE THERE** while someone else does the talking!

Lobby Night lasts from 3pm to 8pm; we provide buses from St. Louis. **WATCH** this space for information on registering – we need to know how many buses we need and the Maryland Catholic Conference needs to know who is coming so they schedule appointments with the legislators.