



# ST. LOUIS CHURCH

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### February 14, 2010



#### Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Jeremiah 17:5-8	James 1:1-11	James 1:12-18	Joel 2:12-18	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Isaiah 58:1-9	Isaiah 58:9-14	Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalms 1:1-4, 6	Psalms 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76	Psalms 94:12-15, 18-19	Psalms 51:3-6, 12-14, 17	Psalms 1:1-4, 6	Psalms 51:3-6, 18-19	Psalms 86:1-6	Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20			2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2				Romans 10:8-13
Luke 6:17, 20-26	Mark 8:11-13	Mark 8:14-21	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Luke 9:22-25	Matthew 9:14-15	Luke 5:27-32	Luke 4:1-13

#### 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 21, 2010

Jesus understands what it is like to be tempted: remember, he is like us in everything. The enticements that the devil presented were attractive, but Jesus never gave in, took the easy way out, or wavered in his total trust of the Father. What tries to lure you away from the Lord?

#### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Discovering Christ	Monday, February 15, 2010	Social Hall	7:00 PM
ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, February 15, 2010	Room 305	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, February 15, 2010	Chapel	7:30 PM
Liturgy Committee	Monday, February 15, 2010	Room 303	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, February 16, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Tuesday, February 16, 2010	Howard Bishop Rooms	6:30 PM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, February 16, 2010	Room 301	7:00 PM
Respect Life Committee	Tuesday, February 16, 2010	Room 304	7:30 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, February 17, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
RCIA	Wednesday, February 17, 2010	Chapel	7:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer group	Wednesday, February 17, 2010	Room 306	8:00 PM
ACTS Retreat Send off	Thursday, February 18, 2010	Chapel	5:30 PM
CDA Cookbook Committee	Thursday, February 18, 2010	Room 304	7:00 PM
Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner	Friday, February 19, 2010	Social Hall	5:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	Friday, February 19, 2010	Church	7:00 PM



Dear Parishioners:

This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the solemn season of Lent. In addition to merely "receiving ashes", I would like to suggest that we make a serious effort to use these next forty days as a time to deepen our love for the Lord through prayer and spiritual activities.

An exceptional way of doing this is by attending one daily Mass each week of Lent – in addition to our Sunday Mass. The reason I suggest this is because Sunday is a day we are expected to attend Mass – it is our duty and our privilege as Roman Catholics – and of course, it is also our obligation to obey the Commandments by keeping holy the Sabbath Day.

Attending an additional daily Mass is clearly a way of going beyond the expectation of the Law of the Commandments and worshipping God out of love and appreciation for the Eucharist. We gather to give God additional thanks and praise!

In our area of Howard County, there are many opportunities throughout the day to attend a daily Mass. Masses are celebrated in our Catholic parishes at the following times:

**WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT – St. Louis and Area Parishes**

7:00 am Mon - Fri (except Tues at 7:00 am & 9:30 am); 8:00 am Sat — *St. Louis Church*

9:00 am Mon - Wed — *St. Francis of Assisi, Fulton*

6:30 am Mon - Fri; 9:00 am Mon - Sat; 7:00 pm Thurs — *Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City*

12:00 noon Mon - Fri — *St. John the Evangelist, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Columbia*

8:15 am Mon - Sat; Thurs 9:30 am — *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City*

12:00 noon Mon - Fri — *St. Anthony Shrine, Ellicott City*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION SERVICE**

8:30 am Monday, Wednesday (except Ash Wednesday), Thursday and Friday in the Chapel—*St. Louis Church*

Whatever you choose to do, make it a truly holy and blessed Lent!

Msgr. Luca

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. (Liturgy of Ash Wednesday)

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

**EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE:** The Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross wish to thank all of the parishioners that donated blood during the emergency blood drive. We collected 58 units of blood, and our goal was 48 units. The 58 units is sufficient to save lives of 174 men, women and children. Once again you prove your love of your neighbor, thanks and God Bless.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SPRING MULCH SALE:** Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Order your 3 cubic foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch for \$4.00 each from the Knights of Columbus to help support their many charitable efforts. Free delivery is available for orders over 30 bags. Smaller orders must be picked up at Kendall's Hardware between 8 am and 12 pm. Order forms are available at [www.kc11898.com](http://www.kc11898.com) (click on Mulch Sale), at the information table or the tower in the narthex, or by calling Vince Grauso at 410-531-3463. All orders must be received and paid for by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers for the Altar are given in loving memory of Doff Fleshman. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Sally Fleshman for providing this weekend's flowers.

The flowers for the Blessed Mother are given in honor of Jean and Dan Ho. Our sincere gratitude is extended to an anonymous donor for providing this weekend's flowers.

# WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Sunday	6:45am	John Albanese and Kathleen Torpey (SI)
	8:00am	Jane Gossage and Jivaka DeSilva
	9:30am	William Thurau and Edward McSally
	11:15am	Jenny Fernandes and Jack Stamerro
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz and Sylvia Slicer
Monday	7:00am	Patricia Sommersburger (SI)
Tuesday	7:00am	Ralph Santo and Norman Blanchard
	9:30am	M. Helen Bopp and Kathleen Torpey (SI)
Wednesday	7:00am	Rudolph Silvers
	5:00pm	Ann Brown
	7:00pm	Parishioners
Thursday	7:00am	James McGuyer and Gil Salas
Friday	7:00am	Carl Tatum (SI) and Michael Moffett
Saturday	8:00am	Jack Stamerro and Donald Mathieu
	4:00pm	Lee Joyce Dorrington
	5:30pm	Ann T. Nancy Meren

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Next Saturday, February 20th, by Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

**PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?** The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Wednesday, March 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:

Jacqueline Rana, wife of Riaz Rana  
Ernest Lello, father of Jennifer Jacobs

**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
Pat Dunlap	Matthew Norwic	Stephan Schecter
Eleanor Fidler	Stephanie Norwic	Steve Scott
Sue Hall	Lori Olivi	Evelyn Scroder
Shirley Ingraham	Luke Peninger	JoAnne Simmons
Wilson John	Kelli Penn	Claudia Smallwood
Leo Mortimer	Emanuel Picek	Bill Steckman
Nancy Mortimer	Nelson Rinehart	Beth Tylicki
Martha Murphy		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Cpl. Dan Haack, Cpt. Joseph McDonald, 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; Cmdr. J. Patrick Madden, PFC Patrick Steckman, 1st LT Vincent Paul Rubbo, SR Mark E. Mangus, Jr.

**SECOND ANNUAL PATRIOTIC ROSARY** presented by St Louis Knights of Columbus and St Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Join us February 23 at 7:30pm in the church to pray this special Rosary to recognize the importance of God and the Holy Spirit in the foundation of our government. Light refreshments will be served in the Social Hall after the rosary. Everyone is invited. For more information please contact Leo Mortimer at 410-730-4844.

## LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

### ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the following times: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am school mass, 12 noon Communion service, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (*with Benediction*)

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 pm; 5:00 - 5:30 pm and by appointment

*The Light Is On.* Wednesdays of Lent, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (except Ash Wednesday and Holy Week)

Tuesday, **March 16** 7:30 pm – Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

### PALM SUNDAY – March 28

### HOLY THURSDAY – April 1

8:00 am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
7:30 pm – **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

8:00 am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
3:00 pm – **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion  
7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross in tableau form, followed by Veneration of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY – April 3

(*No 8:00 am, 4:00 pm, or 5:30 pm Masses & no afternoon confessions*)

8:00 am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel with RCIA  
1:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Foods in the Church  
7:30 pm – **THE EASTER VIGIL**

### EASTER SUNDAY – April 4 (*No Eucharistic Adoration*)

Church: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am; 12:45 pm  
Auditorium: 9:30 am (Children's Mass), 11:15 am

# FELLOWSHIP

**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 26<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.* February 19, 2010 & March 5, 2010; 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the St. Louis Social Hall. Cost is \$7.00 per Adult; \$4.00 per Child (12 and under) and free for Children under 3. The menu is baked fish fillet, potato wedges, cole slaw, apple sauce, roll & butter, dessert, beverages. Cheese pizza for Non-Seafood Diners. Take-out dinners available. Tickets available after weekend Masses in the narthex and at the door. Contact Bill Thomas at 410-531-2428 for more information.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact: Padraic Walsh at 410-290-5835 or padraicwalsh@verizon.net; Wayne Strupp at 410-480-4845 or Fr. Dominique at 410-531-6040 or dperidans@stlouisparish.org.

**LENTEN CONCERT – GOOD FOR THE SOUL MUSIC:** Join us Friday, March 5 at 8:00 pm, in the church, for a concert/prayer experience with Catholic Christian recording artist, David Kauffman ([www.goodforthesoulmusic.com](http://www.goodforthesoulmusic.com)). This will be a free will offering gathering.

**LENTEN JOURNALING WORKSHOP:** Can one word deepen your prayer life? On Saturday morning, March 6, you are invited to find out! David Kauffman will lead us in a journaling workshop. Join us at 8:30 am for a fellowship breakfast followed by the workshop from 9:00 am to 12 Noon. The cost for the workshop is \$20 and includes a CD, Journal and the workshop presentation. Please contact Robert Mayer at 410-480-1645 or [bucsbari2@aol.com](mailto:bucsbari2@aol.com) to register. Come and be uplifted and draw closer to God at this Lenten season event.

# EDUCATION



The Blizzard of 2010 had our students, (and we suspect the teachers, too), jumping for joy as they enjoyed some unexpected time off from school. We hope you were all safe and sound in your homes, with heat and electricity, and a refrigerator stocked full of goodies for the Super Bowl.

Thank you to all of those families who joined us for our Open House last weekend. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to many new families joining the St. Louis school community. We are now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the school office for further information and to schedule a tour, or visit our website at [www.stlouisparish.org/school/admissions](http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/admissions). We look forward to hearing from you!

A great big "Thank You" to **Brad Jones** and our maintenance staff for the wonderful job they did -- and continue to do -- in clearing the enormous amount of snow from the parking lots and sidewalks this last week. Aside from the contractors hired to remove the snow, we were assisted by many, many volunteers who chipped-in to lend their equipment and time to what was a herculean effort. **Thank you so much for all that you have done, and continue to do, to keep our students and parishioners safe.** We will pray for an early spring!

This Wednesday we will begin the Lenten season with a school-wide Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:30 a.m. We would love for you to join us for this opportunity to begin the Holy season with a fresh and reverent perspective as we begin our preparations for Easter.

Have a great, warm and dry week!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- February 18: First Communion Parent Planning Meeting 7:00p.m.
- February 20: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00a.m.
- February 20: Family Life lessons begin for all grades
- February 20: Coffee & Conversation with Fr. Dominique
- February 24: First Communion Enhancement Class 5:00p.m. or 7:00p.m.
- February 27: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00a.m.
- February 27: Quilt Squares & Blessing Cup forms are due in!!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION QUILT:** Remember... in order for us to have time to piece together & sew our quilt, your family's square should have been turned in to the Religious Education Office by Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Each square should be an exact 6" square. Remember to choose a fabric that is a cotton or cotton blend (no felt, velvet, satin, polyester, etc.) Also, please remember to leave, at very least, a ¼" seam allowance. If you have any questions, or need any assistance with your square, please call the Office of Religious Education at 410-531-6688.

**HOW PAINFUL IS PURGATORY?** Mark your calendars now to share "Saturday Morning Coffee and Conversation" with Fr. Dominique and fellow St. Louis parishioners on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 topics concerning our shared responsibility of raising children who will continue to grow in faith and love for our Lord and Catholic Church. The last topic for this school year will be **DISCUSSED ON** March 27<sup>th</sup> ... **St. Paul said "we do not know how to pray" (Romans 8:26) So, what should we do?** We are already thinking about next year's schedule. Do you have any suggestions for discussion topics? If so, please call Vickie Yozwiak at 410-531-6688 and we'll add it to our list

**OUR 1<sup>st</sup> FIRST EUCHARIST ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY:** will be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm OR 7:00pm in the Howard Bishop Meeting Rooms. Our topic will be "We are invited to the Table of the Lord." We ask that at least one parent attend with their child. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 410-531-6688.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...** Plans are underway for VBS 2010. Be sure to mark your family's calendar to attend on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. For more info email: [vbs@stlouisparish.org](mailto:vbs@stlouisparish.org) or call Linda Jennings at 301-854-9724 or Tina Held at 410-997-3715. Help is needed in BIG and small ways!!! Please consider lending a hand during this FUN week when the children and youth of our parish gather to hear God's Word and experience His love!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

*{Thanks to Barbara Pinto, the following is offered for your reflection on Valentine's Weekend. There are many great expressions of unselfish love, but Wet Pants is an awesome story}:*

A 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boy wets his pants in the classroom and is deeply embarrassed. He cannot possibly imagine how it has happened since it is the first time, but he thinks that his fellow classmates will ridicule him if they find out. He puts his head down and prays, "Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now!" He looks up from his prayer and sees his teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered. As the teacher is walking towards him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and the bowl of water goes all over the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, "Thank you, Lord!" The teacher rushes to help, giving him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry. Finally, at the end of the day, the boy walks over to Susie, whispering, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispers back, "I wet my pants once too."

*After reading this emailed reflection, I remembered praying, "God, help me to think quickly, feel deeply and love unselfishly like Susie. DURING THIS VALENTINE'S WEEKEND, MAY YOU HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND RECEIVE THE UNSELFISH LOVE OF GOD!!!*

- MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:**  
 Feb. 16: 6-7pm MS CYM Youth Council (Youth Room)  
 Feb. 17: HS CYM 5 Week Speaker Series "Personal Training for Lent" with Lauren Arroyo 7:30-9pm. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE INCLUDED!**  
 Feb. 21: BRUNCH at Grassroots Homeless Shelter 6-8PM Deeper Water at Youth Room!  
 Feb. 23 & 25: Confirmation Information Meeting for 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents  
 Feb. 24: HS CYM 5 Week Speaker Series "Wearing the Armor of Christ" with Jeff Pickard 7:30-9pm  
 Feb 28: 9:30am Youth Mass  
 March 3: HS CYM 5 Week Speaker Series "Sacrifice and Service" with Josh Laws 7:30-9pm  
 March 12-14: CYM 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Dinner Weekend (Actual Dinner 3/14 1:30-6:30pm). Call CYM 410-531-6668 to help!

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETINGS** will be held on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Kdaub@stlouisparish.org).

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](http://stlouisparish.org/discover). There is no cost to participate in this program. The program is only for participants 11<sup>th</sup> grade or older.



# STEWARDSHIP

February 7, 2010

At the time of publication, the envelope totals for February 7th were not available.

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

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 17 Eastern Europe  
February 27/28 Building Fund

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards—" Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

## PLANNED GIVING

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

### Preserving our Treasured Legacy Campaign:

Parish Mortgage:

As of April 1, 2007.....	\$ 3 million
As of April 1, 2008.....	\$ 1,478,322
As of October 1, 2009.....	\$ 791,735
Balance of Ten Oaks Property....	\$ 452,708
New mortgage.....	\$ 1,244,443
As of February 1, 2010 .....	\$ 1,151,230
(Our monthly mortgage payment will be \$27,342 for 45 months)	

Please consider making a sacrificial pledge to this campaign that will enable us to bring down the mortgage of our new Church and Pastoral Center.

1. If you gave to the Heritage of Hope Campaign, which ended in 2001, consider making a pledge to the Legacy Campaign. Or...
2. If you are nearing the end of your payment to the Legacy Campaign, consider extended your pledge for another year or two. Or...
3. If you are new to the parish or were unable to make a pledge in the past, consider doing your part now by making a pledge now.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to support and participate in this important time in the life of our parish. For additional information contact the parish office at 410-531-6040. Thanks sincerely to all who have been supportive.

# OUTREACH

## 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. **Join us on Saturday, March 6 between 7:30 am and 1:30 pm.** This is one, of hopefully many, dedicated time slots for St. Louis – or – Check out the web site <http://www.40daysforlife.com/baltimore/> for the "vigil schedule" to pick the time that fits your needs. More information is available at 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 or vigil partner. *Sponsored by the St. Louis Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Committee.*

The Respect Life Committee at St. Louis has been active for 36 years! We are in a new year of prayer, service, action, and education on a broad spectrum of life issues. EVERYONE is welcome to share in this ministry as a *full time, part time or one time participant*. Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, **February 16 at 7:30 pm in room 304**. Please stop in or call Grace Kissane for more information 410-730-0201.

**Maryland March for Life:** SAVE THE DATE – Monday March 8: Join Marylanders from throughout the state at our annual March for Life.

**PREGNANT? SCARED? NEED HELP?** For confidential, caring assistance call the Pregnancy Center - 410-730-3223 (Hot Line: 1-800-521-5530) or the Gabriel Network -1-800-Angel-OK (Additional info "abortionfacts.com")

**PROJECT RACHEL** is the post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church. It will help anyone struggling with the aftermath of abortion at any point in their life. Call: 410-354-6900; 800-286-4224 or [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

# 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