



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2010



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Deuteronomy 26:4-10	1 Peter 5:1-4	Isaiah 55:10-11	Jonah 3:1-10	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15	Psalms 23:1-6	Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19	Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19	Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8	Psalms 130:1-8	Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8	Psalms 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Romans 10:8-13							Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 4:1-13	Matthew 16:13-19	Matthew 6:7-15	Luke 11:29-32	Matthew 7: 7-12	Matthew 5:20-26	Matthew 5:43-48	Luke 9:28-36

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 28, 2010

The Church always offers the Transfiguration to ponder on the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Luke is the only one who wants to make sure that we don't miss the connection between Moses and Jesus. What "Exodus" will Jesus accomplish in Jerusalem? Think about it! Pray about it!

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

ACTS Men's Retreat Reception	Sunday, February 21, 2010	Social Hall	10:30 AM
New Parishioner Welcome	Sunday, February 21, 2010	Social Hall	12:30 PM
discovering Christ	Monday, February 22, 2010	Social Hall	7:00 PM
ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, February 22, 2010	Room 305	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, February 22, 2010	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, February 23, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
K of C Patriotic Rosary	Tuesday, February 23, 2010	Church	6:30 PM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, February 23, 2010	Room 301	7:00 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
CDA	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Confessions-- The Light Is On	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Church	7:00 PM
RCIA	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Room 301	7:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Room 303	7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Room 306	8:00 PM
CDA Charity Committee	Thursday, February 25, 2010	Room 304	10:00 AM
Haiti Committee	Thursday, February 25, 2010	Room 303	8:00 PM
CDA Simple Lenten Meal	Friday, February 26, 2010	Social Hall	5:30 PM
Stations of the Cross	Friday, February 26, 2010	Church	7:00 PM



Dear Parishioners:

The Light is on for You!

Confessional lights will be on for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore again this Lent as part of the Archdiocese's campaign to promote the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At St Louis the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on each of the Wednesday evenings of Lent from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church—except the Wednesday of Holy Week. And of course the Sacrament is available at the regular times on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:55pm and from 5:00pm to 5:25pm.

Lent is the ideal time to celebrate this great Sacrament. If you have been away from Confession now is the time to turn back to the Lord. Remember **the light is on for you**.

Msgr. Luca

P.S. Please note that at other parishes the days and times may vary.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SPRING MULCH SALE: Saturday, March 20th. 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 (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 15th.

LENTEN CANDLES: In lieu of flowers during Lent, the candles at the shrines of the Pieta, the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, and Saint Louis can be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Donation is \$20 to sponsor a candle for the week. 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.

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Many parishioners and visitors often ask about our beautiful stained glass windows. To enable anyone who may be interested in better appreciating these marvelous works of religious art, we have added a new feature to our web page—an electronic photo of each window with descriptions. Simply go to www.stlouisparish.org/stainedglass and you will be able to view photos of each window; you can also role your pointer over sections of each window for a close-up of each panel.

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

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Tori cleaned the playroom; Becca cleaned the bedroom; Samantha played with her brother and helped her sister and brother; David helped his parents in the house; Madison made her bed.

WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Sunday	6:45am	Parishioners
	8:00am	Jane Gossage and Jennie Boras
	9:30am	William Thureau and Dorothy Luedtke
	11:15am	Donald Freiert, Sr. and Jerry Sagrillo
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz and Visitacion Marquez
Monday	7:00am	Parishioners
Tuesday	7:00am	Parishioners
	9:30am	Parishioners
Wednesday	7:00am	Parishioners
Thursday	7:00am	Parishioners
Friday	7:00am	George Werner and George Sweet
Saturday	8:00am	Parishioners
	4:00pm	Thomas William Donohue
	5:30pm	Parishioners

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.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Connor Thomas Latrechiano

Son of Anthony and Denise (Fairbanks) Latrechiano

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Pat Didier, mother of Terri van der Gracht, and grandmother of Kirstin, Dana, and Sabrina

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, SN Mark E. Mangus, Jr.

SECOND ANNUAL PATRIOTIC ROSARY presented by St Louis Knights of Columbus and St Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly of the 4th 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next Saturday, February 27th, by Monsignor Luca and Father Peridans.

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

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 the Wednesday in 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 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 a Friday of the Lenten period. March 5, 2010; 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the 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.

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). St. Louis' folk group and youth bands will be joining David for several songs. 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 to register. Come and be uplifted and draw closer to God at this Lenten season event.

FAMILY FUN MAGIC SHOW (in the Social Hall Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 PM.) The Knights of Columbus invite our Parish Family to this hour long event featuring Magician Dean Turner. Light refreshments will be served.

EDUCATION



After a very long, unexpected winter break – our students were actually excited to return to school this week! We have a lot of catching up to do, but are looking forward to getting back to work and “making-up” our many practices, games and activities-- not to mention schoolwork!!

We are currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.stlouisparish.org/school or call our school office to schedule a tour. Due to the blizzard, our **testing for incoming and registered students** has been rescheduled to **Friday, February 26th**. Letters have been mailed out with specific information, but you may contact Vic Pellechia, our Director of Admissions, if you have any further questions, vpellechia@stlouisparish.org/school or (410) 531-6664.

Our **Looney's Pub** fundraiser has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 3rd. Looney's will give St. Louis School 10% of all sales for that day, from lunch through dinner time. A flyer is available on our website that you should bring with you to make sure the school gets the credit for your patronage. Mark your calendars to take a friend to lunch or your family to dinner!

How does a warm, relaxing afternoon walking the links of Waverly Woods sound? Pretty good right about now, doesn't it? Mark your calendars and save the date for our **18th Annual St. Louis Golf Classic**, benefiting St. Louis School to be held on **Monday, May 24th 2010**. Registration brochures are located in the tower in the Narthex, or can be downloaded directly from our website at www.stlouisparish.org/school. If you would like more information about this fun and important school initiative, please contact Fred Boos at fred@acadvisors.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 27th. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

I am writing this about a week before it is published in the bulletin. Cancellations are the 'in' thing right now, and driving is sporadic (did that lane just end abruptly?). Hopefully, by the time you read this, our lives are a little less inconvenienced by the white stuff. But wait, can snow storms tell us anything about the season we have just begun? Do Lent and snow have anything in common?

As I was reflecting while shoveling snow (not much else to do), I realized that both Lent and blizzards allow for three things: Slowing down, using muscles and making changes.

Slow down... I am amazed by how our schedules slow down when we are covered by 3-4 feet of snow! CYM now has a weather update on our phone system, and it was used over and over again to cancel or postpone meetings, religious education classes, and other activities. We are forced to slow down, maybe even working on relationships, prayer and helping out the neighbor. Isn't Lent similar in those three ways?

Muscles used... While shoveling and scraping, I was okay. It was afterwards that my body screamed at me, asking me why I had used and abused it that way. Maybe in Lent, we can exercise our spiritual muscles and use prayer in a different way...

Making Changes... There were times I had to change out of wet clothes 2-3 times while taking care of the white stuff. Lent has always been about change too. What is it that we can change about our relationship with God, others and ourselves?

Just a few thoughts...During this Lent, I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

Feb. 21: BRUNCH at Grassroots Homeless Shelter
Deeper Water at Youth Room! 6-8PM
Feb. 23 & 25: Confirmation Information Meeting for 10th 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 29th Annual Italian Dinner Weekend (Actual Dinner 3/14 1:30-6:30pm). Call CYM 410-531-6668 to help!

ADULT ENRICHMENT

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) What's happening now? At the beginning of Advent, we celebrated the "Rite of Acceptance" with the men and women who had been actively inquiring into becoming Catholic Christians. They have been praying and learning and listening to the Holy Spirit and have reached another milestone on their journey of conversion. It's a journey we are all on, and we share these celebrations with them. See the Little Black Book for February 21 for a little background on the RCIA process.

The 1st Sunday of Lent marks another of the "Rites" for those in the RCIA process. It's a 2-part Rite, beginning here at St. Louis and continuing at the Cathedral. First, there's the Rite of Sending at the 11:15 Mass. We pray with and for the Catechumens and Candidates whom we send to Archbishop O'Brien. They (and hundreds of others from parishes throughout the area) will be presented later that day to the Archbishop at the Cathedral during the "Rite of Election" for those who will be baptized and "Call to Continuing Conversion" for those to be confirmed.

Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Many will join us at the altar at the Easter Vigil. Our Religious Education and CYM are also working with youth who will become Catholics as well. Pray also for those who have come forward since this little group assembled and who will be forming a new RCIA cadre in the upcoming months.

Matthew Burke	Christina Greaves	Annie Becker
David Kassop	Jerry Hampton	Leire Moulrier
Lauren Barker	Scott Huber	David Olenski
Ginny Bell	Mike Kirtland	Jeff Rabenhorst
Frank Bell	Dawn Olenski	Maria Torma
Carla Doyle	Debra Paper	Marcele Viana
Leah Salcedo	Amanda Eichelberger	

STEWARDSHIP

February 7, 2010

41 Envelopes: \$1,995.00
Loose: 498.00
Total Collection: \$2,493.00

February 14, 2010

727 Envelopes: \$33,399.00
Loose: 8,292.17
Total Collection: \$41,691.17

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 27/28 Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Today's first reading describes the offering of the first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given 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 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:

Forty Days for Life is an event that has three locations in Maryland, over 300 locations nationwide, and in some foreign countries. It is an open, powerful, non-denominational event that has been shown to produce great results. We will be participating at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic in Catonsville on Route 40 & Johnny Cake Rd. and need vigil partners and prayer partners. Vigil partners congregate near the abortion clinic and pray from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM daily for 40 days. Prayer partners seek the Lord's blessing on this worthwhile effort. 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 or every Wednesday during this campaign from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.** These are two, 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 in the Narthex on the Information Table. Please contact Kevin McCarthy at 202-253-3076, or Grace Kissane 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.

MARYLAND UNITES FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 8TH (Monday). Join Marylanders from throughout the state at our annual *Maryland March for Life*. Schedule: 5:15 Catholic Mass St. Mary's Church; 6:15 Registration & Gathering; 6:30 March up Main St in downtown Annapolis; 7:00 Rally in front of the State House; 8:00 After March celebration at St. Mary's. Featured guests: Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Ellen Sauerbrey, & Tracy Tiernan. More info: <http://marylandmarchforlife.org>.



Thank you for your generous food donations last weekend. We distributed bags of food to the Franciscan Center, FISH, and My Brothers Keeper. Thank you for sharing your hope and goodness with those in need.

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

Historical Tours of the Manor House and Shrine: Join us on the last Sunday of the month for a walking tour of the Manor House and the Shrine of St. Anthony. The tour will last approximately 1 hour. All are welcome. Please meet at the Manor House. There is no charge for this event.