



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

THIRDD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2010



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15	2 Kings 5:1-15	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Hosea 14:2-10	Hosea 6:1-6	Joshua 5:9-12
Psalms 103:1-4, 6-8, 11	Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4	Psalms 25:4-9	Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20	Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9	Psalms 81:6-11, 14, 17	Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21	Psalms 34:2-7
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12							2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 13:1-9	Luke 4:24-30	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 5:17-19	Luke 11:14-23	Mark 12:28-34	Luke 18:9-14	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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, March 14, 2010

Jesus listens to some people telling him about bad things that happened to others. They might be feeling a bit smug, assuming that those Galileans and the people of Siloam somehow deserved what happened to them. Jesus warns them – and us – about becoming so complacent and comfortable in our relationship with God that we stop growing in love with him. Lent is a call to continuing conversion of our hearts. Are you "bearing fruit?" God may have even bigger plans for you!

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mourning Team	Monday, March 08, 2010	Room 304	1:30 PM
discovering Christ	Monday, March 08, 2010	Social Hall	6:30 PM
ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, March 08, 2010	Room 303	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, March 08, 2010	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, March 09, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday, March 09, 2010	Room 301	1:30 PM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, March 09, 2010	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday, March 09, 2010	Room 301	7:00 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Room 301	9:30 AM
CDA Board	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Room 304	5:00 PM
The Light Is On For You	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Church	7:00 PM
Baptism Preparation	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Room 301	7:15 PM
RCIA	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Room 305	7:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Room 303	7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Room 306	8:00 PM
Garden Club	Thursday, March 11, 2010	Social Hall	9:00 AM
Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 12, 2010	Church	7:00 PM
SLYA Holy Hour	Friday, March 12, 2010	Chapel	7:00 PM



Dear Parishioners:

Belief Is All You Need!

A man was lost while driving through the country. As he tried to read a map, he accidentally drove off the road into a ditch. Though he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in the mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help.

"Warwick can get you out of that ditch," said the farmer, pointing to an old mule standing in a field. The man looked at the haggardly mule and looked at the farmer who just stood there repeating: "Yep, old Warwick can do the job." The man figured he had nothing to lose so the two men and Warwick made their way back to the car stuck in the ditch.

The farmer hitched the mule to the car and with a snap of the reins he shouted: pull Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!" And the mule pulled the car from the ditch with very little effort. The man was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule and asked: "Why did you call out all those other names before you called Warwick?" The farmer grinned and said: "Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he believes he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling."

Msgr. Luca

*Adapted from *Some Folks Feel the Rain...Others Just Get Wet* by James W. Moore

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

True friends are those who really know you and love you anyway.

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Tristen got his mommy a teddy bear for a special occasion; Iain helped Kevin get his chair; Campbell helped her mommy clean and decorate the house; Samantha played with her brother; Andrea helped feed the poor; Annie helped wash the dishes; Michayla helped her friends; Bella Rose helped her daddy take care of Elmo; Donovan helped his mom and dad clean up; Gillian said "May I please" when asking for something; Jack said "Thank you" after a birthday party; James invited Andrew and Ellie to the movies; Conor put out bags for Scouting for Food; Brian loaded the dishwasher and did other chores.

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.**

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

THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU! The Parish will hold its annual Pastoral Council Elections the week end of April 17-18, 2010 to fill several positions. The Council serves as an advisory committee to our pastor and meets monthly with him to discuss parish activities, issues and concerns. We are looking for registered parishioners, 18 years of age or older, who are interested in serving their fellow parishioners for a three-year term. Responsibilities include: attendance and participation at monthly meetings, participation in after-Mass greetings, and attendance at the annual Pastoral Council Retreat.

Whether you are new to the parish or are one of our long-term parishioners, the St. Louis community could benefit from your knowledge, experience and unique outlook on life. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Parish Office for self-nomination or for nominating another qualified candidate. Please return all nomination forms to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket by Sunday, March 14, 2010. Please do not hesitate to call one of the current Council members, listed on the inside cover of the bulletin, for more information on this challenging opportunity to serve your parish. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your decision regarding this important ministry.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public notice has been posted on the property adjacent to the Priests' Residence on Route 108 concerning a hearing to permit a funeral home to be built on that property. Given the present level of heavy traffic and congestion on Route 108, this development could cause even greater traffic problems. The hearing is scheduled for March 29, 2010 at 6pm at 8930 Sanford Blvd. in Columbia. Case# H32 BA10-001C. The public is invited to attend and state their opinion.

www.howardcountymd.gov/planning 410-363-2350.

WORSHIP

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:

Christian Michael Joseph Alvarez
Child of Michael and Karen (Wright) Alvarez

Matthew Xavier Dubus
Child of Guillaume and Gail (Phillips) Dubus

Paul Anthony Lennon, Jr.
Child of Paul and Renee (Smyth) Lennon

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Seka Marcelin Alle, father of Jean Marcel Alle and grandfather of Drexilla, Claude-Flora, and Sika.

DIVINE MERCY MEETING - Tuesday, March 9: St. Faustina wrote in her diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*, "Let no soul, even the most miserable, fall prey to doubt; for, as long as one is alive, each one can become a great saint, so great is the power of God's grace. It remains only for us not to oppose God's action." (Diary # 283). To learn more about the essence of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion, please join us on Tuesday, March 9th. Go to Room 301 during the day (1:30 p.m.) or in the evening (7:00 p.m.). You will also have the opportunity to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for yourself as well as your suffering, sick, or dying relatives or friends. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please come!

PASTORAL VISITORS DAY OF REFLECTION: There will be a spiritual retreat for Eucharistic Ministers to those who are sick, elderly, homebound, and in hospitals, nursing homes and group homes. Also welcome are those who want to join this volunteer ministry. Those engaged in this loving ministry on behalf of St. Louis are encouraged to participate. In addition to registering with St. Johns, please let Marianne Faulstich, the St. Louis Pastoral Associate know if you are planning on attending as well, 410-531-6040 mfaulstich@stlouisparish.org. The Day of Reflection will be held Saturday, March 13, 2010, from approximately 8:30 am until 12 Noon at St. John the Evangelist Parish, at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, MD 21044. The retreat will be led by Rev. Ferdinand Ezenwachi, Associate Pastor at St. John's, and a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. The retreat theme is "Ministry to the Sick: Spiritual Challenges and the Gift of God's Grace". Morning Refreshments and snacks will be provided. A free will offering will be taken up. Please reserve your place no later than March 8, 2010 by contacting Patty Pelszynski at St. John's, 410-964-1436, PPelszynski@SJERC.org. Space is limited and participation is on a first come first served basis. If you have questions about the retreat, please contact: Linda Raudenbush, 410-381-2747, DRLMR2004@yahoo.com or Father Ferdinand, 410-964-1437, Ferdinand.Ezenwachi@SJERC.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next Saturday, March 13, by Monsignor Luca.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010

Sunday	6:45am	Parishioners
	8:00am	Doff Fleshman and Jane Gossage
	9:30am	William Thureau and Mary Soloy
	11:15am	Seka Marcelin Alle
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz and Visitacion Marquez
Monday	7:00am	John E. Terry and Capt. Edward Hayes, USN (Ret.)
Tuesday	7:00am	Henry Jakuc and Joe Blasi, Jr.
	9:30am	Ann T. Nancy Meren and John L. Knott
Wednesday	7:00am	Frank Schiefer
Thursday	7:00am	Peg Depp
Friday	7:00am	Henry Jakuc
Saturday	8:00am	Roger Bartrug
	4:00pm	William States and Stephen Dodge
	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:

Eliana Marie Barber	Nancy Mortimer	Mary Frances Schuyler
Mary Collins	Martha Murphy	Stephan Schecter
Pat Dunlap	Peggie Murray	Steve Scott
Eleanor Fidler	Mona Musgrave	Evelyn Scroder
Jim Haig	David Olenski	JoAnne Simmons
Sue Hall	Luke Peninger	Claudia Smallwood
Shirley Ingraham	Emanuel Picek	Bill Steckman
Wilson John	Nelson Rinehart	Beth Tylicki
Leo Mortimer		

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 Ven-
eration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3

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

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, grilled cheese, along with water, on Friday, 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.

ST. LOUIS GARDEN CLUB: The St. Louis Garden Club will meet at 9:00 am, on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the St. Louis Pastoral Center. This month we will have our 25th Anniversary Celebration Tea, postponed from February because of the snow. Bring an elegant brunch munchie to share. Wear your special hat and gloves and bring your own special tea cup in the English tradition.

Master Gardener, Pat Greenwald, will show us how to extend our living space to the great outdoors by creating individual rooms for relaxing, entertaining, dining and many other uses.

New members are always welcome. For further information, call Kay Bair at 301-854-0173.

EDUCATION



Can you feel it in the air? ...Spring is right around the corner... Before we know the forsythia will be blooming! (Forget that weatherman keeps predicting some sort of "wintery-mix"!) Our teachers and students will be hard at work this month catching up from our winter break and getting ready for standardized testing at the end of the month.

Last week we held our annual Spelling Bee for our first through third grade students. **John Fitzsimmons** was our first grade winner, **Garrett Miller** was the second grade champ, and **Jessica Lansdale** and **Chris Vielandi** battled it out and tied for first place after many tense rounds of on-their-feet spelling!! Congratulations to our winners and to all of our students who participated in the contest. We are proud of you!!

Congratulations to **Anastasia Paraskevopoulos**, **Alyssa Kelly**, and **Sarah Denison**, three of our first graders who took it upon themselves to help out our friends in Haiti by selling necklaces and donating the money to those in need. Great job girls—we are proud of you!

St. Louis School graduate and Reservoir High freshman, **Brian Shouse**, has been tearing up the Debate circuit recently with a bronze medal at the District Debate Tournament last month. This win qualifies Brian to compete at the State Debate competition on March 20th at Calvert Hall. Good luck Brian!!

Thanks to all of those who came out to Looney's Pub last week to support the school. Mark your calendars for another "cooking" free day when **Subway** in Clarksville and Highland will host a St. Louis fundraiser. Just bring a flier (located in the Narthex) to either location on **Wednesday, March 24th** and Subway will donate a percentage back to the school!!

Don't forget to register for our annual **St. Louis Golf Classic** to be held on May 24th at Waverly Woods Golf Club. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, or you may download it directly from our website at www.stlouisparrish.org/school. It will be a great day of friendly competition and camaraderie, before we all get ready for the Clarksville picnic. Call your buddies and plan a day away from everyday stress and take it out on the golf balls!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March 13: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00a.m./3rd grade
Reconciliation

March 20: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00a.m./4th grade
Reconciliation

March 24: First Communion Enhancement Class 5:00p.m. or
7:00p.m.

March 27: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00a.m.

March 27: Coffee & Conversation with Fr. Dominique 9:00a.m.

- April 3: No Saturday Morning Religion Classes
- April 10: No Saturday Morning Religion Classes
- April 14: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00p.m. in the church
- April 17: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00a.m.
- April 24: LAST DAY of Saturday Religion Classes for this school year
- April 29: First Communion Rehearsals 4:30p.m. & 6:30p.m.
- May 1: First Communion Celebrations 9:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.
- May 1: Registration begins for the 2010-2011 school year!

Our 2nd First Communion Enhancement Opportunity will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, at 5:00pm OR 7:00pm in the Howard Bishop Meeting Rooms. Our topic will be "Remembering, Reverence and Receiving the Blessed Sacrament". 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.



The Last "Saturday Morning Coffee and Conversation" with Fr. Dominique for this school year will be held on March 27th ~ St. Paul said "we do not know how to pray" (Romans 8:26) So, what should we do? All are welcome to gather in the Howard Bishop Meeting Rooms at 9:00a.m. for this informal opportunity to discuss this topic and share coffee. 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL... Plans are underway for VBS 2010. Be sure to mark your family's calendar to attend on Monday, July 12th, through Friday, July 16th from 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. The fee for each camper in pre-school through grade 5 is \$50.00 and includes snacks, crafts and a T-shirt! Discounts are offered for campers whose mom or dad volunteers the entire week and a nursery will be provided for volunteers' toddlers. All volunteers, 14 and older, must be STAND certified at the time they submit their volunteer registration form. For more info email: 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

Our family joined a gym last week. I shared this insight at a recent Confirmation Information meeting, but thought it was something for this column. I also think that, the more people I tell, the more guilty I will feel if I don't use the gym! Anyway, here are some musings from a rookie gym rat.

I used to say creation was my gym because I enjoy hiking, but you can't hike in 4 feet of snow too well! So I ventured to a gym near our house and, after a healthy dose of questions, decided to enroll our family. The next day, equipped with my water bottle, I showed up at the gym and tortured myself for a full hour.

Halfway through, I realized something about this latest adventure...I am sure that an anatomy expert can tell us how many muscles there are in the human body but I think I found them all in that gym! Seriously, I consider myself an avid hiker but this is ridiculous!!! Soon after, in my pained and tylenoled mind, I started thinking about Lent. Isn't Lent all about changing ourselves to be more healthy, using muscles that we have never used (prayer, fasting, almsgiving), and exercising our spiritual selves so that we can grow closer to Jesus and to the most important aspect of our Catholic faith, that of His dying and rising? Oh well, back to the gym. See you in church!!!

During this Lent, I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

- March 10: HS CYM 5 Week Speaker Series "Spring Into Action" with Jeff Abel 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!
- March 16: MS CYM Youth Council 6-7pm Youth Room
- March 19: MS CYM Moonlight Madness at Resurrection Church (Ellicott City)
- March 21: Lunches to the Homeless Also, Deeper Waters 6-8pm
- March 23 & 25: Confirmation Sponsor Meetings 7pm
- March 27: Archdiocesan Pilgrimage
- March 28: 9:30am Youth Mass

ADULT ENRICHMENT



RCIA: For those being baptized especially, and for those coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, the next 3 weekends are important Rites called "The Scrutinies." After the homily, there are special prayers over you, a special Prayer of the Faithful, then you will leave the church with the catechists (some combination of John, Jay, Juan Pablo and Marianne) for Room 301. While the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues in the church, we will 'feed' on the Word, using the readings the Church has selected for this purpose highlighting the conversion process. Catholics being confirmed are welcome to join us, as long as at some point you celebrate a complete Mass.

Msgr. Luca, John, Jay and I collaborated on the selection of Masses. We wanted to make sure that each of you will be able to participate in as many as possible, as well as to get a variety of Mass congregations involved with praying with and for you, thus enflaming their own hearts to appreciate their relationship with Jesus lived out as Catholics.

- 3rd Sunday of Lent March 7 at the 9:30am Mass
- 4th Sunday of Lent, March 13 at the 5:30pm Mass on **Saturday**
- 5th Sunday of Lent, March 21 at the 12:45pm Mass

STEWARDSHIP

February 28, 2010
680 Envelopes: \$23,321.00
Loose: 6,710.50
Total Collection: \$30,031.50

Electronic Funds Transfer Recap for February 2010
313 gifts totaling \$ 28,366.50

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 13/14 Catholic Relief Services
March 27/28 Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

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@stlouispish.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 March 1, 2010\$ 1,128,206
(Our monthly mortgage payment will be \$27,342 for 44 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

RESPECT LIFE: One day long ago at a Washington, D.C. Prayer Breakfast, a tiny nun proclaimed these words to those in high positions of power, "If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" On that day, Mother Teresa of Calcutta captured the essence of love – respect for all human life. *For all those who have been led astray by the false promises of abortion, that they may turn to the Lord for comfort, we pray!*

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.



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.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS after the Noon Mass in the Shrine Chapel. March 9: Way of the Cross according to St. Francis; March 16: Way of the Cross according to St. Anthony; March 23: Everyone's Way of the Cross; March 30: Way of the Cross for Priestly Vocations; April 6: Stations of the Resurrection.

THE 2010 CENSUS: COMING SOON - As the 2010 Census approaches, each of our households will receive a form. Since the census has such an impact on the communities in which all of us live and work, your participation is encouraged. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted – both citizens and noncitizens. Data from this national count help determine key funding and government representation decisions. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.