



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2011



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Isaiah 60:1-6	1 John 3:22-4:6	1 John 4:7-10	1 John 4:11-18	1 John 4:19-5:4	1 John 5:5-13	1 John 5:14-21	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13	Psalms 2:7-8, 10-12	Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8	Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13	Psalms 72:1-2, 14-15, 17	Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20	Psalms 149:1-6, 9	Psalms 29:1-4, 9-10
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6							Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	Mark 6:34-44	Mark 6:45-52	Luke 4:14-22	Luke 5:12-16	John 3:22-30	Matthew 3:13-17

What is Lectio Divina?

While reading sacred scripture, read the words with a love and sense of discovery until something seems to strike home. Sit with the passage as one would with a good friend- not just thinking or analyzing, but instead remaining in a quiet, listening spirit, so the word can nurture and challenge you.

Call to Prayer

"Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer."

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The Word of God

Choose one of next Sunday's readings. One person reads the scripture aloud as others are attentive to a word, phrase, or theme that is meaningful to them. Allow for a minute of silent reflection. Have another person read the same scripture a second time.

Faith Sharing

Begin with an open ended question such as "What strikes you from this reading?" and/or you can use the "Reflection Question" found on our website or bulletin. Allow time for reflection & sharing.

Closing Prayer

At the end of the faith sharing, invite participants to pray aloud for any particular petitions or praises they may have. Feel free to close with: The Lord's Prayer or Spontaneous prayers or a faith-based song.

Reflection Question for Next Sunday, January 9, 2011

John the Baptist sounds surprised by what Jesus asks him to do. John is preaching repentance with a sin-cleansing baptism. He knows that Jesus doesn't need that! But Jesus uses John's ministry to change the character of baptism forever when the Father declares Jesus his "beloved Son." Our baptism knits us also into that same relationship as beloved adopted children of the Father. Has the Holy Spirit ever asked you to do something that surprises you? Put your life at the service of God's plan. Don't be afraid.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, January 03, 2011	Room 304	7:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Novena	Monday, January 03, 2011	Chapel	7:30 PM
Catechism Study	Tuesday, January 04, 2011	Room 301	6:30 PM
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, January 04, 2011	Room 305	6:30 PM
CDA Fundraising Committee	Tuesday, January 04, 2011	Room 304	7:00 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, January 05, 2011	Room 301	9:30 AM
Adoration	Wednesday, January 05, 2011	Church	7:00 PM
RCIA	Wednesday, January 05, 2011	Social Hall	7:00 PM
ACTS Women's Retreat Team	Wednesday, January 05, 2011	Room 305	7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, January 05, 2011	Room 306	8:00 PM
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 06, 2011	Room 305	5:00 PM
Great Adventure Scripture Study	Thursday, January 06, 2011	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 06, 2011	Room 305	8:00 PM
Saxony-Anhalt Brass Quintet Performance	Saturday, January 08, 2011	Church	7:30 PM

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



Dear Parishioners:

As we begin another New Year, I cannot help but be mindful of how fortunate we are to have such a marvelous parish and how blessed I am to serve as the pastor of this very vibrant community of faith. All of this becomes clearly visible at Christmas when so many parishioners are involved in making our celebration of the Lord's Birth such a beautiful, uplifting spiritual occasion.

My sincerest thanks is extended to all whose efforts made this feast so special: Altar servers, decorators, sacristans, hospitality ministers/ushers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, cantors, our dedicated Choir (under the leadership of Paul J. Carroll), our wonderful Folk Group (under the direction of Leo Rudegear) and our impressive Youth Band. I also must express our gratitude to the Children's Liturgy committee that produced a beautiful pageant for our children's Mass and to Marianne Faulstich who, together with Seminarians James Boric and Carlos Osorio, coordinated all aspects of all our Masses and the three Liturgy sites. I cannot forget as well the Knights of Columbus who, under the leadership of Patrick Marlatt, assisted with the setup at the Ten Oaks Ballroom, as well as the important service they offered maintaining order on the parking lot on Christmas Eve.

It also is important for me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you who so generously contributed to our Christmas collection and those who supported the poor box and food collections during Advent. Your generosity was not only greatly appreciated but very much needed.

I wish you a truly Happy New Year and ask God's blessings upon you and all those you love.

Msgr. Luca

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Remember that January is the eraser God uses to provide a new beginning.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE MAY 16-26, 2011: Monsignor Luca will lead this year's parish pilgrimage to **Eastern Europe** (Poland and Czech Republic). This fascinating pilgrimage includes visits to Warsaw, Old Town, the Shrine of the Black Madonna, Krakow, the Wavel Cathedral, the Royal Palace, Wadowice: the birthplace and home of Pope John Paul II, the Divine Mercy Shrine where Saint Faustina lived and died, the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz, the medieval city of Brno, and many sites in Prague including the famous statue of the Infant of Prague. Mass will be celebrated in some of the most important shrines of this region with Antonella as our hostess. Cost (\$3895.00 per person) includes airfare (including taxes & fees), first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, ground transportation and all entrance fees. Brochures with the daily itinerary are available at the Information Table in the narthex. To register for the pilgrimage or for further information contact George's International Tours at 800-566-7499 daily from 9am to 5pm (West Coast time).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For your convenience the Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 9am-8:00pm, Saturday from 9am-6pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. The office is closed weekdays from 12:30pm-1:30pm for lunch. The entrance to the Parish Office is located along the right side of the front entrance to the new church.

PLEASE COME HOME! AN INVITATION . . . Ever wonder why church is so full at Christmas? Besides visiting family and children home from college, we are blessed each year with folks wanting to reconnect, if only for a little while. People yearning for a relationship with the Church that somehow has gotten broken over the years. But the longing is there: they find their way home at Christmas. If this sounds like someone you know, please tell them we love them, we miss them, we want to welcome them home. We would love an opportunity to mend what's been keeping them away. Questions? Contact Msgr. Luca, Father Greg, or Marianne Faulstich, Pastoral Associate, in the parish office at 410-531-6040.

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Glenn helped bring presents to a needy family; Tara helped bring presents to a needy family; Christopher helped his Mommy unpack groceries and put them away; Nicholas helped Mommy clean the kitchen; Abby danced good in her recital; Samantha read to her sister; Mandi helped shovel the snow; David helped Daddy shovel snow from the driveway; Becca was helpful by changing the Advent calendar; Katie helped clean the house; Tori listened to her parents and teachers; James helped out with chores around the house; Kate was nice to her friend.

CD TITLES AVAILABLE: The following Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's are in the Kiosk this weekend: The Mass Explained by Fr. Larry Richards; Confession by Fr. Larry Richards; Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Dr. Edward Sri; Why I am Catholic When I Could be Anything Else by Patrick Madrid; Change the World in 60 Seconds by Tom Peterson; Defeating Satan's Deadly Weapon Against Men by Jeff Cavins; An Invitation to Consider the Catholic Faith by Fr. Francis Peffley; Our Lives Change When Our Habits Change by Matthew Kelly; Following the Call of Christ by Fr. Robert Barron.



WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2011

Sunday	6:45am	Marvin McGlothlin and Sylvia Sliger
	8:00am	Sarah Jeannette Tressler and Bob Arciprete
	9:30am	Jack Stamerro and Sean Finnegan
	11:15am	James Winslow and Thomas Levendusky
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz and Ray Guillermo
Monday	7:00 am	Jack Stamerro and Betty Dillon
Tuesday	7:00am	Barbara Dallasen and Jim Slocum
	9:30am	Gennaro J. Mannato and Jim Slocum
Wednesday	7:00am	Paul Ruppert and Florence Crowley
Thursday	7:00am	Orville Gilbert and Dr. John Sigwaith
Friday	7:00am	Jack Lynch and Charles O'Donovan Evans
Saturday	8:00am	Dr. John Henry Cross and Ron & Fides Neafi
	4:00pm	Bernard Havlik and James Joseph Lynagh
	5:30pm	Ralph Santo and James Foley

(SI) denotes a Special Intention for a living person or persons.

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:

Sheri Cohen	Ann Lentz	Rana Lilyann Rejaie
Kim Cook	Emily Long	Kathryn Rosewag
Natalie DiGennaro	S. A. McClain	Carmen Russo
Betty Farrell	Pat McGlothlin	Lori Ryan
Giovanni Flores	Margaret Miller	Evelyn Schroder
Anne Groff	George Ogle	Steve Scott
Vicki Hamilton	Barbara O'Leary	Brian Joseph Showalter
JoAnne Joyce	B. Pegg	Mary Stallings
Jack Kaulfuss	H. Pegg	Jaxon Taylor
Dominic Koerber	L. Pegg	Kelly Wagner
Julianna Kopec	Georgiana Podniesinski	Martha Wiedel
Michael Krukones		

The next **MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS** will be Saturday, January 8 at 4:00pm. Liturgical Ministers (Hospitality, Lectors, Music) are needed. To volunteer, please contact Mary Theresa Suhar at depem@comcast.net.

The **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will practice in the music room on Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30-7:30pm and/or Thursday, January 6 at 5:00-6:00pm. For more information please contact Mary Theresa Suhar at depem@comcast.net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED:

Diana Helfrich, mother of Dan Helfrich, mother-in-law of Mary Helfrich, and grandmother of Katie and Jameson.

Rosalie Boone Rieger, sister of Corinne Wilkins.

Calvin Seidel, uncle of Tracy Mayer.

Kay Farrell, mother of Kelly Meissner and grandmother of Chelsea, Ashley, Katy, and Matt.



TIME FOR A QUIET HEART-TO-HEART WITH THE LORD? Join us Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 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...

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

PFC Patrick Bacon	Sgt. Christen Beniak
Cpt. Derrick Breville	1st LT Chris Cartier
Cpt. Steven Cooper	LCP Larry Draughn
LT Mallary Forrestel	Cpt. Brendan Gallagher
Cpt. Brian Green	Sgt. Dan Haack
PFC Joseph Henry	2nd LT Gina Horn
LCpl Dane Joyce	T Sgt. Christopher Lozzi
SN Mark E. Mangus, Jr.	Ensign Kelly McLin
CH (Captain) Arek Ochalek	Lt. Denise Reccardi
E4 Bryan Patrick Reier	1st LT Vincent Paul Rubbo
Lt. John Ryan	Lt. James Six
LCP Daniel Smith	PFC Patrick Steckman
PSC Edward W. Surette	CH (Major) Tyson Wood

PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM? The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 in Room 301 of the Pastoral Center from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office at 410-531-6040 to register.

Welcome the newly Baptized:

James David Ogden,
Child of David and Tiffany Ogden.

Olivia Mirabelle Williams,
Child of Brian and Michelle Williams.

FELLOWSHIP

CHARITY BINGO: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Longaberger Basket Bingo to support their Ghana Education Project and other charities on Friday, January 14th, at 7:00 PM in the Pastoral Center Social Hall. Tickets are \$18, \$20 at the door, and may be purchased in the narthex after weekend Masses or by calling Mike Leumas at 410-290-8290 or Nick Tranchitella at 410-531-6162. Please join us for a great time and a good cause!

GERMAN BRASS ENSEMBLE AT ST. LOUIS: St. Louis welcomes the Saxony-Anhalt Brass Ensemble on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 7:30pm. During their US tour which includes performances at area churches, the Germany Embassy, and the Kennedy Center, the ensemble will premiere a new piece by St. Louis parishioner Vincent Gover. For more information contact Paul Carroll at pcarroll@stlouisparish.org.

EDUCATION



Happy New Year! We hope that you have enjoyed your holidays and are rested, relaxed and ready for the New Year! (Or is it exhausted, exasperated and unprepared?!) Our students and teachers will return to school this week and we are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures over the break.

This month we open our doors for several Open Houses. If you would like to see us in action, our first **Open House** of the new year will be held during the school day for parents of prospective students on **Wednesday, January 5th**, beginning with an information session at 9:45 a.m. If you are considering a Catholic education for your child, or would just like to explore your options, we would love for you to come by and take a look at all that we have to offer your family. Our second Open House will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2011, at which time we will welcome prospective families after the 9:30 Mass, beginning at 10:30 to meet with our teachers, administrators and students. Please mark your calendars – we would love to show you around! Any questions, please contact Vic Pellechia, our Director of Admissions, at (410) 531-6664 or vpellechia@stlouisparish.org.

Now that your Christmas shopping is over, we wanted to remind you of an opportunity to *save* some money. Through the deregulation of electrical power, several companies are now able to offer lower rates to customers than that which is currently being offered by BGE. We have partnered with North American Power and have our own website where you can find out more information and sign-up to lower your rate. There are no contracts to sign, you will keep the same service and billing through BGE, and North American Power will donate \$10 to St. Louis for every new customer. Not only that, but they will also donate to us monthly based on the bills generated by our customers! Go to www.napower.org/stlouisparish to find out more!

Congratulations to our **second graders** in Mrs. McGowan's and Mrs. Goudreau's classes, and Mrs. Kemp's **third grade students** who successfully completed the **Classroom Cares** reading program sponsored by Scholastic Books. These students, along with students across the country, pledged to read a minimum of 10 books by December 17th. They reached their goal and Scholastic, in turn, will donate one million books to students in need across the country! Fantastic job, kids!

Holiday Hoops Classic Tournament Results – Congratulations to all teams who participated in our 3rd Annual Holiday Hoops Classic. It was a great event filled with spirited competition! The boys' bracket was won by St. Mark's after a battle with our own CYO team who lost by a mere bucket! Our Lady Knights and Holy Trinity girl's teams battled it out in the Championship game, with Trinity emerging victorious. **THANK YOU** to our fearless leaders **Sue Gallagher, Dave Walsh** and **MaryJane Tomic** for their tireless dedication to the program, and to **Jimmy Osborne** and **Suzanne Fitzsimmons**, who lent a hand with concessions, officiating and generally helping out wherever needed.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Pallotti High School for lending us their beautiful gym space in which to hold the tournament at this very busy time of year. Not only that, Pallotti provided coupons for summer camp to every participant and a scholarship to camp to the MVP from each division!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday Morning Religious Education: Please mark your calendars with the following important dates: (For more info on any event, please call 410-531-6688)

January 8: Religion classes, 9:00 am

YOUTH MINISTRY

Back in 2010 (seems like soooo last year!), I made a New Year's resolution to exercise more. I decided that I would try to walk more and maybe even join a gym. Kind of abstract, huh? It took me **two months** to finally join that gym and I have been tread milling and biking and lifting at least 3 times a week since then! I really enjoy making this a habit and feel better when I exercise (unfortunately, I also enjoy eating as a habit!) I think that New Year's resolutions must be **habitual, attainable and measureable**, (H.A.M.?) as well as prayable. In other words, we have to give what we need, what we dream, what we do to God, not inviting God into our lives every once in a while, but making God the center of our resolution!

The following is from "Living into the Answers" (Isenhower/Todd) & makes lots of sense as we begin 2011. **So you still have a lot of work to do as you live into the future. You may have doubts and fears; continue to lift them up to God and have courage. God will not abandon you. Remember, even though you have made the decision, God may still be putting things into place. Be patient and don't rush what can't be rushed.**

Have a happy and holy New Year's! I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

January 3: Monday Religious Education Begins again

January 7: *NEW* Fellowship of Freshmen "Late New Year's Party" (for HS Freshmen only)
Movie Marathon, Pool & Foosball Tournaments, Dodge ball, Refreshments!!! Youth Room

January 9: Deeper Waters, 7pm

January 14: MS Dance, 7-10pm. Tickets are \$5 and on sale starting January 3

January 23: Youth Mass, 9:30am
Deeper Waters, 7pm

January 24: March for Life

ADULT ENRICHMENT

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Starting January 11, 2011, the Women's Bible Study will begin a study of the letter of Paul to Timothy and Peter's letter. No knowledge of the Bible is necessary. All women are invited, especially young mothers as we have a wonderful woman providing child care. We meet every Tuesday, in the Pastoral Center, from 9:30 until 11:30 am. For more information call Pat Finnegan at 410-730-4793 or Lee Kopera at 301-490-7402.

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 15/16 Special Care for Diocesan Priests
January 22/23 Building Fund
January 29/30 Catholic Schools Week/St. Louis School

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Opening their coffers was part of the prayer of the Magi. Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ has its beginning in baptism, the sacrament of faith. Faith joins individuals and the community of Jesus' followers in intimacy with their Lord and leads them to live as His disciples. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe. How often do we open our coffers to those around us who are in need?

PLANNED GIVING

As parishioners of Saint Louis Church, 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, Development Director at MHelfrich@stlouisparish.org or 410-531-6040.

Preserving our Treasured Legacy Campaign:

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

PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS: Choose hope! Forgiveness and healing are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion. Upcoming retreats: **January 7-9, 2011, February 18-20, and April 29-May 1**, Marriottsville, MD. For more information, call (410) 625-8491; or visit www.project-rachel.net (local) or www.rachelsvineyard.org (national).



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.

THE POOR NEED YOUR HELP: Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of poor people? Among the many ministries here at Saint Louis there is one that is looking for additional helpers. Once a month Saint Louis parishioners feed 700 people at Our Daily Bread—a wonderful place in Baltimore city where poor and homeless people literally sit down for a served meal. No questions are asked about their status. They are simply treated with dignity and respect in an environment of Christian love and compassion. You can help by preparing chicken pieces according to a simple recipe. Members of our parish prepare the meal in their homes as they would prepare chicken for their family and then drop them off at the home of Mary Agnes Lewis (6005 Ten Oaks Road—across from our parish cemetery) on **the 2nd Monday of each month, (January 10, 2011)**. Available volunteers then take the food to the facility located on Falls Way Road and serve the meal on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For additional information about how you can help, call Mary Agnes Lewis at 410-531-3813.

This is a wonderful way in which a family can work together in preparing a wholesome meal for some of God's special people.

RESPECT LIFE: Spiritual Adoption update: Here's an update on the child you adopted spiritually. It's never too late to begin or resume praying for those in the womb.

MONTH 3 – I can suck my thumb! This thumb-thingy is pretty handy! Wonder what else I can do with it? I don't take up much space in here yet, I weigh about an ounce, so mom can't feel me moving around. But I can swallow, and move this squishy thing inside my mouth. Oh, it's my tongue. *"At the name of Jesus every knee should bend . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."* Philippians 2:10-11

Please pray for this child of God: Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

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

Christmas Train Garden: Come to the Manor House and see Br. Gerry's Christmas Train Garden on display each Sunday in January from 1:00pm.-3:00pm. Br. Gerry Seipp, OFM Conv., one of the Franciscan Friars at the Shrine of St. Anthony, loves trains! Bring your family and friends to the Manor House and enjoy and old-fashioned train garden and the chance to talk trains with Br. Gerry. There is no charge for this event.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: In the spirit of St. Clare of Assisi, we invite you to join us in our Clare Prayer Shawl Ministry. A prayer shawl embraces and comforts the wearer with the love and prayers of the maker and the faith community. Recipients of the shawls may be people who are undergoing medical procedures, who are grieving, or who need to feel the love and support of the community during a difficult time in their life. The Prayer Shawl Ministry also makes shawls for family members of Fallen Soldiers. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Members meet at the noon Mass. After Mass, members eat lunch (bring your own), and knit or crochet until 2:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Have ever wanted to learn how to paint an Icon? The Friars of the Shrine of St. Anthony are announcing a wonderful new opportunity at the Shrine. Local artist Britta Prinzivalli will be teaching Icon Painting workshops at the Shrine starting February 7th and running every Monday until April 4th. This class is open to everyone with varying degrees of artistic background from none to advanced. By the end of the class each member will have painted their own Icon and delved into the ancient spirituality of Iconography. There will be a \$220 fee for the class which covers all the materials and costs. To sign up for the class or for more questions please call 410-531-2800 or email jwhite@shrineofstanthony.org.



TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR MASS TIMES: To find church locations and Mass schedules nationwide, call 1-410-676-6000 or go to www.MassTimes.org.

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