



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

January 1, 2012

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Daily Mass Readings

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Epiphany of the Lord
Numbers 6: 22-27	1 John 2:22-28	1 John 2:29-3:6	1 John 3:7-10	1 John 3:11-21	1 John 5:5-13	1 John 5:14-21	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8	Psalms 98:1-4	Psalms 98:1-3, 6	Psalms 98:1, 7-9	Psalms 100:1-5	Psalms 147: 12-15, 19-20	Psalms 149:1-6, 9	Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Galatians 4: 4-7							Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Luke 2:16-21	John 1:19-28	John 1:29-34	John 1:35-42	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:7-11	John 2:1-11	Matthew 2: 1-12

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 8, 2012

Right on the heels of Christmas joy, there are hints of a plot to destroy Jesus. The power of evil – jealousy, fear, lying – is all there in Herod's response to the threat of another king. But the Magi are persistent and faithful. We search for the Lord like the Magi did, but know that just to want to look for Jesus means that he has always already found you.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, January 02, 2012	Room 305	7:00 PM
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	Room 305	6:30 PM
Altar Server Training	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	Church	7:00 PM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	Room 301	7:00 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, January 04, 2012	Room 301	9:30 AM
Children's Mass Lector prep	Wednesday, January 04, 2012	Church	4:00 PM
RCIA	Wednesday, January 04, 2012	Room 301	7:00 PM
Adoration with Taize Music	Wednesday, January 04, 2012	Church	7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, January 04, 2012	Room 306	8:00 PM
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 05, 2012	Room 305	5:00 PM
Youth Band Rehearsal	Thursday, January 05, 2012	Room 305	6:30 PM
ACTS Women's Retreat Team	Thursday, January 05, 2012	Room 301	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 05, 2012	Church	8:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 05, 2012	Room 305	8:00 PM
Altar Server Training	Saturday, January 07, 2012	Church	1:00 PM



Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year!

I recently read of a prayer for the new year:

***Dear God, my prayer for 2012 is for a fat bank account and a thin body.
Please don't mix these up like You did last year.***

....and a New Year's Eve toast:

***May 2012 be the prosperous 2011 that the politicians of all parties
promised in 2009 that 2010 would be!***

On a serious note, my heartfelt prayer for you for this New Year is the beautiful blessing recorded in this week end's first reading from the Book of Numbers:

***The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!***

I sincerely wish you a truly blessed and faith-filled new year!

Msgr. Luca

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you walk the walk, you actually become the walk.



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY—MAY 9-19, 2012: This year's pilgrimage includes visits to Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice. Tour cost of \$3995.00 per person (based on double occupancy) includes round-trip motor coach transportation from St. Louis to Dulles International Airport, round-trip airfare (including airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied), accommodations in First Class hotels (taxes included), breakfast and dinner daily, land transportation, sightseeing with professional local guides, all entrance fees as per itinerary and of course Daily Mass celebrated by Msgr. Luca. For further information pick up a brochure at the Information Table or call George's International Tours at 1-800-566-7499 during West Coast business hours.

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? Please contact Msgr. Luca, Father Greg, Deacon Fred, Deacon Scott or Marianne Faulstich, Pastoral Associate, in the parish office at 410-531-6040.

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Samantha helped her brother; James gave gifts to his neighbors; Maria listened to her mom; Laura picked up her room; Christian helped his mom out with chores; Jordan helped a school mate when she dropped books; Becca took the dogs out; Claire helped her ill granddad; Natalie walked the dog; Myles helped his mom clean the house for his big sister's party; Jeffrey was in charge of the Advent wreath; Tori helped wrap presents; Madison helped decorate the Christmas tree; Christopher cleaned up his toys; Nicholas cleaned his room.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, January 7, by
Msgr. Joseph Luca and Fr. Greg Rapisarda.

ADORATION: Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in
Wednesday, January 4th, in the church from 7:30 until 9:00 pm for
adoration with Taize chant.



MILITARY LIST: If you would like to have a name
put on our Military List, please call the parish office at
410-531-6040. Names on the Military List will appear
first initial and last name only and will remain until we
receive a request to remove the name. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

P. Bacon	G. Horn	B. Reier
C. Bassett	D. Joyce	M. Ritter
D. Breville	M. Lark	J. Ryan
S. Cooper	C. Lozzi	J. Six
J. Danko	M. Mangus, Jr.	A. Stone
L. Draughn	K. McLin	R. Stone
W. Fenwick	Fr. A. Ochalek	S. Stone
B. Gallagher	M. O'Donnell	E. Surette
B. Green	A. Parrish	B. Urena
D. Haack	J. Parrish	C. Wolf
J. Helfrich	S. Parrish	Fr. T. Wood
J. Henry	D. Reccardi	K. Zaumseil

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Paul Elias, father of Joan Doyle, and grandfather of Erin, Michael,
Ryan, and Courtney.



PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM? The next Baptism
Preparation Session will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012
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.

ALTAR SERVERS: We are privileged at St. Louis to have dedicat-
ed, reverent and happy Altar Servers. If you are in the fifth grade,
you are now eligible to serve at the Altar during Mass. There will
be two sessions for Altar Server training – Tuesday, January 3rd
from 7:00 until 8:15pm and Saturday, January 7th from 1:00 to
2:15pm. Both training sessions will be held in the main church. All
Altar Servers are invited to attend as the veteran Altar Servers can
assist in showing the new ones how to serve at the Altar. There will
be a period of prayer, reflection and practice. If you are in fifth
grade or above and are interested in serving others as an Altar
Server at Mass, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity
to attend either one or both of the sessions. You won't be disap-
pointed! – Deacon Scott Lancaster

FELLOWSHIP

ST LOUIS ACTS RETREATS: ACTS stands for Adoration, Com-
munity, Theology and Service. St. Louis Parish has been providing
women's and men's retreats for the past 4 years. The goals of an
ACTS retreat are to strengthen our faith, renew ourselves spiritually
and build lasting friendships. The next men's ACTS retreat will be
held February 23 - February 26. For additional details please con-
tact Wayne Strupp at 443-812-8897. The next women's ACTS
retreat will be held March 29—April 1. For additional information,
please contact Diane Iannarino at 410-531-8115. Registration
forms are available in the narthex. Or you can register on-line:
<http://www.stlouisparrish.org/fellowship/actsmen.html> or
<http://www.stlouisparrish.org/fellowship/actswomen.html>.



Another year comes to a close, and with God's Grace,
a new one will take its place, one filled with a renewed
love of Christ for all mankind. The men of St. Louis the
King Council of the **Knights of Columbus** wish all St.
Louis Church parishioners a Happy New Year filled
with Peace ... "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let
his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look
upon you kindly and give you peace!"

EDUCATION



The turn of a new year brings us all the opportunity to make a fresh
start, to anticipate the great things to come, but, most importantly,
to reflect on the blessings of the year gone by. At St. Louis School
we have been continually blessed by the generosity of our parents,
teachers, staff, and this wonderful parish community. The hours
and hours of time and dedication to our students is inspiring, and
the financial generosity of this community is overwhelming. Thank
you, and may God bless you in 2012!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

January 7: Religion classes, 9:00am

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are on the brink of the unknown. The past has passed, the present is fleeting, the future yawns before us. What are we to make of what lies before us?

As I reflect in December what January 2012 will bring, I find it impossible to even imagine the joys and hopes, the struggles and pain, the faith and doubts, and the awesome loving presence of our God throughout it all. Join me, though, in praying for this new year. Join me in asking God to give us all the **strength** to face whatever comes, the **courage** to look 'future' in the eye, the **hope** which makes all things new, **wisdom** and **self control** to make the decisions that bring us closer to God, and the **love** of Jesus which surpasses all understanding and unselfishness that we could do.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE CYM OFFICE!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

- January 2: No Religious Education
- January 6: HS CYM Open Gym, 7-10pm
- January 8: BRUNCH
Lunches to the Homeless
Deeper Waters, 7-8:30pm
- January 9: Religious Education Begins again
- January 20: MS Monthly Dance 7-10pm. Tickets on sale starting January 9
- January 22: Youth Mass, 9:30am
BRUNCH
Deeper Waters, 7-8:30pm
- January 24: MS CYM Youth Council, 6-7pm
MS Parents, 7:15pm
- January 30: Parent Speaker at Religious Education, 7:15-8:15pm



ADULT ENRICHMENT

TWO EXCITING ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CATECHISM STUDY

FOR 2012: The Catechism Study that has been so popular during the evening will now be offered on Thursday afternoon from 1:30pm until 3:30pm. We will start with Part I of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In addition we plan to offer an advanced Catechism Study, presented by Fr. Joachim, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm until 9:00pm starting the end of January. This advanced study will examine in greater depth the faith of our Church as developed in the writings and elocutions of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Please help us customize this study for your interests by suggesting particular topics or specific church documents you would be interested in learning more about. Contact Leo Regensburger by email at leoregensburger@comcast.net or cell at 410-382-9064 to schedule yourself in either of these classes or to provide input for the advanced Catechism Study.

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- January 14/15 Special Care for Diocesan Priests
- January 21/22 Building Fund
- January 28/29 St. Louis School/Catholic Schools Week

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully.

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.

COMMUNITY

SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

Recurring Events:

- Daily Mass, Sunday through Saturday, 12 noon (Tuesday Mass includes the Novena to St. Anthony)
- First Friday Healing Mass, 7:30 PM
- Third Sunday & Last Sunday Healing Mass, 12 noon
- Confession, Monday—Saturday, 11:30 AM and Wednesday, 4 PM-5 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry: January 10, 2012: 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 2:30pm. New members are always welcome.

Historical Tours of the Manor House and Shrine: Join us on the last Sunday of the month, January 29th, for a walking tour of the Manor House and the Shrine of St. Anthony. The tour will last approximately 1 hour. Families are welcome. Please meet at the Manor House. There is no charge for this event.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS: We welcome Fr. Steve Frenier from the Shrine of St. Anthony to the Rachel's Vineyard Ministry Team! Forgiveness and healing are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion. Upcoming Baltimore retreats, held at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, are scheduled for January 27-29, 2012 & April 27-29, 2012. The cost of the retreat is \$225.00 per person, which includes private rooms, baths, meals and materials. Scholarships are available for individuals requiring help in attending the weekend. For more information, call (410) 625-8491; or visit www.project-rachel.net (local) or www.rachelsvineyard.org (national).

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

OUTREACH

RESPECT LIFE: The March for Life is coming! Come join a few thousand of the nicest people you will ever meet at one of the most peaceful gatherings you can attend to support Life. The 2012 March for Life is scheduled for January 23rd. Bus signups are next weekend in the Narthex. We leave St. Louis at 10 am and arrive back to St. Louis around 5-5:30 pm. For more information or to sign up for a seat, call Sue Arlinghaus at 410-531-1320.

THE POOR NEED YOUR HELP: Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of poor people? 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—this month, January 9th**. 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.

EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE CATHOLIC

REVIEW: The Catholic Review will have a fresh design and become a larger, biweekly newspaper, with more news, analysis and features about your archdiocese, world and faith. It will coincide with the launch of a completely new website. The new Catholic-Review.org will include new blogs and social media outlets, where you will be able to share your comments, photos and videos. It will include a digital version of the newspaper, and coming soon, an app for your mobile device. Much of that content will be available only to subscribers of The Catholic Review. To subscribe to The Catholic Review, call the Parish Office at 410-531-6040.



FOOD DRIVE WEEKEND: Our monthly food drive will be held January 7/8. Please help us help the hungry by bringing a "St. Louis Bag of Food" to church next weekend. This is what is in our bags: 1 box of cereal, 1 box of powdered milk, 1 box of spaghetti, 1 jar of spaghetti sauce, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 can of green vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of tuna fish, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of baked beans. Bring a bag or part of a bag. It all helps and goes the next day to the poor.



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