



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

February 19, 2012

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Daily Mass Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24-25	James 3:13-18	James 4:1-10	Joel 2:12-18	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Isaiah 58:1-9	Isaiah 58:9-14	Genesis 9: 8-15
Psalms 41:2-5, 13-14	Psalms 19:8-10, 15	Psalms 55:7-11, 23	Psalms 51:3-6, 12-14, 17	Psalms 1:1-4, 6	Psalms 51:3-6, 18-19	Psalms 86:1-6	Psalms 25:4-9
2 Corinthians 1:18-22			2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2				1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 2:1-12	Mark 9:14-29	Mark 9:30-37	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Luke 9:22-25	Matthew 9: 14-15	Luke 5:27-32	Mark 1:12-15

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 26, 2012

Mark, in his account of Jesus' 40 days in the desert does not elaborate on the specific temptations. He provides no exchange between Jesus and the demon to capture the imagination. Just temptation, the devil and wild beasts for a long time. Notice though that the Spirit is always present, accompanied by ministering angels. Even in the darkest trials and fears with no name, like Jesus we are not alone. Jesus has been there, been through it and triumphed. The Spirit will never desert you either. Have you ever felt abandoned, terrified? Talk with Jesus about it.

GOOD DEEDS OF THE CHILDREN: Abby prayed to God; Laura cleaned her room; Jane shared her cupcake; Brian hugged his sister when she was sad; David drew a picture for his grandpa; Samantha gave money; Jeffrey helped Daddy clean the basement; Bailey got ready for church; Kacie was quiet while her niece was napping; Becca helped her Daddy clean out his suitcase; Tori helped her brother get dressed; Madison made her bed.

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

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.



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

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



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.



Dear Parishioners:

On **Ash Wednesday** many of us will gather to celebrate the beginning of the Season of Lent by having our foreheads signed with ashes. In the Gospel of that day we will hear the words of Our Lord as He speaks to us about spending these next 40 days with Him in **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Notice that Jesus presumes that we will be doing all three of these basic elements of spiritual growth because:

- By spending time in **Prayer** we acknowledge God's presence in our lives. Often, we become so consumed by our daily lives that we limit our awareness of God to an hour on Sunday. Lent is a reminder to pray daily and know the power of God's presence. Pray daily by using your little black book, or attending a daily Mass one or more times a week, or saying the Rosary, or attending the Stations of the Cross.

- By **Fasting** we experience in a very small way the sacrifice Our Lord made for us by taking up the Cross for us to Calvary so that we might experience salvation. Take seriously the obligation to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and to Fast and Abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is the least we can do to be personally aware of the suffering of Jesus on that Friday He died for us.

- By generously **Giving Alms** we are reminded that all our blessings are from God and the Lord expects us to share our blessings with those who are less fortunate. Give generously to support our parish, or to the Poor Box, or make a generous pledge to the Capital Campaign or to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Remember: "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Keep what you do to yourself and "your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Matthew 6:18)

Msgr. Luca

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You are the creature of the circumstance or the creator!

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

RCIA	Sunday, February 19, 2012	Room 304	12:30 PM
New Parishioner Welcome	Sunday, February 19, 2012	Social Hall	12:30 PM
ACTS Women Pot Luck	Sunday, February 19, 2012	Room 301	2:00 PM
Discovering Christ	Monday, February 20, 2012	Social Hall	6:30 PM
ACTS Men's Small Group	Monday, February 20, 2012	Room 305	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, February 20, 2012	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Room 301	9:00 AM
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Room 305	6:30 PM
Patriotic Rosary	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Church/Social Hall	7:30 PM
ACTS Men's Retreat Team	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Room 301	7:00 PM
Advanced Catechism Study	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Room 306	7:30 PM
Respect Life	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Room 304	7:30 PM
Playgroup	Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Room 301	9:30 AM
RCIA	Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Room 301	7:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group	Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Room 306	8:00 PM
Catechism Study	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Room 304	1:30 PM
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Room 305	5:00 PM
Youth Band Rehearsal	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Room 305	6:30 PM
ACTS Women's Retreat Team	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Room 301	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Room 305/Church	8:00 PM
Haiti Committee	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Room 303	8:00 PM
CDA Rosary Guild	Friday, February 24, 2012	Room 306	2:00 PM
K of C Lenten Fish Dinner	Friday, February 24, 2012	Social Hall	5:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	Friday, February 24, 2012	Church	7:00 PM

WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 22nd): Ashes will be blest and distributed at the following celebrations: 7:00am Mass; 9:30am School Mass; 12:00 noon Communion Service; 5pm Mass and 7:00pm Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are celebrated on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm in the church.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:00-8:00pm in the church (except on Ash Wednesday).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, February 25, by Msgr. Joseph Luca and Fr. Greg Rapisarda.



PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM? The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 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.

Join us in welcoming the recently Baptized:

Gabriel Joseph Agcaoili Madewell,
Child of Steven Madewell & Cecily Agcaoili

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Paul Coppelino, husband of Mary Elizabeth Coppelino, and father of Joseph Coppelino.

The **ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** next rehearsals are Tuesdays, February 21 and 28 at 6:30 – 7:30 OR Thursdays, February 23 and March 1 at 5:00 – 6:00 in the Music Room. You need only to attend two rehearsals. New Members are welcome.



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	D. Reccardi
C. Bassett	D. Joyce	B. Reier
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
B. Gallagher	Fr. A. Ochalek	S. Stone
B. Green	M. O'Donnell	E. Surrette
D. Haack	A. Parrish	B. Urena
J. Helfrich	J. Parrish	Fr. T. Wood
J. Henry	S. Parrish	K. Zaumseil

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Sunday	6:45am	Jane Flanigan and Lois Volksdorf
	8:00am	Jane Gossage and Michael Bruno Comberiate
	9:30am	William Smith and Leroy Fangmeyer, Sr.
	11:15am	P.R. Sundaresan (SI) and Visitacion Marquez
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz and Patrick Gardner
Monday	7:00am	Onesta Dallasen and LaJoy Newell
Tuesday	7:00am	James Felsecker and Richard DiClaudio Family (SI)
Wednesday	7:00am	Michael Albanese and Rita Bell
	9:30am	Timothy Picciotti and Nancy Pozar (SI)
	12:00pm	Margaret Yaede and Paul Sherman
	5:00pm	Frank Schiefer
	7:00pm	Charles Lowman and Theora Pitt
Thursday	7:00am	Al Kilduff and James Gross
Friday	7:00am	Sam Dallasen and Patrick Gardner
Saturday	8:00am	Virginia & Ike Martinson
	4:00pm	Julie Vincelli and Debra Boone
	5:30pm	Lola Frey and Thomas Trepasso

(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:

Jan Bandula	Stanley Giermek	Podge Reed, Jr.
Margaret Biro	.Fred Gossage, Sr	Rana Lilyann Rejaie
Teresa Blanchard	Margaret Hoffman	Kathryn Rosewag
James Butler	John Kaulfuss	Verna Russell
Dan Cashman	Frank Kearns	Ed Rutkowski
John Christman	Elaine King	Evelyn Schroder
Melanie Ciesluk	William Kolar	Ruth Seamon
Norris Cooksey	Horace Martinez	Cristl Spicer
Paul Coppolino	Margaret Miller	John Thompson
Claire Day	Janet Mills	Julie Treuth
Evelyn Ditingo	Josephine Nwulia	Abelardo Valencia
Francis Fidler	Jan Pawtowski	Michael Wagner
Geraldine Fidler	Rosemary Picek	Melody Walsh
Richard Fox	Dcn. Matthew Podniesinski	Jeff Walt
Abigail Garstecki	Georgiana Podniesinski	

FELLOWSHIP

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Mark your calendars to reserve the evening of February 24, 2012 to continue your Lenten journey with your fellow parishioners at St. Louis. Bring the family to an old fashion **Lenten Friday night Fish Dinner** prepared and presented by the Knights of Columbus in the Social Hall from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal at a very reasonable price without all the cooking and cleaning. After dinner attend Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the Church. Dinner tickets are available at the door for \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 4 to 12 years old, and free for child under 4 years old. A nice way to celebrate a Friday night of Lent. For information or questions call Charles Roswell at 410-997-8276 or Johnny Young at 410-531-1855.

The St. Louis Knights of Columbus is holding their **annual Free-Throw competition** for the youth of the Parish and community on Saturday February 25th from 5:15-6:45pm in the school gym. All boys and girls age 10 - 14 as of January 1, 2012 are eligible to compete. The winners of each age category will compete immediately afterwards at 7:00pm in the District competition. Come on out for what is sure to be a fun time. For more information, please contact John Snizek at 410-312-7453.

Weekend Retreat for Men, March 2 – 4: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Jesus understood his disciples' need to spend time with Him away from the crowds. Don't we need such time as much as they did? A retreat is a wonderful way to grow closer to the Lord, to refresh yourself in body and spirit, to regain perspective on what's important in your life. The theme of this year's retreat is "In The Spirit There Is Always A New Beginning." Call Mike Leumas (410-290-8290) for additional information or to sign up for the weekend.

The St. Louis Council of the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the American Red Cross is sponsoring a **blood drive** on Tuesday March 27th in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center from 12:00 noon to 7:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, please call George Kuegler at 410-997-8364, Ed Draminski at 410-997-8674, or Mike Leumas at 410-290-8290. Thank you and God Bless.

Spring Mulch Sale sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council to help support our charitable activities. Delivery and pickup for mulch will be Sat, March 31st. We are offering 3 cu. ft. bags of shredded hardwood mulch for \$5 each. If an order is 30 bags or more, we are offering free delivery. If under 30 bags, please arrange a pickup at Kendall's Hardware between 8am – 12pm. For questions or to place an order call Vince Grauso at 410-531-3463 or send in an order form with payment and check payable to K of C Council 11898. A copy of the order form can be downloaded from www.kc11898.com by using the Mulch Sale link of the home page. (Note: all orders must be prepaid and received by March 26th).

DINE WITH THE DAUGHTERS: Our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court that is! Join us at Ledo's in the River Hill Village Center on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st beginning at 4 PM. Dine in or carry out their wonderful Italian food and mention CDA. A percentage of your bill will be donated to CDA to enable us to support our charities. A flier is available on the Information Table if you would like one. Please consider joining us for food and fun before the KoC Patriotic Rosary and before Lent begins.

4TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be presented by the St. Louis Knights of Columbus, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly of the 4th Degree, and the St. Louis Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30pm in the Church. The Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer for divine protection and mercy for our nation. Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Center following the Rosary. Everyone is invited. For more information contact Leo Mortimer at 410-730-4844.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH CONCERT SERIES presents **A Little Afternoon Music** on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 4:00pm, featuring Ennio Cominetti, organist at St. George Church in Varenna, Italy, and Lenore Trio: Denis Karp, flute; Eddie Sanders III, bassoon; and Larissa K. Sanders, piano. A reception will follow. For more information contact Paul Carroll at pcarroll@stlouisparish.org or at 410-531-6040 or visit the St Louis Church Concert Series FaceBook page.

EDUCATION



This week we celebrated all those that we love on Valentine's Day with parties and treats, and crossed our fingers as our 8th graders anxiously awaited their acceptance letters from local high schools. We wish our Concert and Symphonic Bands good luck as they perform this weekend at the Baltimore Blast Game!

With the NFL season over, we have some great entertainment for the whole family ... **FAMILY BINGO!** Join the St. Louis Parish family on Sunday, February 26 from 5PM – 7 PM in the St. Louis gym for Family BINGO. We will play plenty of BINGO, eat dinner, and have lots of fun!! We'll see you there!!

How does a warm, relaxing afternoon walking the links of Cattail Creek Country Club sound? Pretty good right about now, doesn't it? Mark your calendars and save the date for our **20th Annual St. Louis Golf Classic**, benefiting St. Louis School to be held on Monday, May 21st 2012. Registration brochures will soon be out and will be available for download directly from our website at www.stlouisparish.org/school. We are looking for sponsors at many different levels and encourage you to consider sponsoring this fun and important school initiative! If you would like more information please contact Colleen at craig@stlouisparish.org.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- February 25: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00 am
5th grade Soup Kitchen
- February 28: Quilt Squares are due in!!
- March 3: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00am
3rd grade Penance
- March 7: First Communion Blessing Cups (sign-up required)
- March 10: No Saturday Religion Classes
- March 15: First Communion Enhancement Class
5:30pm or 7:00pm
- March 17: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00am
- March 24: Saturday Religion Classes 9:00am
4th grade Penance

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION QUILT: Remember... in order for us to have time to piece together & sew our quilt, your family's square should be turned in to the Religious Education Office by February 28th. If you have any questions, or need any assistance at all with your square, please call the Office of Religious Education at (410) 531-6688.

OUR 1st FIRST EUCHARIST ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY will be held on Thursday, March 15th at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm in the Howard Bishop Meeting Rooms. Our topic will be "We are invited to the Table of the Lord." We ask that at least one parent attend with their child. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at (410) 531-6688.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012 will be held the week of July 23rd through July 27th. Registration forms for both campers and youth volunteers will be available in March. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Jennings at (301) 854-9724, (301) 821-7232 or ldjennings6@verizon.net or contact Annette Lober at (410) 531-7479, (858) 335-4642 or annette.lober1@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A few weeks back, my wife and I attended a funeral for a man (Jochen) who had been in my youth group almost 20 years ago! He was a lover of the outdoors and passionate about all of God's creation, from his dogs to the mountains of Oregon, to the friends and family who crossed his path. He went on road trips with friends and especially when the Grateful Dead or Phish were touring and his spontaneity became legendary. Like the times he would invite people who were homeless into his own home...or the hikes at Mount Hood even when it was snowing...or the creative ways he expressed love to his two twin boys or the rest of his family and friends. As I was thinking about his life, though, one of the images that came up for me was Jochen delivering pizzas. He was not only a fabulous delivery guy but worked many years as a manager of pizza places. Who doesn't like pizza guys???

Jochen delivered so much more than pizzas. His friendship for those who needed a friend, his providing shelter and food and clothing for those without these basic needs, and his constant unselfish and unique love delivered Christ's love and care to a world which desperately needs it. We call these Corporal Works of Mercy in the Catholic Church, those physical acts that show God's loving presence here. Jochen made it a natural part of his life, delivering the Gospel to others...

I pray for Jochen, his family in Annapolis, and his friends throughout the United States. I pray that we might be Christian delivery people, bringing the light and hope of Jesus to others. And I pray that we might make it a natural part of who we are (and Whose we are). I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOU!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:

- February 20: No Monday Religious Education
- February 21: Confirmation Information Meeting, 7pm, Howard Bishop Rooms
- February 22: HS CYM 5 Wk Series "Lost in Lent" w/Jon Pressimone, (Ashes distributed), 7:30pm
- February 26: Youth Mass, 9:30am
Deeper Waters, 7pm
- February 27: Religious Education
- February 29: HS CYM 5 Wk Series "Live Out Love: Chastity" with Catholic U Students, 7:30-9pm, Howard Bishop Rooms
- March 2: HS CYM Open Gym, 7-10pm
- March 4: CYM Lunches to Homeless
- March 5: Religious Education
- March 7: HS CYM Rescheduled 5 week series "Substance Abuse or Life with Substance", 7:30-9pm
- March 9-11: Italian Dinner Weekend. Call 410-531-6668 to work!!!

YOUNG ADULTS

THE ST. LOUIS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is for those in their 20s to mid-30s who are seeking to share their faith with others both spiritually and socially. For more information e-mail Jonathan Gunner, gunnej@hotmail.com or search for "St. Louis Parish Young Adults" on Facebook. Upcoming events include:

Young Adults (18-35) are invited to attend Freedom to Love, a lecture series on human sexuality based on Theology of the Body by Blessed Pope John Paul II. Sessions include worship time, a DVD presentation, and men's/women's small group discussion. The meetings are hosted by ChristLife on Wednesdays at 7pm starting February 15th and through March 14th at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. A casual dinner is provided prior to the session at 6:30pm. Please contact pete@christlife.org for more information.

Young Adult Book Club: Tuesday February 28, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 301/302 of the Pastoral Center.

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 22—Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday)

February 25-26—Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

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

Rise Up, O Men of God Retreat: March 3rd and 4th. The retreat, open to all men 18 and up, is being led by Mario Sacasa a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor, and focuses on the mysterious call to masculinity and how to live it more fully in the light of revelation. A full schedule of the retreat at www.ShrineofStAnthony.org Please call 410-531-2800 to register or with questions. The retreat is an overnight campout, has meals provided, and will cost \$75 per person. Join us on this journey and please encourage others to come as well. We hope to see you there!

SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL GALA - honoring the Daughters of Charity: For 150 years Saint Agnes Hospital has provided amazing medicine to generations of Marylanders through the care and healing grace of the Daughters of Charity. Please join us at our annual gala on Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore for an elegant and festive evening as we honor the Daughters of Charity's mission. You may call 410-368-3155 or visit www.stagnes.org for more information.

OUTREACH

RESPECT LIFE: The framers of the Declaration of Independence asserted that all human beings have inalienable rights, bestowed on them not by any human power, but by their Creator. Those who hold a more exclusionary view need to explain why we should divide humanity into those who have moral value and those who do not. This moral line-drawing poses a serious threat to the dignity and rights of other poor and vulnerable members of the human family who need and deserve our respect and protection. Your parish **Respect Life Committee** strives to preserve the dignity of all – born and pre-born. You are welcome to join in this effort. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month, February 21, at 7:30 pm in Room 304.

Lenten Event – 40 Days for Life - February 22 to April 1, 2012: Sign up to be a vigil partner or prayer partner during the 40 Days for Life! St. Louis will be praying at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic in Catonsville on Route 40. Vigil partners congregate near the abortion clinic and pray for one hour between the hours of 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Fridays or Saturdays. Prayer partners will seek out the Lord's blessing on this very worthy effort. This event is peaceful and prayerful, we are permitted by the county, and graphic signs are not allowed. Contact Peter Schenk at 443-545-5052 or peter@jeschenk.com; or John & Cathy Stefano at 410-730-2613 or jcstefano@verizon.net. For more information, visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/baltimore/>.

2012 Rosary Campaign for the Unborn during March: The Archdiocese of Baltimore, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus in Maryland, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington, is soliciting pledges to have 100,000 rosaries prayed in the month of March to eliminate abortion in our state and our nation, and to pray for the families of those children who have been aborted. There are some 37,000 children aborted in Maryland each year – more than 700 per week. This is a rate that is 50% higher than the national average. While direct action to eliminate this killing is necessary, it must be accompanied by prayer. Can you pray four or five rosaries (only one per week) over the course of a month? Contact Grace Kissane at 410-730-0421 or gkissane@verizon.net. You may also pledge online at www.bit.ly/mdrosarycampaign. All pledges will be formally presented at a state-wide Pro-Life Mass at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 18, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in Baltimore, at which the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski will be the celebrant. A Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood will follow the Mass.