



ST. LOUIS CHURCH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

March 30, 2008



Daily Mass Readings

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Acts 2:42-47	Is 7:10-14;8:10	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 5:17-26	Acts 5:27-33	Acts 5:34-42	Acts 6:1-7	Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15,22-24	Ps 40:7-11	Ps 93:1-2,5	Ps 34:2-9	Ps 34:2,9,17-20	Ps 27:1,4,13-14	Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,18-19	Ps 16:1-2,5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:3-9	Heb 10:4-10						1 Pt 1:17-21
Jn 20:19-31	Lk 1:26-38	Jn 3:7-15	Jn 3:16-21	Jn 3:31-36	Jn 6:1-15	Jn 6:16-21	Lk 24:13-35

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.

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Call to Prayer

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

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
Spontaneous prayers or A faith-based song

Reflection Question for April 6th

The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. In what ways do I recognize Jesus?

Mass Intentions for Week of March 30, 2008

Sunday	6:45am	Special Intention
	8:00am	Jane Gossage
	9:30am	Anthony Salerno & Betty Mulhern
	11:15am	Ruth B. & Rose Donohue
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz & Mary Protsik
Monday	7:00am	Eugene Gatto
	8:30am	Joann Houck, SI
Tuesday	7:00am	Phillip Smith
	8:30am	Bonnie Guzanski, SI & Nellie Maggio
Wednesday	7:00am	Mary Marilley, SI
	8:30am	Matthew Sussan, SI
Thursday	7:00am	Orville Gilbert
	8:30am	Charles Hopkin, SI
Friday	7:00am	Regie Tesk, SI
	8:30am	Bob McCollum, SI
Saturday	8:00am	Rudy D'Urbano, SI
	4:00pm	Thomas Fitzgerald & Richard Hurst
	5:30pm	Antionette Ducote, SI

In Your Prayers, Please Remember Those Who Are Sick Especially the People Listed Below

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.

Doni Belleza	Louise Koontz	Gerry Shaw
Bradley Benefiel	Nancy Krug	Tim Shaw
Joan Brannan	Rochelle Ludicke	Charlie Smith
John Conrad	Peter Marin	Matthew Sussan
Rudy D'Urbano	Mary Marilley	Meghanne Symon
Jacob Dexter	Bob McCollum	Harriett Teixeira
Antionette Ducote	Ruth McGinnis	Regie Tesk
Betty Farrell	Evan "Mort" Mortimer	Bob Thommen
Peggy Fry	Judy Morraye	Anna Tomalis
Betsy Haney	John Nash	Joanne Watson
Beth Hartner	Robert Overberg	John Williams
Charles Hopkin	Melissa P.	Samantha Wierney
Br. Jim Horan, SJ	David Pittman	Melanie Wurtzer
Sharon Ingraham	John Rettaliata	Bernadette Zellars
Maryetta Jeske	Bea Shaw	
Good Friend of the DeJames Family		



Dear Parishioners,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I extend my deepest thanks to all who contributed to a beautiful celebration of Holy Week and Easter. So many who attended commented about how beautiful and meaningful all our Liturgies were!

There are so many parishioners whose leadership and participation make these very special Liturgies so beautiful: Altar society, decorators, choir, folk group, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cantors, our director of music, greeters, ushers, Altar servers, organists, priests, seminarians, and others. I sincerely extend our thanks and appreciation to each person who "plays a role" in making our Liturgies so meaningful.

There is one group that I'd like to highlight this year: our Knights of Columbus who managed the parking lot!! These brave souls play a most important role in getting everyone on and off the parking lot in an organized and safe manner—often offering a friendly smile to those who find the parking lot frustrating before and after the heavily attended Masses. It is probably the most difficult but very necessary role. Mother Teresa was once told by a person observing her washing the wounds of a dying man with leprosy: "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." She responded: "Neither would I." She was obviously caring for the poorest of the poor out of love for God. Likewise our "parking lot knights" offer this challenging service out of love for God and our parish. I thank them so much!

In a special way, I thank **Father Jim Sorra**, our Director of Liturgy, for all the time and effort he put into organizing and preparing our Liturgies. Father Jim spends many long hours in this role and is a great blessing for our parish. In the name of us all, I sincerely express our deepest gratitude to him for a most wonderful Easter!

Msgr. Luca

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Perseverance: Sticking to something you're not stuck on!

PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Scout Troop 108 Bridging Ceremony	Sunday, March 30	Social Hall	5:00 PM
Picnic Raffle Committee	Monday, March 31	Room 302	7:00 PM
Novena	Monday, March 31	Chapel	7:30 PM
CDA Basket Bingo Committee	Monday, March 31	Room 304	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, April 1	Room 305	9:30 AM
Mothers' Playgroup	Wednesday, April 2	Nursery	10:30 AM
RCIA	Wednesday, April 2	Room 305	7:00 PM
Picnic Raffle Committee	Wednesday, April 2	Room 302	7:00 PM
Taize Adoration	Wednesday, April 2	Church	7:30 PM
Prayer Group	Wednesday, April 2	Room 306	8:00 PM
Why Catholic?	Thursday, April 3	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, April 3	Room 305, Church	8:00 PM
Fellowship	Saturday, April 5	Social Hall	8:30 AM
Liturgical Ministry Convocation	Saturday, April 5	Social Hall	10:30 AM

ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND COLLECTIONS
March 29th/30th-Building Fund
April 26th/27th-Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Remember: sparse sowing, sparse reaping;
sow beautifully, and you will reap bountifully."
(II Corinthians 9:6)

SOME OF THE GOOD DEEDS OUR CHILDREN OFFERED TO GOD THIS WEEK

Helping my dad; Getting up early for school after I was sick for three days; Helping my mom clean the house; Prayed for Lent; I helped my mom on our vacation; I helped my mom out during Easter; Giving up donuts for all of Lent; I made lunch for my dad; Kept my promise for Lent a secret between God and me; To help serve everyone's dinner; Helping around the house; Helping my mom bake a cake; Being the kindest nicest boy I can be; Doing chores; I helped clean the house; I let my sister sleep in my room even though I didn't want to; Helping clean up with my family; I helped my parents get ready for Easter; When my mom and dad told me to do something I did it right away; Helping my parents clean up the yard for spring.

ARE YOU A "SNOW BIRD"?

Help us update our files and ensure that you get your mail when you are away. If you are away from your primary address for an *extended annual time frame* please call the Parish Office at 410-531-6040. We will be happy to update your file and ensure your St. Louis mail gets forwarded to you.

CHURCH LINENS

Today by Ms. Justice & on April 6th by Ms Tranchitella.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, April 5th. Father Sorra and Father Peridans.

HOWARD COUNTY HOSPITAL CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

In order to better serve Catholic patients at Howard County General Hospital, the Catholic parishes in Howard County are sponsoring a priest to offer pastoral care to patients at the hospital—especially in times of emergency. **Father Edward Szymanski** will be the first priest called in cases of emergency. In a day of more Catholics and fewer priests, Saint Louis is happy to sponsor this effort to provide priestly care for Catholic patients.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers used to decorate our church sanctuary are available to honor a loved one who is living or deceased. The flowers may also be used as an expression of gratitude to God on special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays or other significant events. In addition to placing flowers at the Altar in loving memory of someone, you may also acknowledge loved ones, with flowers at the other shrines in our new church. Flowers for the Shrine of St. Louis, Shrine of St. Joseph or the Blessed Mother are \$50 each; Pieta is \$75; Altar Flowers are \$75. 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.

PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?

Here are a few things to keep in mind.

- Parents must participate in a Baptism Preparation Session before the Baptism date is set.
- The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Wednesday, April 9th in Room 301 of the Pastoral Center from 7:15pm to 9:15pm.
- Please register for a session by calling the Parish office at 410-531-6040.
- One godparent must be a practicing Roman Catholic, verified by the godparent's parish.
- Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Louis for at least 6 months.

THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and your votes toward the pastoral council elections this weekend. May you continue your prayers for this church and its people.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember the following soldiers in your prayers:

Cpt. Gregory Steenberge, Cpt. Edward Beatty, Cpl. Dan Haack, LTC John Spain, Lt. Joseph McDonald, Spc. Curtis Campbell, Cpt. Brendan Gallagher, Father Tyson Wood, 1st Lt. Matthew Middleton, PFC Catherine Sanagursky, PFC Joseph Henry, Lt. John Ryan, Lt. Steven Cooper, 1st Lt. Robert Charles, Cpl. Allen Scott P., Capt. Kristy Steenberge and Mr. Kenneth Abel.

Their pictures and mailing addresses are on the board in the Narthex so you can put a name with a face in your prayers. Please do bring any pictures and addresses of your family members in the military to the parish office for inclusion in the bulletin and on the prayer board.



MADE IN CLARKSVILLE GEARS UP FOR THE PICNIC

The 130th Clarksville Picnic is on the horizon. It's time to think about how you might be part of this annual gathering. One of the long standing attractions has been the "Fancy Stand", recently renamed "Made in Clarksville" because we feature hand made items donated by our parishioners and friends for sale on the day of the Clarksville Picnic. If you sew, do needlework, make jewelry, woodwork, paint, do ceramics or any other craft, consider donating your fine handiwork. If crafts are your vocation we can give you free publicity with your displayed donated items; a "win-win" for you and St. Louis Church. We also welcome volunteers to help set up and/or run the stand. Some materials and patterns available for your use. Please call Hilda Mathieu (301-854-3028; hildon.mathieu@starpower.net). Thank you for your interest and support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Once again we have met and exceeded our blood donation goal. Our goal was 50 units of blood, but you donated 62 units! The Knights and the Red Cross wish to thank you for your donation and your concern for your neighbor.



FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next week is our monthly food drive. 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 cereal, 1 box powdered milk, 1 box spaghetti, 1 jar spaghetti sauce, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 can green vegetable, 1 can fruit, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of tuna fish, 2 cans soup, 2 cans baked beans. Bring a bag or part of a bag. It all helps and goes the next day to the poor.

"Taize Adoration"

Let your heart be carried by the Holy Spirit....

Please join us for a quiet moment with the Source of all love.

This Wednesday, **April 2nd**, any time between 7:30 and 9:00pm.

Led by Father Dominique, in the church.

DONUT SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for our Delicious Donut Day after all Sunday Masses in the Parish Social Hall on **April 6th** sponsored by St Louis School HSA. Thanks so much and Happy Easter!

Why Catholic?

If someone were to ask you, what would you respond?

Want deeper reasons?

Fr. Dominique will host a six-week session on the *Sacraments*.

Dates: Thursdays April 3—May 8

Time: 7:00—9:00pm

Format: praise/opening prayer, presentation by Fr. Dominique, small share groups, Q&A

Cost: \$10.00 (for manual), payable the first session.

If you cannot join us for all six weeks, join us for what you can.

Rides for non-night-time drivers will be provided. Child-care will be provided. Please call Tracy Mayer (410-480-1645) or Fr. Dominique for questions/information.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CONVOCATION

All St. Louis Liturgical Ministers are invited to attend a Convocation and Day of Reflection, Prayer, and Formation on **April 5th**, beginning with breakfast at 9am and ending with lunch. The Convocation's guest leader and presenter will be Fr. Richard Hilgartner, Associate Director of the Secretariat for Divine Worship for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We will continue to explore the spirituality of our parish theme, "Do This in Memory of Me," and will also break out into work sessions, led by Fr. Hilgartner and our priests. ALL Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers & Greeters, and Music Ministers, are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. All liturgical ministers MUST RSVP to their Ministry Chairs when they receive their invitation. Call Fr. Jim at the Parish Office if you have questions.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Elementary Religious Education Program is in need of a catechist with a background in Special Education for our 2008-2009 religious education year. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in serving in this very special ministry, please call Vickie Zozwiak at 410-531-6688.



ARE YOU A NEW PARENT? EXPECTING? ADOPTING?

Do you have a new child by birth or adoption this past year? Your parish family at St. Louis wants to celebrate the wondrous gift of life that God has given. Each year, as part of our Respect Life activities, we give families in the parish a chance to share and celebrate the gift of new life. Join us at the 5:30pm Mass on **April 12th** and at a reception immediately following in the Pastoral Center Social Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

During the month of May, about 160 of our children will share in an event of great joy for both them and our entire Catholic community. They will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. They and their families have been preparing for the celebration of this Sacrament for some time now. They have learned how sacred and precious the gift of the Eucharist is and what it means to share that gift with others. Our St. Louis family recognizes what a gift these children are to us and we ask for your prayers as we bring these two great gifts together...

Blessing for our First Communicants

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life,
travel beside these children as
they take their first steps to your table.
Help them to recognize you
in the words of Holy Scripture,
in the Blessed Sacrament,
in your people, and in themselves.
Draw these children close to you so they
may radiate your love to others.
Amen.

Important Dates for First Communion Families to remember:

- April 2 Taize Adoration (church 7:30p.m.– 9:00p.m.)
- April 5 Pink seat assignment form is due
- April 11 "Blessing Cup" Activity (Howard Bishop at 5pm & 7pm)
- May 1 Rehearsals for May 3rd Celebrations (4:30pm & 6:30pm)
- May 3 First Holy Communion Celebrations (9:30am & 12:30pm)
- May 4 May Crowning Procession after 12:45 Mass

SAVE THE DATE!

REGISTER NOW! Vacation Bible School is coming once again to St. Louis Church this summer. Join us 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on July 14 through July 18 for a lot of faith filled fun. Our nominal tuition includes a T-shirt, daily snack, daily craft and a lot of fun! Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available to download. Just go to the parish website www.stlouisparish.org, then click on St. Louis Religious Education in the far left column, then click on St Louis Parish in the top middle of the page, then click on Vacation Bible School and follow the onscreen instructions. There is a free nursery for the younger children of volunteers. If you have any questions or need additional information about our Vacation Bible School program, please contact Mrs. Moira Monk at 410-531-6752. See you all soon!

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Some of you know that CYM has a week long work camp retreat during the summer. This summer's work camp is June 22-26 again with Harrisburg Habitat for Humanity. If you are in high school and will be 16 or older in June, think about joining us.

The people of Harrisburg have been very kind to us. In fact, their hospitality makes the experience not only easier but extremely enjoyable. One of the churches that has supported our work (and that of Habitat) is the Colonial Park United Methodist Church. Having stayed there from 2002-2005, we got to know some of the people and their leader, Pastor Paul. He would visit us while we were cooking dinner or playing in the gym. One of our adults said, "Pastor Paul, thanks so much for opening your church to us. I am sure that it gets worn out from all of these groups!" To which he replied, "Hey, we built it to wear out!"

What an incredible philosophy! The next year, we moved to the United Church of Christ up the street from CPUMC because it was going through some renovations. During our week in Harrisburg, we found out that Pastor Paul had a heart attack and died... We prayed for his family and the whole CPUMC community and continue to keep these wonderful people in our thoughts. Now, I don't think that God wants us to work so hard that we just wear out, but there is something to be said for Pastor Paul's words... There is plenty of work to be done in building up the kingdom of Jesus. There are many sacrifices that we all can give to allow Jesus' message to be made real in our lives. Not ignoring the person who is homeless, speaking out against injustice, sitting next to the person who seems lonely or sad... We may feel worn at times but God blesses us with a renewed Spirit and a deeper sense for why we are here. **MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A HAPPY & HOLY EASTER SEASON AND MAY YOU HAVE STRENGTH TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH!**

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- April 4th-6th** CYM Summit Lake Retreat Weekend "iGod!". Deadline for permission form/\$100 is 3/15.
- April 11th** Middle School CYM Dance from 7-10pm. Tickets on sale starting 3/31 in the Religious Education office.
- April 13th** World Youth Day Thanks to Parish for support after 9:30am & 11:15am Masses in Social Hall.
- April 25th** High School Bonfire
- April 26th-27th** Fair Trade Coffee Sales and 9:30am Youth Mass

News from World Youth Day Pilgrims

We would like to thank Monsignor, and the entire St. Louis Parish for continuing to support World Youth Day 2008--through prayer and contributing to the success of our bake and fair trade coffee sales! The World Youth Day Pilgrims would be privileged to pray for any special intentions parishioners would like to request. A special prayer book located in the church next to the statue of St. Louis is available for anyone to write their personal intention they would like to share. This book will be taken to Sydney and the World Youth Day Mass with the Pope where all the intentions will be offered. If you would prefer, you may e-mail your intentions to psprinkle@stlouisparish.org and they will be scribed into the book. We are so grateful how you always make our youth feel they are a contributing and important part of this parish!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

St. Louis Young Adult Ministry (SLYA) welcomes Catholic young adults (single, married, married with children) ages 18-35, and connects them through a balance of social, service and spiritual events. SLYA is a member of the Howard County Regional Young Adult Ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Christine Loppatto (ctrlrainbow@yahoo.com) or Pat Sprankle (psprankle@stlouisparish.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11th Holy Hour in the Chapel at 7:30pm (after Stations of the Cross). Dinner and fellowship afterwards.

April 18th-20th Regional Young Adult Retreat. Contact Christine (ctrlrainbow@yahoo.com) for more details.

April 23rd Bible Study in room 303 of the Pastoral Center from 7:30pm-9:00pm.

May 9th Holy Hour in the Chapel at 7:30pm (after Stations of the Cross). Dinner and fellowship afterwards.

May 28th Bible Study in room 303 of the Pastoral Center from 7:30pm-9:00pm.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pre-Kindergarten is Here!!!

Did you know St. Louis School will be offering a Pre-K program starting in Fall '08? It provides the benefit of an Archdiocese-approved Pre-K curriculum right in our own school. It is open to 4 year old children and is a half day session. Slots are still available for the afternoon session. If you are interested, call the school office at 410.531.6664. It's never too early to help your child Light the Way! *The school also has openings in other grades for Fall 2008.*

Gift Card Program

St. Louis School is once again collecting gift cards to help raise money for the school. Please consider donating your partially or unused gift cards. Gift cards that contain any amount are appreciated. The school receives money back for every gift card donated. Please ask your friends and family members to contribute as well. Collection envelopes are available with the St. Louis school parents selling Scrip in the Narthex of the church after Mass. The Gift Card Fundraiser will continue until April 1st. Contact Jane Ponton at tjponton@comcast.net or (301) 596-7253 with questions.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

Recurring Events:

Daily Mass, Monday thru Friday, 12 noon

(Tuesday Mass includes the Novena to St. Anthony)

Daily Evening Prayer, Monday thru Friday, 5pm

First Friday Healing Mass, 7:30pm

Third Sunday Healing Mass, 3:00pm

Confession, Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm and Friday, 7:00-8:00pm (except for First Friday of each month)

Upcoming Events:

April 26th, Workshop on Anger, 9am-noon

Join Fr. Bart as we look at the emotion of anger: why we get angry, how we deal with anger, and how we can use it constructively. Cost is \$25 and registration is required.

May 26th, Memorial Day Mass, noon

Unless otherwise noted, all above events are held at the Shrine of St. Anthony at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd in Ellicott City. For more info call 410-531-2800 or visit www.companionsofstanthony.org.

TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR MASS TIMES

To find church locations and Mass schedules while traveling or on vacation in the U.S.A., call 1-410-676-6000, or go to www.MassTimes.org.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **May 16th-18th** call 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com. If you would like to receive info in the mail, email us at tomncarol@comcast.net.

INTERESTED IN THE SUMMER TERM AT THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY?

The Ecumenical Institute of Theology offers graduate theological education to qualified men and women from throughout the Archdiocese. Classes can be taken for credit or audited. Applications for the summer term (June 9 - July 17) will be accepted until May 15. The spring shadowing program April 14-17 will provide an opportunity for prospective students to sit in on classes. Reservations are required. For more information on applying to the Ecumenical Institute of Theology or to make a reservation for the shadowing program, contact Patty Rath at 410/864-4200 or prath@stmarys.edu.