

ST. LOUIS CHURCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 20, 2008



Daily Mass Readings

This Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Acts 6:1-7	Acts 14:5-18	Acts 14:19-28	Acts 15:1-6	Acts 15:7-21	1 Pt 5:5-14	Acts 16:1-10	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 33:1-2,4-5, 18-19	Ps 115:1-4, 15-16	Ps 145:10-13,21	Ps 122:1-5	Ps 96:1-3,10	Ps 89:2-3,6-7, 16-17	Ps 100:1-3,5	Ps 66:1-7, 16,20
1 Pt 2:4-9							1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:1-12	Jn 14:21-26	Jn 14:27-31	Jn 15:1-8	Jn 15:9-11	Mk 16:15-20	Jn 15:18-21	Jn 14:15-21

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 27th

What are the ways in my life by which Jesus comes to me and lives with and in me?

Mass Intentions for Week of April 20, 2008

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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Sunday	6:45am	John McLaughlin
	8:00am	Jane Gossage
	9:30am	Sean Patrick Finnegan & Margaret Scafone
	11:15am	Edna FEaga & Ego Beecroft
	12:45pm	Maria Bochniewicz & William Ulbin
Monday	7:00am	Margaret Fleece
	8:30am	Charles Majkrzak, SI
Tuesday	7:00am	John Conrad, SI
	8:30am	Luz Angelica Serna & Nellie Maggio
Wednesday	7:00am	Edna Feaga
	8:30am	Sandy Yett
Thursday	7:00am	Christopher Terrence Kelley
	8:30am	Ralph Keller
Friday	7:00am	Antionette Ducote, SI
	8:30am	Bill Glover, Sr. & Bill Glover, Jr.
Saturday	8:00am	Rose Sliva
	4:00pm	Mary Moulter & Karen Brown
	5:30pm	Van Taylor Hoffmann & Marcella Mascarinas

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Our departed friends and loved ones: Sharon Ingraham, daughter of Shirley and Howard Ingraham.

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 **Bradley Benefiel** Joan Brannan John Conrad Jean Crane Rudy D'Urbano Jacob Dexter Antionette Ducote **Betty Farrell** Peggy Fry Beth Hartner Charles Hopkin Br. Jim Horan, SJ Maryetta Jeske Scott Kingsley Good Friend of the DeJames Family

Louise Koontz Nancy Krug Peter Marin Mary Marilley Bob McCollum Ruth McGinnis Evan "Mort" Mortimer Judy Morraye John Nash Glenn Nicastro Robert Overberg Melissa P. David Pittman John Rettaliata Bea Shaw nes Family Gerry Shaw Tim Shaw Charlie Smith Matthew Sussan Meghanne Symon Harriett Teixeira Regie Tesk Bob Thommen Anna Tomalis Joanne Watson John Williams Samantha Wierney Melanie Wurtzer Bernadette Zellars Dear Parishioners,



This weekend we celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the Dedication of our new church which took place on April 23, 2006. I am using this occasion to speak at all the Masses about the "state of the parish," what we have accomplished this past year and where we need to go from here.

I also want to personally invite you to next Sunday's concert. This is part of the ongoing concert series which began two years ago in celebration of our new church. This concert, entitled *Halleluiah Handell*, features the Concert Artists of Baltimore under the direction of Edward Polochick. The concert portrays the musical life of George Frideric Handel using vocal and instrumental music as well as visual art that will be displayed on our video screen. We are also delighted that it will be narrated by Jonathan Palevsky, program director for WBJC FM. It should be yet another marvelous concert. The concert is free and open to the public so come celebrate our 2nd Anniversary at 4pm in the church.

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Msgr. Luca

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Always remember that striving and struggle precede success, even in the dictionary. Sarah Ban Breathnach, writer

The flowers for the Blessed Mother are given this weekend in loving memory of Beverly Merther. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the Boucher and Merther families for providing this weekend's flowers.

New Parishioner Welcome	Sunday, April 20	Social Hall	11:30 AM
K of C Tour and Reception	Sunday, April 20	Chruch, Social Hall	4:00 PM
Adult Education Planning Team	Monday, April 21	Room 304	6:30 PM
Novena	Monday, April 21	Chapel	7:30 PM
Women's Bible Study	Tuesday, April 22	Room 305	9:30 AM
School Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 22	Pastor's Conference Room	7:00 PM
Mothers' Playgroup	Wednesday, April 23	Nursery	10:30 AM
Pilgrimage Group to Italy	Wednesday, April 23	Social Hall	5:00 PM
Picnic Raffle Committee	Wednesday, April 23	Room 302	7:00 PM
Prayer Group	Wednesday, April 23	Room 305	8:00 PM
Haiti Meeting	Wednesday, April 23	Room 303	8:00 PM
Why Catholic?	Thursday, April 24	Social Hall	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, April 24	Church, Room 305	8:00 PM

PARISH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

ST. LOUIS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND COLLECTIONS April 26th/27th-Building Fund May 3rd/4th-Seminarians May 24th/25th-Building Fund

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"People should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." (I Corinthians 4:1)

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

Helping Grandmom; Helping my dad with the groceries; Helping my friend when she fell; Being good to my elderly neighbor; Washing the dishes for mom; Being a good helper; I got my sister her pillow when she did not feel good; At school there was one piece of blue paper and I let my friend have it; I played something my brother wanted to play; I did all my chores and more because I wanted to help my parents; Helping my little brother; Made breakfast on Saturday for my family; Cleaning off the dining room table to help mom when we have guests for dinner; Helping my little brother; I listened to my mom; Said a prayer for the Pope; Was polite in school and at my friend's house; Trying to be cheerie; Saying yes please and no please.

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. Ballard & on April 27th by Ms Blanchard.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, April 26^{th,} Father Sorra and Father Peridans.

PRESERVING OUR TREASURED LEGACY

Please consider doing your part by 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 extending 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 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.

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, May 7th 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.

RECENT BAPTISMS AT ST. LOUIS

Antonio Jose Romano,

child of Antonio and Lisa (Vallario) Romano

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE

Steven M. Kelley and Henriette Botes- married April 12th

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. and Capt. Kristy Steenberge.

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.

NEW ALTAR SREVERS WANTED

If you are in the 5th grade (or will be next year) or above, please consider serving the Lord and his people at St. Louis by serving at God's holy altar. Our Altar Servers perform an important function in our liturgy and are to be models of prayer and reverence, so they (and their parents) must make a serious commitment to this ministry and to their faith. Though we try our best to accommodate the servers' schedules to fit their family's Mass schedule, Altar Servers must be somewhat flexible. If this ministry is for you, please come to our training sessions to sign up. New Altar Servers are required to attend TWO training sessions in the church from 7-9pm: Session 1 is April 29 and Session #2 is May 5. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Valavanis at MARVAL5@starpower.net or call Fr. Jim at the parish office at 410-531-6040.



WELCOME SESSION & PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new or nearly new to the parish, please plan to join us today Sunday, April 20th for our New Parishioner Welcoming Program. In order to REGISTER and officially join our parish family we invite you to attend. We will meet Sunday afternoon from 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center. Refreshments and childcare will be available.

A GUIDED TOUR OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to our open meeting to hear Monsignor Luca give a detailed description of the magnificent stained-glass windows in our new church. We will meet in the church narthex at 4pm on today, April 20th. Following the presentation, refreshments will be served in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center. If you'd like to attend, please call Leo Mortimer (410-730-4844), preferably by April 16, so that we may plan properly for the reception.

PITCH, HIT & RUN™ COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus will host an Aquafina® Major League Baseball[®] Pitch, Hit & Run[™] Competition for area youth on April 26 at Clarksville Elementary School. The competition is for individuals and registration will be open from noon through 1:30pm. Competitors are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the 2008 MLB™ All-Star Game[®]. The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each age group at the Local Competition will advance to the Sectional Level of Competition. All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate (age is determined as of July 17, 2008) and fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For guestions please visit the PHR website at www.mlb.com/phr or contact Tom Badik at 410-531-9312.

FREE CONCERT!

Once again, St. Louis Church Concert Series presents Concert Artists of Baltimore with artistic director Edward Polochick in a FREE concert entitled HALLELUJAH HANDEL! This concert celebrates the musical life of George Frideric Handel through vocal and instrumental music, visual art, and narration by Jonathan Palevsky, program director of WBJC FM. Sunday, April 27th at 4pm; admission is free, no tickets required, free will donation. A dessert reception will follow in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center. For more information call 443-535-8929.

ANNUAL FAMILY MAY PROCESSION

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas invite all parishioners and their families to participate in the Second Annual Family May Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother on May 4th, following the 12:45pm Mass. Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE FOR VERA BRADLEY® BASKET BINGO

Mark your calendars now for the Vera Bradley[®] Basket Bingo on June 6th in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center. Doors open at 6pm and first game starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Additional sets of 3 cards will be available for \$5. There will be three special games. Meal Deal/Snacks will be available. You must be at least 12 years old to enter. No alcoholic beverages please. Further information will be coming soon.

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:

- 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
- May 7 First Holy Communion Quilt Raffle (Howard Bishop at 7pm)

REGISTER NOW!

Power Lab **Vacation Bible School** is coming to St. Louis Church. Join us 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on **July 14 through July 18** for a lot of faith filled fun as we discover Jesus' Miraculous Power. 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 <u>www.stlouisparish.org</u>, then click on <u>St. Louis Religious Education in the far left column</u>, then click on <u>St Louis Parish in the top middle of the page</u>, then click on <u>Vacation Bible School</u> 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.

Any VBS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ages 14 – 17 must be STAND certified before June 29, 2008. If you have not attended a <u>Youth</u> <u>STAND training</u> session, mark your calendar to attend one of the following sessions:

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 7 – 8:30 pm or Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 7 – 8:30 pm.

You must call Pat Sprankle at (410) 531-6668 to reserve a spot in one of these two sessions. If you are unsure whether or not you are STAND certified, please contact Maryanne Johnson at 410-531- 6688.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. Meister Eckhart (1260-1328), a German theologian, once said these simple but deep words. Too many times, we expect God to be there for us in exactly the way we want God to be there, at exactly the time and place, and with the exactly right answers to our many prayers. We are, in a sense, trying to tell God how to be God. Such is our human weakness, to constantly want to be little gods instead of relying on our awesome God! In fact, we tend to ask so much that we forget to watch for God's goodness and blessings in our lives. Sometimes, saying thank you is the best way to be a follower of Jesus.

So, thank you. A few weeks ago, we had the CYM Summit Lake Retreat. Led by *Lauren Kolodrubetz* (senior RHHS), we discussed the theme "iGod: Priceless" and how God's love for us is amazing! I wanted to thank the entire retreat team, but especially Lauren for her leadership and service. Thanks also to *Scott Lancaster, Jacqueline Fontana, Matt Sprankle, Kathy Green, Len Pettiford, Jenny Lancaster, Adam Grahn, Kristen Daub, Pete Daub, Meagan George, Wesley Hand, Taylor Fenlon, Mary Dan, Katie Hassett, Caitlin Geoghan, Katie Erskine, Fr. Jim, and Ken Currie!*

AS PROMS AND CLOSING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HAPPEN, I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOU!

Update on Matty Sussan

Matty Sussan, SLS graduate and active CYM person who underwent a bone marrow transplant recently, is doing well and has been moved to St. Casimir's House near Johns Hopkins to continue recuperation. The family thanks our St. Louis family for their generosity and prayers. If you would like to send him a card, it may be sent to the following address: Matty Sussan, Pruitt Suite # 4, 2712 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

April 25th High School Bonfire at Friary April 26th-27th Fair Trade Coffee Sales and 9:30am Youth Mass April 28th Guest speaker 7-8:15pm in the gym. All welcome! April 29th Youth STAND Training at 7pm in the Youth Room May 2nd HS CYM Open Gym from 7-10pm for grades 8-12! May 3rd HS CYM Coffeehouse from 7-10pm in the Social Hall for grades 8-12!

May 2nd-3rd Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 5:30pm (Saturday) and 12:45pm (Sunday) Masses

SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Appeal reaches \$46,000!!!

The school's annual appeal has received over \$46,000 to date, and we are GRATEFUL! Thank you to all who have supported us so far! As tax day looms around the corner, don't forget to take a deduction for your generous contribution to last year's appeal. If you need to check the amount you contributed or the date, just contact Colleen Craig at <u>ckc430@comcast.net</u> or 301-260-2847. Remember that we now accept credit card donations via Google Checkout directly through our website! Earn those mileage and reward points and make a charitable contribution at the same time!!

Great Job 7th Grade!

We want to commend both 7th grades for their outstanding generosity to the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl campaign sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. After listening to a speaker from Ghana explain how the Rice Bowl collection has impacted his life and after participating in a class discussion on the importance of generously supporting the collection, the two 7th grade classes raised over \$800 in only 11 school days. The Student Council motto is "When You Pray, Move Your Feet," and that is exactly what the 7th graders have done. Thank you for your generosity! As a school, we have raised approximately \$2,500 for Operation Rice Bowl. We are grateful for the opportunity to assist brothers and sisters in need.

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.*

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 (ctlrainbow@yahoo.com) or Kristen Daub (kdaub@stlouisparish.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9th Holy Hour in the Chapel at 7pm. Dinner and fellowship afterwards.

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

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
June 7th, Day of Prayer, 10am-3pm
"Anthony: a new Moses, Finder of our children and grandchildren"
Registration is required and cost is \$45 (includes lunch and materials.)

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.

HELP WANTED

The Sanctuary at Dellwood Springs is looking for a handyman/ grounds keeper for 8 hours weekly. Flexible schedule. Needs to be able to do heavy lifting and ladder climbing. Call 301-854-3004 for interview or application. References and background required.

DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

DeMatha Catholic High School will hold an Informational Night for prospective students and their parents on **April 23rd** at 8pm at the home of Bill and Julie Farmer in Highland. To make a reservation or if you have a question, call Mr. Thomas Ponton at 240-764-2222 or tponton@dematha.org.

ST. JUDE'S WALK-A-THON

The leadership class of River Hill High School will sponsor a walk-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital on **May 10th** from 1-5pm at the River Hill High track. The walk-a-thon is for all ages and all members of the community. There will be races, games, food and other entertainment—all to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Please come!

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? For confidential assistance call the Ho. Co. Pregnancy Center at 410-730-3223 (24/7 at 800-395-HELP) or the Gabriel Network (24/7 at 800-ANGEL-OK

PROJECT RACHEL is the post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church. It will help any woman or man struggling with the aftermath of abortion. Call 800-286-4224 or <u>hopeafterabortion.com</u>.