St. Louis Catholic Church

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May 26, 2019 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Paul Dudzinski
Rev. Dort Bigg
Resident: Rev. Bryan Duggan

Sunday Mass
7:30am 8:45am
10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*
12:30pm

Saturday Mass
8:45am
5:30pm Vgil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass
6:30am 8:45am

Holy Hour Wednesday 6:30pm

Confessions
Mon-Sat: 9:15am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Saturday: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Sunday: 8:20am-9:00am

Misa en Español
Domingo 3:00pm
Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm
Grupo de Oración
Sábado 6:30pm

Poor Clare Monastery
703-768-4918
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Mass Every Day
7:00am (Gregorian chant)
Sunday Devotions
Eucharistic Exposition
8:00am - 4:00pm
Rosary 4:00pm
Benediction 4:30pm

Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Friends,

Someone asked me the other day, "Father, what does the phrase on the bottom of the front cover of the bulletin mean?" (Pro Deo et Pro Patria). I answered, "For God and for Country."

This Memorial Day weekend we celebrate the love of God and the love of country. We celebrate the 6th Sunday of the Easter Season and continue to celebrate that life after death is a reality. Christ really did rise from the dead and change the course of history by definitively revealing the reality of eternity. *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18)*

It is in the context of Christian faith in the resurrection that we properly celebrate the love of country this Memorial Day. It is a most honorable calling to serve one's nation in the armed forces, and we rightfully honor all of you who serve in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, and National Guard - thank you for laying down your lives for all of us!

We pray with Christian hope for the repose of the souls of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in service to the United States. On Memorial Day there will be two Masses offered (7am at the Poor Clare Monastery; and 8:45am in the gymnasium). Attending Mass on Memorial Day is the best way to join the love of God and the love of country - Pro Deo et Pro Patria.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace; may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. God bless the U S of A!

Your Pastor,
Father O'Hare

SPIRITUALITY

Morning of Recollection with Fr. Dort

Saturday, June 22

The Eucharistic Adoration Committee of St. Louis Parish invites ALL parishioners (especially those who visit the Adoration Chapel) to a Morning of Recollection with Fr. Dort. Begins with 8:45am Mass, followed by a

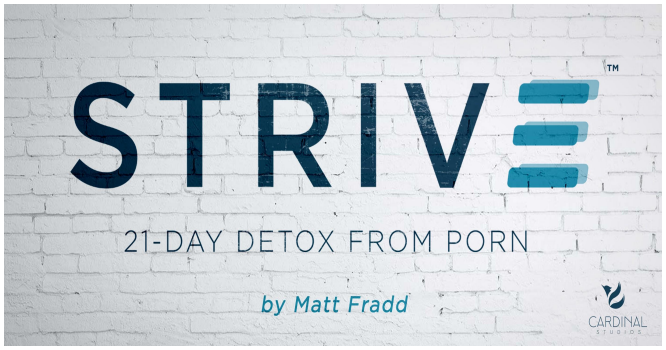
breakfast in the gym. Fr. Dort will offer reflections on the experience of Eucharistic Adoration, and participants will offer their own reflections as well. Concludes with some housekeeping details regarding the Adoration Chapel and then a "Holy Half Hour" of adoration in the church. For more info, contact the parish office.

Yearly Discernment Retreat For Women

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out at the annual discernment retreat for women, June 14-16. The retreat will be led by religious sisters, and will focus on giving you tools for your discernment, as well as personal prayer time, opportunities for confession and spiritual direction, and the chance to socialize with the sisters and the other women as well. Cost is $60 and includes overnights and all meals (assistance is available if needed). The retreat will be at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. For more information, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Director of the Office of Vocations, at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited, contact us today! Deadline to register: Friday June 1.

Clergy Changes

Bishop Burbidge announced the annual clergy changes this week and they include changes here at St. Louis Parish. Fr. Dort has been assigned to serve at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Lake Ridge. Fr. Bryan will be changing residence to St. John's Parish in Leesburg. Fr. Andrew Haissig (currently serving at the Basilica of St. Mary's) has been assigned to serve here at St. Louis Parish. Please mark your calendars for the weekend of June 16 (Farewell reception for Fr. Bryan); June 22-23 (Farewell reception for Fr. Dort after all weekend Masses); and June 29-30 (Welcome reception after all Masses for Fr. Andrew). Clergy changes take effect on June 27.



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LEARNING

What are the "Stations of Light" (Via Lucis)?

An Easter Season devotion that mirrors the Stations of the Cross that we pray during Lent, composed of 14 Scriptural events that celebrate the Risen Christ:

1. Jesus is raised from the dead
2. The finding of the empty tomb
3. Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus
4. Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus
5. Jesus is known in the breaking of bread
6. Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem
7. Jesus gives the disciples his peace and the power to forgive sins
8. Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas
9. Jesus appears by the Sea of Tiberias
10. Jesus forgives Peter and commands him to feed his sheep
11. Jesus commissions the disciples upon the mountain
12. The Ascension of Jesus
13. Mary and the disciples wait in prayer
14. The Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost

In the summer of 1988, Father Sabino Palumbieri, Professor of Anthropology at the Salesian University in Rome, proposed the creation of a new set of stations, centered upon the Resurrection so as to emphasize the positive hopeful aspect of the Christian story. In December 2001, the Holy See promulgated a *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, which commended the *Via Lucis* to all the Christian faithful.

Wednesday Night Bible Study!

Join fellow parishioners who are learning about the exciting book of Revelation! Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm in the Teachers Lounge in the School. For info contact John and Lina Gray at johngray91@gmail.com

TWO Catholic Radio Stations!

Did you know? There are now TWO Catholic radio stations broadcasting in the local area! Check out 1160 AM and 1260 AM. Catholic talk radio, interviews, inspiring discussions, and more! Tune in and be inspired during your commute to and from work!

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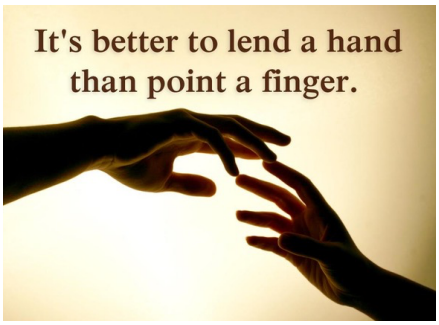
SERVICE

Volunteer at Christ House!

June 7 and June 28

Sign up to help with our parish's monthly Christ House dinner! Christ House provides food, clothing, and shelter to homeless persons and low-income individuals in our local area. Our parish serves dinner on the fourth Friday of each month (due to a scheduling switch we have two dinners in June). We need volunteers to prepare and drop off food and/or set up and serve. For more information or to sign up, please contact Eva at 571-420-9612 (call or text).



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Louis provides direct financial assistance to families in our parish and needs your support to do your work**.** In 2018, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we provided $39,136 in assistance to 101 families for rent, utility, medical bills and other needs. Please support our work through your parish envelope offering, Faith Direct, or by placing donations in the Poor Box, located in the church vestibule during Mass. Any amount is appreciated. For more information, contact Keith Snider, kasnider@cox.net or 703-980-0726; or Robin Bachman at robin@svdpalexandria.org or 703-768-2136.

FELLOWSHIP

Mother's Group

Join the St. Louis Mothers' Group this Wednesday, May 29, for our annual pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery in DC. We will meet at the Monastery at 11 am. The address is 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington DC. Please bring a picnic and a rosary (or several, if your kids want to carry their own!) Picnic blankets are optional - they have several benches we can sit on as well. Please let Theresa know if you would like to ride with someone else OR if you have room in your car for others (and how many spots) in case someone else is looking for a ride.

All moms and little ones are welcome! For more information or to join our email list, please contact Theresa Talavera at tatalavera@yahoo.com or 571-331-8441.

Are You Grieving?

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You may have lost him/her recently or years ago…. Come to a monthly opportunity for prayer and conversation. "Grief and Grace" begins with a holy half-hour in the church followed by informal conversation led by Father O'Hare. The next session will be Wednesday, June 19th, 12:30pm-2:00pm.

Interested in Young Adult Ministry???

If you are a young adult (age 20-30's) and are interested in young adult activities here at St. Louis Parish please email Carmen at carmen@saintlouisparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Meet the Crew!

A photo of some of the members of the team from Energesco Mechanical who are steadily working on the full replacement of our 57 year-old HVAC system. Step one is demolition and removal of the old system (installed when the church was originally built in 1962). Expect weekend Masses to be celebrated in the gymnasium for approximately the next 3-4 weekends. Thank you again for your weekly generosity in the Sunday collection which makes this important (and expensive) project possible! The new system will be modern and energy-efficient, which will mean a lower monthly utilities bill for the parish for years to come!

YOUTH FORMATION

The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori

Saint Louis Montessori Atrium

Open House!

Sunday, June 2,
9:30am – 12:30pm
Adults and children are welcome!
Please drop in for a visit!
New families are welcome!
Returning children can show their families their favorite materials!

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Steubenville Youth Conference

Current or incoming high schoolers from our parish are invited to join us for the Steubenville Youth Conference on the main campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH from Friday, July 19th-Sunday, July 21st.
The conference includes daily Mass, talks by well-known Catholic speakers, breakout sessions on topics related to the faith, praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, entertainment, and fellowship.
The total cost per participant is $200 (which includes registration, transportation, and room and board).
Contact Alice Kraus at alice@saintlouisparish.org.

Saint Louis Camp for Young Christian Athletes

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We have planned a camp that embodies Christian values while providing campers with non-stop action. We will play a variety of sports and PE games, from soccer and basketball to kickball and ultimate Frisbee. Campers will be guided by some of the most energetic counselors who are sure to leave each day almost as exhausted as the kids. We will start the day with Mass at 8:45 to prepare ourselves for the day, then head to setting up teams. We will create and recreate teams to ensure parity and even competition. We will keep track of scores to help enhance the experience while challenging kids to respond with great sportsmanship in victory and defeat. At lunch, we will share prayers and then we'll head back to competition for the rest of the afternoon. We will end each day with the opportunity for reflection and group prayer, bringing meaning to the friendships and experiences of the camp.

We're looking forward to working with your kids this summer. We hope they can join us!

DATES AND TIMES:
Monday through Friday, 8:30am–3:00pm
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- If you cannot register online or if you need help registering, please call **703-539-2602**
- Limited financial aid is available for those who qualify

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St. Louis School is Grateful for the prayers of the Parish, as our First Communicants received Jesus through the Eucharist for the first time. Let us continue to pray for all who have received sacraments this Spring and praise God for His many blessings!

St. Louis Preschool offers a state-licensed, half day program with classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds. We currently have a few openings in the 3-year-old classes. For more information, folders are available in the front office of the school and there is a preschool tab on the school website. You may also contact the preschool registrar, Dare Hurley, dhurley@stlouisschool.org.

Principal Kathleen McNutt ~ www.stlouisschool.org ~ 703-768-7732

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, May 27
6:30am, NO MASS
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of Sandra Kovacev
8:45am, +David Hsu

Tuesday, May 28
6:30am, Intentions of Dennis & Maria Gingras
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of the Gingras Family
8:45am, +Richard Bowman

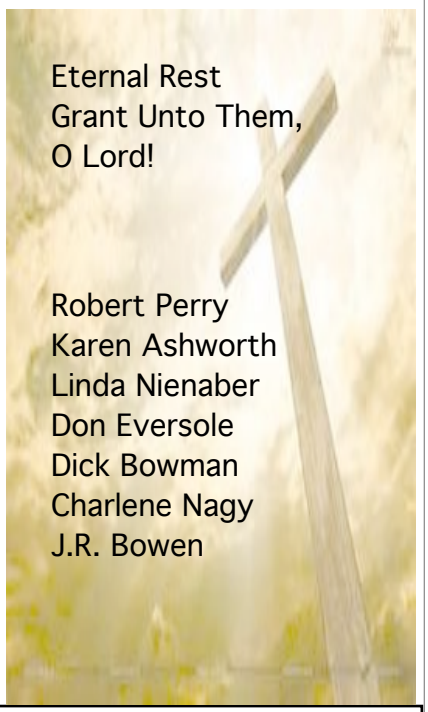
Wednesday, May 29
6:30am, Intentions of the Gingras Family
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of the Gingras Family
8:45am, +Richard Bowman

Thursday, May 30
6:30am, Intentions of Gingras Family
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of Gingras Family
8:45am, +Milagros & Romulo Alcasabas

Friday, May 31
6:30am, Intentions of Gingras Family
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of Gingras Family
8:45am, +Marie Bernardini

Saturday, June 1
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of Gingras Family
8:45am, +Fernando Mico
5:30pm, +Raul Galindo

Sunday, June 2
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of Gingras Family
7:30am, +Madge Elizabeth McKay
8:45am, +Deceased members of the Pham Khoa Family
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, Intentions of the Residents of Manor Care and Mt. Vernon Rehab
3:00pm, Intentions of Gustavo & Seferina Del Valle



Monday	**Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	**The Ascension of the Lord** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 **Or Easter Weekday** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	**Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	**The Ascension of the Lord** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 or **Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

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