Truly this was a powerful Lent and Holy Week, thanks to so, so many people! The place we gather, our worship space, needed to be prepared for Lent, then for the unfolding Holy Week. The logistics are many: a church somber for Lent, and then dramatically transformed for a joyous Easter; preparing a chapel of adoration, preparing the gym for Easter, managing traffic, parking challenges. Thank you Sally, Jose, Laura, Daryl and volunteers who generously assisted! Many, many ministers are needed for our liturgies. Thank you Bea, Sue, Peggy, for organizing and preparing, and to ALL of our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and altar servers! Music adds tremendous depth and beauty to our liturgical life at St. Louis. Our musicians gave 200%, to be sure. Thank you Stephanie, choirs, cantors, instrumentalists and all musicians who led us in worship! Thank you to Cris, and all who prepared our catechumens and candidates, including all of you who supported them in prayer! The technology upgrade (cameras, hardware and software) were completed just in time to give those sharp digital images, and to provide the narthex screen – thank you technology team, and Matt for the Passion Sunday visuals, Barb and Fred for bulletins and programs! Set up, clean up, a warm welcome to all; planning, preparing, dealing with inevitable last minute surprises – what a grace to see our community work together so effectively! Then of course there was the great job our young folks did with Living Stations, along with their parental support. Well done, all, and many, many thanks!

For 50 days we will continue our grand celebration of Easter. Baptisms, Confirmation, 1st Holy Communion – beautiful sacramental moments, as well as a time for mystagogia: reflecting on the meaning of these mysteries we have celebrated, drawing out the deeper implications, and letting the message shape our daily lives. As we listen to the scriptures during this Easter season, please notice the pattern. Christ did not appear to the disciples for their sake alone. He was transforming them from disciples into apostles. They didn’t just experience the Risen Christ to remain followers. They were missioned, sent (apostle means messenger, one sent forth). After the Great Vigil, our catechumens became neophytes. Those confirmed (and those to be confirmed) are anointed with the Spirit that they might have gifts of the Holy Spirit; gifts strengthened, to be shared. While those making 1st Holy Communion are called to the table, they will also be sent forth at the conclusion of Mass, as we all are each week.

This Easter season, please reflect on being a disciple. Then take that next step. How might you live as one sent? Don’t get lost looking too far away. Perhaps at the moment you are being sent to your family. To someone you work with, or a fellow student. Perhaps you are called to bring a word of redemption and hope to a friend or acquaintance. “As the Father sent me, so I send you.” Go, glorifying the Lord with your life! Amen! Alleluia! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - APRIL 13
11:00 am Margaret & Jim Jeffrey - Pat & Bill Dykstra
5:15 pm Fred Giovagnoli, Sr. - Rose Marie Joyce

TUESDAY - APRIL 14
6:45 am Paul Decker - Family
11:00 am Catherine Aquavella - Dr. Aquavella
11:00 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 15
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
11:00 am Virginia Krieg - Birdie Proctor
5:15 pm Margaret “Mig” Martin - The Smerbeck Family

THURSDAY - APRIL 16
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
6:45 am Ellie Murdoch - Bill & Jeff
11:00 am Vivian Ripton - Cathy Danner

FRIDAY - APRIL 17
11:00 am Jerry Stark - Emmett & Mary Miller
5:15 pm Ginny Krieg - Kevin & Jean Parker

SATURDAY - APRIL 18
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
9:00 am Ginny Krieg - Paul & Geri Dolan
4:30 pm Samuel Tasciotti - Family

SUNDAY - APRIL 19
3rd Sunday of Easter
7:30 am Ann Ring - Schwind Family
9:00 am Andy Eilertsen - Kathleen Brennan
11:00 am Delia Pavia - Angelo Pucci
5:00 pm Katherine Bukys - The Parker Family

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.

To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

Three lamps will burn
For Jim Belmont
By the Housels.

Requiem Aeternam
Jeanne Virgil
Josephine Marino

Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19

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Sunday Communion Service - April 19
The Highlands: Richard Caruso
Heather Heights: Jim Haefner
Koinonia

It isn’t just the name of a family camp in Italy Valley, in the beautiful Finger Lakes (check out CampKoinoniaNY.org for information about Family Camp dates, Creation Week, McQuaid Retreats, etc). Koinonia is the Greek world for community. It is an essential aspect of being church, and it is described beautifully in our first reading this weekend. Luke’s description may seem too idyllic; he was a glass-half-full kind of guy. But the truth is, a key to the spread of Christianity and the growth of the early church was the pervasive love and mutual support that characterized communities of believers. Lest there be confusion, Luke makes it clear in Acts of the Apostles that the love, generosity and mutual support were not human accomplishments. They were fruits of the Holy Spirit. Community is still one of the things that attracts people to the church, to Christ, and to discipleship. Pray that the koinonia here at St. Louis continues to be a beacon of hope for those who have not yet discovered what is possible through God’s grace!

Conquering the World

It sounds scary, ‘conquering the world’. But read our 2nd reading from the letter of John closely. The victory comes when we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we are begotten by God, and we allow our lives to be ruled by love. This message is from the same author who could see Jesus’s crucifixion as the beginning of his glorification. (Check out the Good Friday homily on our parish website, under Triduum homilies). John adds in this passage that Jesus came to us through water and blood. He definitely is referring to Jesus’s baptism and his death. He may also be alluding to how Christ comes to us today; our Baptism and Eucharist. How do you see your faith helping you to overcome the world?

Someone Needs to Play the Role!

In Mark’s Gospel, frequently Peter is cast in the role of the one who misunderstands, who doesn’t get it, who even denies Christ. John on the other hand gives that part to Thomas quite often, as in today’s Gospel. The facts are likely accurate, as far as they go. Peter did deny Jesus that fateful Passover, and Thomas no doubt had a real struggle to believe. Yet it is unlikely that they were the only ones who made missteps, who failed to understand, or who struggled to believe. However, by painting the issues so clearly in the character development of Peter (in Mark’s case) or Thomas (in John’s), both give us someone to identify with, patron saints for the challenges of being a disciple. Don’t miss the last line in today’s Gospel. It names perfectly why John wrote, and by extension, why the other three evangelists wrote: to bring people to faith; that they might have life in Christ. What is your Gospel? What story can you share that will help others believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, so that they may have life in his name??

Preparing for the Third Sunday of Easter

Peter preaches to the people

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a
Forgiveness, faithfulness, made perfect in love

Gospel: John 24:35-48
Peace be with you!

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained - PART 2!

In the ten episodes of Part 2 of Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained, we continue our walk through the story of salvation and the teachings of the Church, this time exploring the key to fully living the Faith. If you didn’t attend Symbolon Part 1, you can still join us for Part 2. Each individual episode is self-contained and provides an excellent presentation on the subject discussed. Because of the design of each session ,even if you can’t be with us every time, you will still be able to attend when you can!

This is a state-of-the-art video series, led by Dr. Edward Sri and a team of dynamic teachers who provide a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith.

The program will take place on Saturday, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, and 16 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall. There is still time to register. Please RSVP to Birdie at 586-5675. For more information about the series contact: Kathryn McAlarney at mcalarney1@gmail.com or by calling Kathryn at 585-490-2745. The cost of the materials is: $25.00.
This Week’s Tithing Will Support Benincasa

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support St. Pius X Church

On January 1, 2015 a fire extensively damaged St. Pius X Church in Chili. The old church will be demolished and a new church will be built. All subsequent services have been held in their school gym. For Easter Sunday masses, a large heated tent was transformed into a temporary worship place in their parking lot. Much of what needs to be replaced will not be covered by insurance. Please pray for the St. Pius X Parish family as the grief for their loss becomes hope for a new parish home during this Easter Season.

RISING TO GENEROSITY

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The Franciscans Thank You!
Many thanks to all who contributed to the annual Good Friday collection ($1,405.00) supporting the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. This collection supports emergency assistance to refugees there, upkeep of pilgrimage sites, education & pastoral care. Visit: www.myfranciscan.org

Now I Can Hear! Do you have a hearing aid?
Since we added the hearing assistance loop to the main body of the church this past summer, give it a try! Simply use the ‘T’ switch, or telecoil setting on your hearing aid and find the spot in the church that is perfect for your personal hearing level (the two side chapels are not looped, as microphones in the sanctuary would interfere there). Many thanks to the benefactors who made the system possible!

Italian Feast—Special Event Fundraiser for Benincasa
(Home for the Terminally Ill)

At the Mendon House, 1369 Pittsford Mendon Road
Sunday—April 26, 2015
Dinner Served from 4:00-8:00 PM

Includes Salad, Complimentary Glass of Wine or Beer, Dessert and Coffee – Cash Bar
$40.00 pp (gratuity included)

Please Call Mona at 305-6337 or Lori at 766-5310 to make a reservation!

Rice Bowls will be collected at all Masses this weekend: April 11 & 12.

Sharing the Success
Remember hearing about RAIHN, Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, and being invited to support that tremendous ministry? No small effort, RAIHN is a coalition of 40 congregations in Monroe County, including us. The congregations take turns, some housing homeless families in their facilities, others hosting, providing meals, and truly providing hospitality. How successful is this effort? Rochester RAIHN has been asked to advise the social service agencies in Syracuse, New York about how to set up a carbon copy of RAIHN in Syracuse. Please pray that the initiative in Syracuse will be a similar blessing for homeless families there, and bring congregations closer together in service! For more stories of success, getting involved, and information about Car City on May 2-3, check out RAIHN’s new website, www.RAIHN.org!
Life! . . . In Focus

"What you are is God's gift to you. What you become, is your gift to God."

~ Hans urs von Balthasar

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NEW MEN’S GRIEF GROUP FORMING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 11:45 AM,
PARISH MEETING HALL

The days, weeks, months and even years after a loss can be very lonely, sad and challenging. We often shut ourselves off from others at a time when being with people who have experienced the same kind of loss could be most helpful.

If you have suffered the loss of a spouse, partner, child, sibling, parent or any person you loved and would like to be with others who have suffered the same kinds of loss, you are invited to gather with us on Wednesday, April 22 at 11:45 am in the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall. We will share refreshments, prayer and memories. We invite you to “come as you are”, broken, healing, sad, lonely, just come and be together with other men who are on the same kind of journey.

If you would like more information about this group or gathering please contact Dick Hilliard at 943-1106 or bwgolf@hotmail.com.

Wish List

- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Sofas (not sleepers)
- End tables and coffee tables
- Dressers
- Twin and double sheets
- Blankets (all sizes)
- Comforters
- Towels (all sizes)
- Pots and pans
- Large cooking pans
- Lamps (floor and table)
- Children clothing (sizes 1 – 5)
- Small and medium size men clothing
- Gently used mops and brooms
- Strollers

Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Isabel Miller Executive Director.

Saint’s Place Ministry Hours: 46 S. Main St.: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays.

St. John of Rochester: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.

Phone: 585-385-6860 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org

Please Pray For Me

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Our wish list seems never ending, but the reality is that with the continuous arrival of refugees our shelves are seldom stocked. There are always needs. So please, as you are doing your spring cleaning, consider donating unwanted but gently used items to Saint’s Place. We can pick up larger items, like furniture. Just call 385-6860 to schedule a pick up. Thank you!

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As Catholics we believe the celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life therefore, we are blessed with a funeral liturgy that is the Lord’s gift to us and a great source of consolation at the time of death. It is through the funeral liturgy the Church commends the dead to God’s merciful love.

While the opportunity to share one’s grief and memories is certainly part of the mourning process, these interactions more suitably take place among family and friends at the funeral home or reception where reminiscing and supportive, informal conversation occur.

The Words of Remembrance are not intended to be a eulogy and are optional and therefore not a requirement of the Order of Christian Funerals. To be faithful to and respectful of God’s gift of this most perfect prayer, the following guidelines for Words of Remembrance will be followed:

- The most appropriate time for Words of Remembrance is at the Vigil for the Deceased, commonly known as the wake.

- Eulogies (reminiscing and toasting speeches) are not permitted.

- **One person only speaks in the name of all when the Words of Remembrance occur at the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass.**

- **Words of Remembrance are brief: no more than 3-4 minutes, one typed page.**

- The Words of Remembrance are to be in good taste and respectful of the dignity of the liturgy.

- The Words of Remembrance are to be prepared beforehand and reviewed by the pastor of St. Louis Church one day prior to the funeral.

- The Words of Remembrance are a reflection of God’s action in the life of the Deceased and how God’s blessings upon that person have enriched the world around them.
Hi Teens,

Spring is an exciting time of year, especially for you guys in high school. The next two months will be busy with concerts, sports, proms, school events and graduation parties.

Even with a busy schedule, plan on joining us for some of our upcoming youth group events. It’s a great chance to catch up with friends, relax and be reminded about what is most important!

Bring a friend and we'll see you on Sunday!

Have a great week,
Molly and Mr. McBride

APRIL / MAY EVENTS

Sunday, April 12, Teen Mass 5:00 pm.
  Dinner meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, April 19, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, April 26, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, May 3, Teen Mass 5:00 pm.
  Dinner meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10, 11 & 12, Franciscan University Youth Conference, Steubenville, Ohio
November 19-21, National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

Peace Be With You

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus’ words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace.
The Feast of Divine Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday immediately following Easter), which this year is April 12. The Feast is dedicated to the Divine Mercy of Christ, which was promoted by Saint Faustina, an uneducated Polish nun (1905-1938) who had a mystical relationship with Jesus. Sr. Faustina was canonized in the year 2000.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena: One especially prominent spiritual practice related to this Feast Day is the “Chaplet of Divine Mercy” which is a series of prayers asking for Christ’s Divine Mercy. The prayers are said upon ordinary rosary beads and the prayers take only about 7 minutes to complete – ideal for family prayer time.

Although the Chaplet may be prayed throughout the year to appeal to God’s gracious mercy upon all sinners, a nine-day novena starting on Good Friday and ending nine days later on Divine Mercy Sunday is an especially popular devotion. Special prayers are said on each of the nine days asking for Christ’s mercy to be poured out upon a particular group of persons (lukewarm souls, children, devout souls, priests and religious, etc.). Partial and Plenary Indulgences are granted for this devotion. See http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/summary.htm

"Even though many have started the novena on Good Friday, this novena is a very good option if you are looking for a spiritual devotion to take you through the Easter season." You will find free pamphlets at the Church entrances on saying the Chaplet and the Novena. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday and the Chaplet, visit these websites: www.marian.org www.theworkofgod.org www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/feast.htm

On Monday April 20 the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus will hold their Monthly Meeting in the Parish Meeting Hall. We start with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by the Meeting at 7:00 PM.

The agenda will include nominations of officers for 2015-2016. Also, Saint’s Place; Men’s Conference; C & B for 2015; and most of all, our Membership Drive on May 16 & 17 which will be set up by our Membership Director Joseph DiPrima.

All Knights please attend!

The Slate of Officers for 2015-2016

Grand Knight:...............Richard Whelehan
Deputy Grand Knight:........Richard Hilliard
Chancellor:......................Daniel Dwyer
Warden:........................OPEN
Recorder:......................Michael DeCocq
Treasurer:.....................Joseph DiPrima
Financial Secretary:.........Michael Savka
Guard:........................Ronald Serio
Advocate:....................Peter Glennon

Any Questions? Please contact Grand Knight Richard Whelehan at (585) 797-4638 or wheels282@rochester.rr.com
A SEASON FOR BAPTISMS

Easter is the preeminent season for baptisms. With joy we will be sharing the sacrament of baptism with a number of infants this Easter season. To prepare for having your child baptized, please call the office, 586-5675. Our next group baptismal preparation will be May 3rd after the 11:00 am Mass.

Catholic Family Center’s 23rd annual Gala will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center. With Rochester’s poverty rate soaring, CFC’s work is as important today as ever. Your support helps to fulfill the shared mission of creating a stronger, healthier community. There are many ways you can get involved: • Sponsor the event; • Attend the Gala • Make a financial contribution; • Donate an auction item

This year’s honorees are: Terry and Sheila Klee of Don’s Original Restaurants will receive the Partner in Philanthropy Award. The Klee’s generosity and tireless support of CFC’s Empty Bowls event have inspired others to support CFC along with them for more than ten years. St. Louis parishioner, Tom Huber will receive the Spirit of Hope Award. Tom truly exemplifies the spirit that inspires hope through his leadership, generosity, and dedication to the agency. Please visit CFC’s website at www.cfcrochester.org or call Cheryl Marshall at (585) 262-7172 for details.

McQuaid Jesuit
Information Night
This Thursday, April 16
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Prospective families with boys entering grades 6-10 next fall are welcome to attend. For more information visit www.mcquaid.org/springinfo.

AN EASTER SEASON CONFERENCE

The First Easter People
~ Presented by Fr. Mike Sergi, C.Ss.R
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
at Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation. The $25.00 fee includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9:00 am with refreshments and concludes with mass beginning at 2:00 pm.

Just Two Weeks Away!
The weekend of April 25/26 is our First Communion weekend, with First Communions on Saturday morning at 11:00AM, and at the 4:30PM, 9:00 and 11:00AM Masses. Please pray for all of the children preparing to come to the Table of the Eucharist for their 1st time!
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