Happy Easter!!

The Lord is risen, spring has arrived, new life is breaking out all over! Together with my fellow priests, and all of our staff here at St. Louis, let me thank you for being with us, and extend our blessings to you this Easter Sunday, and throughout this Easter season!

Really celebrate blessings, bask in God's love, cherish the faith that gives meaning to the Good Fridays in our life, the Holy Thursdays, and the joyous days when all shines with the luster of Easter morn.

Join us next week, and the week after, and throughout this wonderful season, whenever you can. Let joy spill out in other ways as well. Come to our parish celebration on April 26th (pg. 8 inside). Have friends over during these 50 days. Visit someone who could use a bit of joy in their life. Be good news for someone. Let the Joy of the Gospel shine in your life.

Here is a closing thought to ponder. When you have a birthday, an anniversary, a graduation party, or some other festive celebration, don’t all who come add to your joy? Here at St. Louis, we are delighted you chose to celebrate Easter with us. You added to our joy. But even more, your presence, celebrating the Lord’s Resurrection, brings joy to the Risen Christ!

Peace and joy to you, your household, and all of those you love, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

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

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**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 27**
Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

7:30 am  Charles Landover - Eileen Morris
9:00 am  Ellen Coffey - Deacon John & Sue Payne
11:00 am William H. Perham III (Birthday) - Perham Family
5:00 pm  Ann Ring - Marie Vasile

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**Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27. Thank you, faithful servants!**

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**Sunday Communion Service - April 27**
The Highlands: Dick Lenio
Heather Heights: Dick & Marcia Hilliard
Every Sunday
No question about it! For weeks after that first Easter, various witnesses experienced the Risen Lord, visible, speaking with them, eating with them, even cooking up a meal on the shore of the Sea of Galilee for Peter and six other of the disciples. But our faith doesn’t rest solely on those ancient witnesses. Christians ever since have experienced eating and drinking with the Lord in celebrations of the Eucharist. We also experience forgiveness of sins through his name, just as those who heard St. Peter’s preaching. While we may not sense His presence every time, or always experience the full freedom of forgiveness, when we do: that, Pope Francis would say, is the Gospel of Joy!

Me Too!
Two weeks ago, after listening to the story of the raising of Lazarus, we were reminded that Lazarus is not the only one who has experienced being in a cold, dark, tomb. There are physical tombs, but also psychological tombs, and emotional tombs. Lazarus is not the only one Jesus has called out of the tomb, into the light, to be set free (check the homily on our parish website). The story of Lazarus we heard on the 5th Sunday of Lent was also about Christ, and about each of us. Today in our

The Great Easter Vigil

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:2
The creation of the world

2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
The sacrifice of Isaac

3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15–15:1
The crossing of the Red Sea

4th Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
Come, come to the water

5th Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
The Lord says: I will sprinkle water

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
United with him in death

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
Jesus has been raised!

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a; 37-43
God raised him on the third day!

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
You were raised with Christ

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
He has been raised from the dead

Looking Ahead:
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Devoted, awe, exultation, sincerity

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Faith more precious than gold

Gospel: John 20:19-31
Peace be with you!

Easter Break
The Tuesday morning Bible study (7:30AM) will be taking Easter break on next week (April 22) and the following week (April 29). However, we resume Bible Study, May 6th, 7:30AM in the Manse. Each week we look at the coming Sunday's readings. Experience great preparation for Sunday Mass, a great way to get into the Bible; no previous experience required. Come when you can. You will be glad you did, we promise!

Not Alone
Did you notice in a prior Sunday’s Gospel: as Martha and Mary were grieving for their brother Lazarus, they were not alone. Friends came to be with them, to weep with them. Every culture has ways to negotiate the pain and loss of death, rituals and traditions through which others help and support their friends. But that is not exactly a strength in our death-denying culture. How can we do better? What can we as a parish do to provide support and assistance when individuals and families are in mourning? What might have been a help when you were grieving? Please join our Pastoral Associate Cris Wensel on Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 AM in the Ministry Center. Let’s share ideas, and begin to set some in motion. Hope to see you then!


**LAST WEEK AT ST. LOUIS**

April 13 Attendance & Collection figures will be in the April 27 bulletin.

Thank you for your support last week!

**Still Making Progress**

God bless those who keep helping us inch up to reach our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal! We were at 93.17%, this week at 93.21%. The end is in sight. We hoped to have a strong participation rate, and 581 donors is terrific! It is never too late to help us reach our goal, or to make another small gift. CMA envelopes can be found on the counter tops in the Mary chapel side entrance. If you haven’t given, and can give a small give, you can boost our participation rate, and help us inch up to that goal. Are you a new parishioner? Please consider joining those who help us make our goal. The finish line is closing in!

There will be a second collection next weekend, April 26 & 27 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which strengthens the Catholic Church in the U.S. and its territories in the Caribbean and the Pacific where resources are thin and priests are few. The appeal funds a wide range of pastoral services including evangelization, religious education, maintenance of mission churches, training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

**I Can Count!**

As we gather in the proceeds from Operation Rice Bowl, our Lenten Challenge this year, someone will need to help count and tally the money and checks. Our regular collection counters are so faithful and generous with their time, week after week. We would love to give them a break from this additional task, but that means finding a few folks willing to take on this one time counting task. If you are a cashier, or have some background and skill in this area, would you be willing to help? Please give Birdie a call at the office, 586-5675.

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT JUDICIAL PROCESS COMMISSION**

The Judicial Process Commission (JPC) is a grass roots non-profit organization that works to create a just, nonviolent community, primarily by working with individuals affected by the criminal justice system. Last year, JPC assisted more than 900 men and women returning to the Rochester area after having been incarcerated. JPC helped them find a place to live, reconnect with family, obtain training or education, find a job, deal with addiction, and interact with a myriad of agencies. The recidivism rate for JPC clients is significantly less than the national average. The JPC’s budget has been impacted significantly by government budget cuts which make charitable support even more critical.

**HAITI TASK FORCE ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING**

(formerly the World Hunger Committee)

**PARISH MEETING HALL, TUESDAY, MAY 6, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Would you like to be part of the St. Louis team who very effectively make a difference in HAITI? With many hands making light work and with our parish’s 25 year personal relationship with globally recognized Fr. Rick Frechette, Passionist Priest and physician, we raise awareness and funds to help 10’s of thousands of Haitians via Corn and Ornament Sales and tithing. Please join us for our Annual Meeting in the Parish Meeting Hall on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM. Find information about the beneficiary of our efforts at: www.NPH.org/Haiti. Any questions, please contact Marcia Mendola at 381-6872 or marciaandnick@yahoo.com.

**FOR LENT FOR LIFE**

Alleluia!

During the past six weeks, our parish community has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global community. Our lives were touched by stories from Kenya, Guatemala, the Philippines, Malawi, Haiti, and the United States. Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, your representative to the poorest communities in the world. To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowl by Sunday, April 27. Please make any checks payable to St. Louis Church. Please write “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo line of the check. Your contributions can be placed in specially marked containers in church. Thank you for your generosity.

**RICE BOWLS WILL BE COLLECTED AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: April 26 & 27.**
EASTER LIFE

HE IS RISEN?

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Reflect together with this question: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think?

The Gospel passage concludes that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus – in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

A Most Blessed and Joyous Easter to Everyone!!

EASTER SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the preeminent ‘Easter sacraments’, celebrated with tremendous joy at the Easter Vigil. Celebrating them through the Easter season extends that joy for 50 days. In two weeks, many of our children will be receiving 1st Communion. In three weeks, many more will be confirmed at Sacred Heart Cathedral by Bishop Matano. Please do pray for them and for their families, and for all those who will be baptized in this Easter Season!

Sign Me Up

It is a boisterous tune, “Sign me up, for the Christian Jubilee. Write my name, on the roll.” Is this your time? If you would like to register as a member of St. Louis Church, please call the office. If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic, there is no better time than now to let us know! Please call the office, or e-mail Fr. Bob (ring@dor.org) or Cris Wensel (cwensel@dor.org) and find out how you can come into communion, or prepare for all the Easter sacraments.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Have you lost a loved one since our celebration of All Soul's Day? Perhaps you just long for, really need the kind of peace that can come through gathering for Mass with others who have lost a loved one, to pray for that one you so loved. Saturday, May 24 at 9:00AM, our pastoral care team will be offering a special Mass, followed by a light brunch. We will especially remember those who have died since November. Are you just with us this Easter, and not a parishioner? Please consider joining us. Grief is something we all experience. Hope and consolation is something our faith has to offer to all.

En la sagrada Escritura el Señor Dios dijo: “Luego, con la costilla que había sacado del hombre, el Señor Dios formó una mujer y se la presentó al hombre. El hombre exclamó: ¡Esta sí que es hueso de mis huesos y carne de mi carne!”

Génesis 2, 22-23

La Oficina Diocesana de Diversidad Cultural invita a Parejas interesadas en fortalecer y enriquecer su relación de amor a un Encuentro de Parejas. Se llevará a cabo el viernes, 30 de mayo de 6:30-9:30pm y el sábado, 31 de mayo de 8:30am-5pm en el Centro Pastoral (1150 Buffalo Rd., 14624). El costo es $25.00 por pareja. Traiga a su “Media Naranja” a vivir esta bella experiencia e invite a otra pareja a compartir esta oportunidad con usted.
Retirement Party

In Honor of

Colleen Knauf

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
“WELCOMING THE STRANGER”

MAY 2 AT 6:00 PM
COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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64 SOUTH MAIN STREET
PITTSFORD, NEW YORK

RSVP: 385-6860 OR EMAIL: MICHELE@SAINTSPLACE.ORG

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Happy Easter to ALL!!! St. Louis School welcomes the new life that surrounds us through the risen Christ. We look forward to all that the Resurrection represents and we rejoice in God’s love. Our 6th grade students will demonstrate this love through their annual “Heart and Home” project this spring. They will be collecting gently used household items and clothing to be distributed to over 20 nonprofit agencies that support the needy in the greater Rochester area. If you can help with donations, please call the school office (586-5200) by May 12. God’s Blessings, Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal
The Feast of Divine Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday immediately following Easter), which is April 27 this year. This 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. According to Pope John Paul II, "There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy." Pope Benedict XVI said, "Devotion to Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of a Christian’s faith and prayer."

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 priests, etc.) If you are looking for a spiritual devotion to take you into the Easter season, this novena is an excellent choice. You will find free pamphlets with more information at the Church entrances.

NEW THIS YEAR: FREE DIVINE MERCY APP AVAILABLE AT WWW.THEDIVINEMERCY.ORG/APP

With the FREE Divine Mercy App, available for Android devices or iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch, you have information at your fingertips about the Divine Mercy message, the Devotion, and lots more. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday and the Chaplet, visit these websites: www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/feast.htm and www.theworkofgod.org.

The canonization at the Vatican of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII will take place in a celebration Mass led by Pope Francis next Sunday April 27.
PLEASE JOIN US!!
Our school families are accustomed to the great fun a Spring Gala has to offer. Why not have one for everyone? A great Easter gathering, building community, enjoying a meal together, entertainment, celebrating the gift our retired priests have been through the years, and even raising some funds for a needed ‘technological upgrade’: the Believer’s Ball has it all! Please call this week to register.

LAST CALL
Do you have any candid digital photos of our three great retired priests? Photos, even group or action shots, at a picnic or parish activity, party, after a celebration, or just enjoying life? Please email them as soon as possible to Fr. Bob (ring@dor.org) for a slide presentation at our Believer’s Ball (Parish Gala), Saturday, April 26 (and be sure to get your ticket now!)

ASK THE PASTOR
Have you ever been in a conversation, and some one asks you about church teaching, or what’s new in the church, or a question about the Bible, and you didn’t have an answer? You don’t know if you don’t ask! Here’s a great chance to enjoy a glass of wine, good company, and the some great give and take. Tuesday, May 13, 7PM in the Parish Meeting Hall, and Tuesday, June 10, same time and place.
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a peer support group for separated, divorced and widowed adults. The weekend program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain and loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend will be at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake April 25-27, 2014. For more information contact Beginning Experience at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Calling all travelers who want to experience a challenging once in a life time pilgrimage! Fr. Jim Schwartz and Stephanie Honz will lead a pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal, and also walk the St. James Way, sometimes known as the El Camino del Santiago in Spain. If any of you have seen the touching movie The Way, you know what you are in for. This trip will run from April 28th through May 7th of 2015. We can only take 30 walkers and will be averaging 12-15 miles per day so start training now! Early registration ends April 15th, and we fully expect this tour to fill quickly. Please see the website for enrollment form and full detailed itinerary: at Fatima and Walking the Camino to Santiago De Compostela or http://www.saintsplace.org/cantor/fatima.pdf

Also, call Stephanie Honz at 586-5675, ext. 251 or email at shonz@rochester.rr.com for additional questions.

DEACON INFORMATION SESSION 1 PM Sunday April 27, Dougherty Hall, St. Mary Church, 95 North Main Street, Canandaigua. We will provide an overview of the 5 year application and formation process and the time commitment involved and answer questions about ongoing ministry. An eligible applicant for permanent deacon formation is a man of strong and active faith who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which he lives, works and worships. He must be at least 35 years of age and no more than 62 years of age at the time of ordination, in good health, emotionally mature and stable in his professional and personal relationships. Men may be single or married. Interested men and their wives are encouraged to attend. For more information http://www.dor.org/index.cfm/deacons/please contact Deacon John Brasley, Director of Deacon Personnel & Director of Deacon Formation, Diocese of Rochester, 585.328.3228 or jbrasley@dor.org

LIFE! in Focus

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
~St. Augustine of Hippo

Consider: Spend some quiet time to really think about the Easter Message - God's great love for you!
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