Immersed in the Mystery

I hope you experienced as many blessings during Lent and Holy Week as I did! The readings came alive. So many praying together, various offerings bringing us together to learn, reflect, build relations; folks stretching spiritually throughout Lent: great for my spiritual journey, I hope you experienced the same!

What a great Holy Week and Triduum! Thank you Fr. Peter and Deacon Juan for gifted ministry, presiding, preaching, proclaiming the Gospel, leading us in morning prayer through the Triduum! Augustine is oft quoted “singing is praying twice”. If so, then many of our prayer experiences were triple plays! The depth and beauty of the musical dimensions of our prayer here at St. Louis are such spiritual gifts! Our musicians gave 200% this Holy Week and through the Triduum. Thank you Stephanie, choirs, cantors, instrumentalists and all the musicians who led us deeper into worship!

Our worship space, needed preparation for Lent, then for the unfolding of Holy Week. The logistics are many: a church somber in Lent, warm and inviting on Holy Thursday, empty and stark on Good Friday, 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 Cathy, Sue, Bea for organizing and preparing, to ALL of our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and altar servers! Thank you Fr. Peter and Kathryn, who prepared our catechumens and candidates, and all of you, who supported them in prayer!

Our technology team engaged us visually: those needing the Narthex for any part of the Mass experienced our worship on the narthex screen; we had a beautiful taste of creation during the Vigil; digital projection in the gym was great for the overflow on Easter. Thank you Barb and Fred for bulletins and programs! Set up, clean up, a warm welcome to all; planning, preparing, dealing with last minute surprises – what a grace to see our community work together so effectively! Then there was the great job our young folks did with Living Stations, along with their parental support. Thank you Sally, Jose, Laura, Daryl and volunteers who generously assisted!

For 50 days we continue our grand celebration of Easter. Baptisms, Confirmation, 1st Holy Communion – beautiful sacramental moments, as well as time for mystagogia: reflecting on mysteries we have celebrated, drawing out deeper implications, letting the message shape our daily lives. This Easter season, how will you grow as a disciple? How might you live as one sent? Don’t get lost looking too far away. Perhaps you are being sent to your family, to someone at work, or to 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 24**
Priests Convocation
11:00 am Special Intention In Honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci

No 5:15 pm Mass

**TUESDAY - APRIL 25**
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Priests Convocation
No 6:45 am Mass
11:00 am Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 26**
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Priests Convocation
11:00 am Communion Service
5:15 pm Roger Audette - Dr. Therese Lynch

**THURSDAY - APRIL 27**
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
6:45 am For Those Celebrating First Eucharist
11:00 am Rev. Raymond H. Booth - Kathleen Anderson

**FRIDAY - APRIL 28**
11:00 am Fr. Ray Booth - Gary & Joan Eisenhart
5:15 pm Douglas Riggins - The Catalana Family

**SATURDAY - APRIL 29**
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
9:00 am Edith Foos - The Connolly Family
11:15 am First Eucharist Mass
4:30 pm Bolick & Hedy Siergiey - Family

**SUNDAY - APRIL 30**
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/
Lk 24:13-35

7:30 am Sam Ciresi - Harry & Linda Messina
9:00 am John Edward Doyle - Charles Cunningham & Patti Madigan
11:15 am Joan Mary McCoy - Friends
5:00 pm William H. Perham III - Birthday Anniversary - Perham Family

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 reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

Three lamps will burn In Memory of Paul Decker by Family.

Requiem Aeternam

Edith Foos
Army Staff Sgt.
Mark De Alencar

Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30

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Sunday Communion Service - April 30
The Highlands - Pete & Gerry Shea Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley
Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:42 – 47
Devoted to the Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Holy Meal Time

The excerpt from the Acts of the Apostles today paints an idyllic picture of the early Christian community. We all know, people will be people. In Paul’s letters, and elsewhere in Acts, we see that naturally, challenges and conflicts did surface. Yet throughout the history of the church, to this very day, communities of believers have ‘Eaten their meals in exultation and sincerity of heart’. What makes meal times so bles? When we break bread, we know Jesus has risen, and is with us. We share a sense of community, and communion. That is true when the parish community gathers. Jesus is present too in the domestic church, when we share meals in faith and love at home. My grandmother use to say: ‘Food always tastes better with company.’ That’s just the half of it! Be sure to have some holy meals this Easter season, with us at Mass, and around the table in the domestic church, at home!

Indescribable and Glorious Joy

Listening to our second reading, we have to know: this author has tasted a little slice of heaven. Read this passage slowly, several times, to let all that joy of the Gospel sink in. Even when speaking of trials, rather than communicating a sense of one being worn down, an expected impact of trials, the thought here concludes with praise, glory and honor. Lord, raise us to experience mercy, new birth and living hope!

Looking Ahead

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22 – 33
God raised Jesus - we are witnesses

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17 – 21
Our faith and hope are in God

In the breaking of the bread

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, June 3rd of this year, at 10:00AM, Deacon Juan will be ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Cathedral!

Have you ever attended an ordination to priesthood? Here is a great opportunity to be part of a beautiful celebration of faith and service.

On Sunday, June 11th, Father Juan will be celebrating a first Mass with us at 11:15AM, followed by a reception. Mark your calendars now!

Christ Is Counting On You!

After a powerful retreat weekend, those who make a Cursillo are told “Christ is counting on you.” Their response? “And I am counting on Christ.” The next men’s Cursillo is scheduled this summer, July 13-16. Fr. Bob will be one of the Spiritual Directors for the weekend. We can promise you will experience the Lord in your life in a way you never have before. Contact Fr. Bob, Msgr. Krieg or anyone who has made a Cursillo weekend for more information!

Next weekend April 29/30 is our First Eucharist weekend! There is a special First Eucharist Mass on Saturday at 11:15AM. First Eucharist will also be at the Saturday, 4:30PM, and Sunday, 11:15AM Masses. Please pray for all of the children preparing to come to the Table of the Eucharist for their first time!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 29 & 30

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next weekend to support these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this Appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.
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**Funding Mercy**

St. Louis has been funding works of mercy through our parish tithing. Your generous support of our parish makes it possible. Tithing is a Biblical principle, or goal: returning to the Lord 10% of what the Lord has provided us. Our parish, St. Louis, tithes 10% to various named charities, and to support Saint’s Place. We invite you to consider tithing, with a goal of 5% to the parish and its ministries, and 5% to other charities, whether formal (organizations) or informal (friends or relatives). God’s Word tells us there are blessings to be found when we return to the Lord from the blessings we have received. Many who tithe today didn’t begin with 10%. But as they saw the value of returning to the Lord with increase, the 10% goal gradually became not only achievable, but a priority. Pray about beginning that journey.

**Encounters of Hope**

Lent was our time to encounter and cultivate a spirit of global solidarity. Through encounters of hope we prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord – and in the lives we encountered this Lent in East India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. Remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl! To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowl by Sunday, April 23. 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.

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**The Pittsford Food Cupboard**

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is a food pantry serving more than 4,000 households in Monroe County “Feeding Hope One Family at a Time.” Suzy Ward, a St. Louis Parishioner, is the current Executive Director. The Pittsford Food Cupboard’s mission is to help alleviate hunger for families in need who live in a six zip code area between the City of Rochester, Pittsford, Brighton and East Rochester by supplementing 10 days of food supplies, ultimately contributing towards clients’ independence. Clients come from all walks of life, many just needing a little help to get through a period of unemployment or illness. Others need assistance because of inadequate fixed incomes, a disability, uninsured medical bills, single parenthood or an increased in household size.

This past year, the cupboard provided food supplies to over 4,000 households, totaling over 9,400 people. The Cupboard typically serves over 400 families per month. PFC relies on its staff of over 100 volunteers. The Cupboard has a variety of flexible volunteer programs that make it easy for members of the community, adults or students, to get involved and volunteer at group or individual levels. Besides collecting food, assisting clients, helping with office work, stocking shelves or picking up food, volunteers can “Adopt-A-Shelf,” hold can and bottle drives, or be a sponsor and coordinate food drives at their organization. Donors to the Food Cupboard include civic groups, churches, schools and scout troops.

For details, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or contact Suzy Ward directly at 585-746-5676, Thank you for your prayers, your food donations, and your critical financial support.

**This Week’s Tithing will Support**

**St. Damien Pediatric Hospital - Haiti**

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Youth Ministry Bake Sale

The HS Youth Ministry Bake Sale

May 6th & 7th, 2017
following all Masses at
St. Louis Church

All funds raised go towards
the Steubenville Youth Conference and other
St. Louis Youth opportunities

We still need a few volunteers to help bake for this Bake sale, if
you’d like to lend the Youth Ministry program a helping hand,
please contact Leila Kaczmarek (lkaczmarek@dor.org)
Movie Night! Join us as we prepare to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Mary’s apparitions at FATIMA with a movie night.

When: Saturday, May 6  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the St. Louis Knights of Columbus.

Can’t make it this night?  
Watch the movie on FORMED.org.

Contact Kathryn McAlarney for more information or to register for FORMED.org: 586-5675, ext. 224 or KMcAlarney@dor.org.

This film (1-1/2 hour runtime) is not rated but parental guidance is suggested.

“Our Lord said to St. Faustina:  
I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy ....”

Divine Mercy  
Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God’s love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Find this under “PROGRAMS”, then “Exploring the Catholic Faith”.

The Face of Mercy  
Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging us to embrace mercy, ultimately revealed in the face of Christ. Now comes an extraordinary new film on this powerful message that brings hope, healing, and forgiveness to a broken world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel, The Face of Mercy explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Find this movie under “VIDEO”, then “Knights of Columbus”.

To register for these FREE resources, go to FORMED.org and use the parish code: KMFHWV. Contact Kathryn McAlarney for help or more suggestions. KMcAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext. 224
Save the Date! St. Louis School Spring Fundraiser, Cinco de Mile, on Friday, May 5th at 6PM

The walkathon takes place in the Village of Pittsford, beginning and ending at the St. Louis School campus. Monies raised from the event will support our school’s technology program, specifically upgrading our entire computer lab!

Marty’s Meats food truck will be at St. Louis offering delicious choices for dinner. Please stop by, purchase a dinner, and support our school’s fundraiser! Dinner tickets are available for pre-order through the St. Louis School office or you can purchase that night. Tickets are $13 for a buffet of choices including pulled pork, chicken breast, black bean burger, cauliflower, market salad, potato salad and corn bread. Thank you for supporting St. Louis School!

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Alarm clocks
Teapots
Large mixing bowls
End tables and coffee tables
Dressers (small)
School supplies (all types)
Rice cookers (large)
Backpacks

Large pots and pans
Extension cords
Lamps (floor and living room)
Gently used mops and brooms
Buckets and sponges
Brooms and dust pans
Soccer balls (new is better)
Tall kitchen garbage cans

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!
Pastoral Care Team Meeting
Thursday, April 27
9:30 am Parish Meeting Hall

We will review our Easter flower distribution to homebound parishioners, recap the Red Cross Blood Drive, plan for the Sunshine Luncheon on May 18, and discuss additional goals.

Please consider joining our team. Have you always wanted to volunteer, but just didn’t have a lot of time? We have many events throughout the year so this is the perfect opportunity for you to volunteer for an event that fits your schedule and talents!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Cathy Malik, Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care at cmalik@dor.org or call 586-5675, ext. 228, or email Peggy Midgley at pomidgley@yahoo.com or call 383-8879. The meeting will last about one hour.

ST. LOUIS HAITI TEAM
Annual Information Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00PM
Parish Meeting Hall

ALL WELCOME WITH NO OBLIGATION

Please come to learn about our 46 year old parish team which efficiently accomplishes so, so much. “Many hands make light work”!

- Hear a first hand visitor’s account. Musician and Victor lawyer, Angelo Rose will give a vivid account about his experience in Haiti last month.
- See the newest 36th edition Ornaments
- Learn about our Parish Godchild
- View Kathryn McAlarney’s latest dresses handmade for little Haitians
- Feel the joy of the 186 impoverished Haitians whose steps are eased because they are “walking in your shoes”
- Relish the fact that the $56,000 we raised last year was then doubled by a most generous donor, who again is offering a match up to $25,000 if we can meet his challenge without a visit from Fr. Rick himself.

Any questions, please call: Marcia Mendola 381-6872

Thank you to everyone who donated blood at our Annual Good Friday American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 14.

61 units of blood were collected that will help 183 lives. There were even 5 first time donors!

Thank you to our volunteers who organized, promoted and supported the blood drive proving that “You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.”
**Beyond Our Parish Boundaries**

**Wedding Jubilee Mass**

Please join the
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester
and couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of Matrimony on Sunday, May 21, 2017
Two o’clock in the afternoon
Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park
Rochester, NY 14615

Couples celebrating a marriage anniversary of ten or more years will be recognized. Please help us by registering at: http://conta.cc/2njuNbx

Additionally, as part of the recognition, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or a letter with the following information:
Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (optional).

Email: newsroom@CatholicCourier.com
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PO Box 24379
Rochester, NY 14624-0379

**Elizabeth Ministry provides support for** families who have lost an infant or experienced miscarriage.

**Mass of Healing for Miscarriage and Infant Loss**
Saturday, May 13, 2017, 8:00 am
St. Joseph’s Church, 39 Gebhardt Rd., Penfield
Celebrant: Fr. Justin Miller

Parents and siblings, grandparents, family members and friends are all welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of their child(ren). Light refreshments, fellowship and resources will be available in the Church Hall immediately following mass.

If you cannot attend but would like further information about Elizabeth Ministry, please contact: Janene Loughran 329-1974 or Molly Hickey at ElizabethMinistryROC@gmail.com.

**GREEN CORNER: The 8th Work of Mercy**

In his message *Show Mercy to our Common Home*, Pope Francis named caring for our common home as a new act of mercy, along with feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, and the other corporal and spiritual acts of mercy.

"...if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and every thing it embraces. Obviously ‘human life itself and everything it embraces’ includes care for our common home. So let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include care for our common home."

Since Earth Day, April 22, and Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, occur on the same weekend, it’s a perfect opportunity to practice both a spiritual and corporal work of mercy towards our common home. Pope Francis suggests “grateful contemplation” and “simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” and “makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world.”

The Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) will hold a **CAR CITY** fundraising event to raise awareness of family homelessness in Monroe County. The event will be held on Saturday, May 6 to Sunday, May 7 from 5:00PM to 7:30 AM at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester.

Car City gives the community an opportunity to learn about family homelessness in a meaningful, hands-on way by sleeping overnight in their cars. Similar to the idea of a walk-a-thon, participants in Car City raise a registration fee plus pledges to benefit RAIHN. Raise funds on your individual or team fundraising page by sharing with social media with friends and family. “Virtual” participants raise funds, attend the event, but sleep at home. Participants can also purchase a “Parking Pass” to leave following the evening activities. Registration is $30 per Adult and $15 for Youth (12-18 years). Click the Car City link at www.raihn.org for event information and registration.

Parishioner Ann-Marie DeSantis, our St. Louis RAIHN coordinator, can be reached at 406-6013 or by email at amdesantis@frontiernet.net.

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