Vocations 2016

Last week, we presented to you the number of priests in our diocese and their ages, the number of priests we have in our nation and the number of priests that have come from our parish of St. Louis. It has been obvious for many years that the church has had a problem in recruiting men and women into the religious vocations. There have been many good men and women who have tried to answer the question, “Why?”

For almost 2,000 years the church has supplied priests for an ever-expanding church. The church also provided many of the great educators and scientists. The model for how this was accomplished is still with us today. Just look at our own education system: St. Louis School, McQuaid or Mercy and Villanova (I was going to use Notre Dame but March Madness got the best of me.) Our newer and younger priests are still getting this great education. So why, since the 1970’s, has there been such a decline in the number of men going into the priesthood? There are many theories why this decline has taken place: smaller families, new urban living rather than the farming lifestyle, the secular attacks on religion in general and many more reasons including a drift away from a God centered lifestyle. In reality, if anyone could tell us why this is happening, there are people in the church who would give greatly to hear your answer.

But our situation is even more curious. Why, in all its goodness, has St. Louis produced not one man to become a priest? This is not a criticism of anyone at our parish. It’s not a criticism of our great history of priests, nor all the great people who have collectively established a great religious center. Maybe we have to look at what it means to be priest. Maybe to be a priest today is asking way too much. Maybe we have to lower our standards. Maybe we have to change the rules by which we ask our priests to live their lives. All of these statements have been asked in thousands of different venues. So, who is our priest? Simple:

“in persona Christa Capitis” . . . “in the person of Christ”

Our priest is Christ’s presence in our community. He is the only one in our community who can perform our Mass and celebrate the Eucharist. He is the only one who can hear our confessions. He is also the only one who can anoint and respect for what they do.

Bless you all, Dick Yule, Chair, St. Louis Vocations Team
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - APRIL 25**
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
11:00 am Jake Lennert - Ed & Joan Lennert
5:15 pm Frank Pittinaro - VFW Post 8495

**TUESDAY - APRIL 26**
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
6:45 am Frank Grube, Sr. - VFW Post 8495
11:00 am Al F. Mahar, Sr. - Son, Dick

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 27**
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
11:00 am Dorothy Greiner - Sally Lashomb
5:15 pm Harold Barnes - Babette

**THURSDAY - APRIL 28**
Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
6:45 am Vincent Pittinaro - VFW Post 8495
11:00 am Geraldine D. Papero - Edmund Viele

**FRIDAY - APRIL 29**
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
11:00 am Irvin Kazmierczak - Larry & Eileen Morris
5:15 pm Ira Gavin - VFW Post 9251

**SATURDAY - APRIL 30**
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
9:00 am Betty Ann Wager - Larry & Eileen Morris
4:30 pm Samuel & Geraldine DiPalma - Family

**SUNDAY - MAY 1**
6th Sunday of Easter
Jn 14:23-29
7:30 am Ellen Woloczuk - St. Louis Pastoral Care
9:00 am Marian Battle - Mattina Family
11:00 am Mary Bendo - Mersich Family
5:00 pm Aunt Maria Greco - Julie Bernacki, Timothy & Peter

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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 In Memory of Paul Decker*  
*By Family.*

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**Saturday & Sunday, April 30 and May 1**

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**Sunday Communion Service - May 1**

The Highlands - Fred & Marie Lapple  
Heather Heights - Richard Caruso
Traveling with Paul & Barnabas
Today’s passage from Acts of the Apostles is about St. Paul’s first missionary journey. Turns out Paul and Barnabas were commissioned at Antioch, traveled to Cyprus, Pamphylia, Pisidia, Antioch, Attalia & back to Antioch. Sound confusing? There were actually 16 or 17 cities named Antioch in the ancient world (Seleucus I Nicator liked to name cities after his father, Antiochus). The two Antiochs mentioned here are Antioch on the Orontes (in Syria) and Antioch of Pisidia. But beyond the place names, note who is given credit for the success of this missionary journey: they ‘reported what God has done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles’. What can we give credit to God for this week? When has the Lord opened a door recently? Pray until the answer comes.

Now That’s Hopeful!
Like other apocalyptic authors, John in Revelation sees a new heaven and a new earth in store, God making all things new. If the things John described never happened, the book would have faded into oblivion. But along with believers experiencing tribulation, and clinging to the hope John offers, many believers through the ages have then experienced God making everything new in their life, being with them, wiping away their tears. Remember the man in the Gospel who said ‘Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.’?Repeat that prayer a few times, and then read Rev. 21:1-5 a few times. Let what John sees become part of your prayer, especially in the worst of times.

The Real Litmus Test
In today’s Gospel, what does Jesus offer as the litmus test, the way to determine if folks are his disciples? How we love one another. That really cuts to the heart of the matter!

Looking Ahead:
Sixth Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
No burden beyond the necessities
2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Vision of the new Jerusalem
Gospel: John 14:23-29
Peace I give to you
I Will
In years past, lawyers or financial advisors assisting someone with their will would have almost automatically asked “Do you plan on leaving anything to support your church (or synagogue)?” As a result, including the church in one’s will was quite common. Many a retired priest can tell of a time when the roof was leaking, a boiler needed to be replaced, or some other emergency arose, and miraculously, the money appeared just in time through a bequest. Have you considered including a bequest to St. Louis Church, our school, or Saint’s Place in your will? Have you suggested to family that, in your obituary, you would like to encourage friends or family to make a contribution to St. Louis? In this Easter season, pray about it please.

We are in need of adults to serve as volunteer money counters on teams that count, record, and prepare reports for weekend and other collections. The time commitment is Monday mornings for 2 or 3 hours, every other week. If interested, please contact Laurie Martin at lmartin@dor.org or 585-586-5675, ext. 222.

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”
Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Pittsford Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry way near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

Annual Information Meeting:
St. Louis Church Haiti Task Force Team
Please come to learn about our 45 year old parish team which efficiently accomplishes so much. “Many hands make light work” as it is said. Could you with your friends give a helping hand with Fr. Rick Frechette’s “Meet and Greet” reception in August, or maybe the September Corn Sale, or the Fall Ornament Sale? We will unveil the “rustic chic” 2016 heart ornaments (so appropriate for this Holy Year of Mercy). New members are always welcome to join this parish team.

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 7PM until 8PM
Location – Meeting Room below the Parish Mtg Hall
Follow direction signs at Narthex door
Any questions, please call: Marcia Mendola 381-6872.

Located outside Port-au-Prince in the poorest country of the Western Hemisphere, St. Damien Pediatric Hospital with its street clinics gives medical care to 40,000 people annually. It is Haiti’s only children’s hospital and only hospital free of charge to the indigent. Our parish friend Father Rick Frechette, a Passionist priest and medical doctor, has brought it from a small hospice 25 years ago to the state of the art facility it is today with an operating budget of $5.2 million primarily covered by private contributions.

The decline in the global economy threatens its ability to care for 1/3 of the 14,000 sick children who come annually to the hospital seeking help to fight HIV/AIDS, cancer, cholera, TB, malnutrition, premature births, pneumonia, severe diarrhea, etc. Not only does St. Damien treat sick Haitians but since it employs 460 Haitians, it helps the Haitian economy as well. If this great hospital cuts its services, it would cause Haitians to lose hope.

After all the international promises made to Haiti after the Earthquake, St. Damien under the umbrella of the Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos (Spanish for Our Little Brothers and Sisters) continues to go above and beyond its promises. The NPH orphanage in Kenscoff has doubled in size with now over 600 children. The rehab services with another parish friend Gena Heraty in the forefront continues to help the handicapped population which was made huge by the earthquake.

Please pray for all who serve and are served at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital.

Information about St. Damien Hospital can be found at www.nphusa.org/stdamien.
Bake Sale Success!

On the weekend of April 9/10, Team Steubenville put on a Bake Sale to help raise funds for our Steubenville Youth Conference!

Our goal was to raise $3500, which covers the conference and the charter bus to get there.

In 24 hours we raised $2857.30!

Thank-you to everyone who participated:
- The Adams Family
- The Andrews-Smith Family
- The Bestram Family
- The DeJesus Family
- The DiNovo Family
- The Hobbs Family
- The Lynge Family
- The Mattina Family
- The Moulton Family
- The Tan Family
- The Tipton Family
- The Woodward Family

A special thank-you to the brave teens and parents who helped Ted Bianculli with announcing the Bake Sale at all masses. And last (but never least), thank you to the generous parishioners of St. Louis for aiding us in attending the conference.

Contact Beth Woodward at 739-9938 or cjkew@aol.com with any questions.
(Special accommodations available upon request.)

St. Louis Youth Group Fundraiser
Benefitting our Steubenville Retreat Weekend

Rose Sale for
Mother’s Day

$20.00 per dozen

Pre-Pay Orders will be taken after
All masses on April 16 & 17, 23 & 24.
We accept cash or checks made payable
to St. Louis Church.

Pick-up:
Saturday, May 7
10:30am - 2:00pm
In the Narthex

Contact Beth Woodward at 739-9938 or cjkew@aol.com with any questions.
(Special accommodations available upon request.)

Our Saturday crew is all smiles while preparing an assortment of delectable baked goods to set up for the 4:30pm mass.
Heart and Home
April 27 and 28

Spring is coming and so is the 22nd Anniversary of Heart and Home!!! While you are doing your Spring cleaning, please save your gently used treasures for Heart and Home.

Heart and Home is a school wide community service project. During two days, children from every single classroom drop off hundreds of items to the St. Louis gym. The 5th graders then sort the treasures, load them into cars, vans, and trucks, and deliver them to agencies throughout Rochester. It is a wonderful experience for our children to help other children, and for families to help other families.

Please bring your gently used items to the St. Louis School gym on
Wednesday, April 27 from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 28 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

The local Filipino community will hold its second annual Santacruzan celebration on May 1st, 10:00 am at St. Patrick Church located at 115 Maple Avenue in Victor, NY.

This religious-historical pageant celebrates the search of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena and her son, the newly-converted Emperor Constantine. This custom is accompanied by prayers, songs of praise, and various symbolisms, like the Passion of Christ, faith-hope-charity, and Our Lady's many titles. Fresh flowers will be provided to procession participants and young angels, who will offer these to Our Lady towards the end of the event.

This traditional Philippine event on May 1st will begin at 10 a.m., with Mass to be held at 10:30am, followed by the procession and recitation of the rosary at 11:30 a.m. After the procession, participants and guests will gather for fellowship and snacks. Event organizers are seeking male and female volunteers and participants of all ages, and are also looking for sponsors and donors. Children and adolescents are especially welcome and encouraged to wear their traditional costumes, or at least church-appropriate semi-formal or Sunday best attires. One goal for this event is to also celebrate the wonderful diversity of our greater Rochester community! All are invited to join us.

If you have any questions or if you and/ or your kids are interested to join us, please e-mail participant names, gender, age and approximate height to rocsantacruzan@gmail.com or call Maria at (585) 355-2766.

Sing to God
a new song;
Skillfully play
with joyful
chant.

Psalm 33:3
Thank You For Your Continued Support

Saint’s Place Updates

Students from Rochester International Academy visit the Clothing Closet located at St. John of Rochester.

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. Since January, nine large families, totaling 63 people have arrived along with several hundred other refugees. We are anticipating several very busy and challenging months.

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. A furniture pickup takes about 2 to 3 weeks to get on the schedule, so call early!

- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Sofas (not sleepers)
- End tables and coffee tables
- Dressers
- Twin and double sheets
- Blankets (all sizes)
- Comforters
- Towels (all sizes)
- Large pots and pans
- Extension cords
- Lamps (floor and living room)
- Gently used mops and brooms
- Strollers
- Laundry Detergent
- Tall kitchen garbage cans

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.
~ Pope Francis

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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
St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group Begins April 30!

Mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy, but there is hope. St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group is a support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love.

- Begins Saturday, April 30 and will run for 6 weeks
- Meets on the St. Louis Church campus
- Sessions meet from 9:45 to 11:00am
- Offers a safe place to share your grief with others
- Provides love and support to help in the healing process

Be uplifted knowing the Lord blesses those who mourn.

Come and make new friends who are facing similar losses.

Let’s walk this journey together. For more information contact Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org.

Save the Dates for Fruit of the Vine

We have two interesting speakers scheduled for Fruit of the Vine.

Tuesday, May 17  
Father Bob Kennedy  
“Will the Church Ever Change?”

Tuesday, June 14  
Noëlle Hiester:  “Severe Mercy”

Spring Has Sprung!

Menu
Spring Salad with Chicken & Biscuit  
Carrot Cake

$15 per Person  
BYOB

RSVP by Monday, April 25  
586-5675

St. Louis Saturday Night Bistro
April 30 @ 5:45 pm
Parish Meeting Hall

Spring Has Sprung!

Menu
Spring Salad with Chicken & Biscuit  
Carrot Cake

$15 per Person  
BYOB

RSVP by Monday, April 25  
586-5675

Join Us!

It’s Time for the Sunshine Luncheon

Have you always wanted to volunteer, but just didn’t have a lot of time?  
This is the perfect opportunity for you!

We need your help to provide a meal for the residents of nursing facilities and our elderly parishioners.

Would you be willing to:
- Prepare a casserole (recipe provided)
- Prepare an easy-to-serve appetizer (cheese & crackers; deviled eggs; cream cheese stuffed olives; tuna, ham, egg-salad, cucumber finger sandwiches)
- Prepare a dessert that can be cut and plated

If this is something you can help with, please call
Birdie at 586-5675 or bproctor@dor.org  
OR  
Shannon at 586-5675 or stoot@dor.org

The Sunshine Luncheon is May 19.  
Drop-off your food from 8:00 to 10:00 am that day.

We are so grateful to all!

St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group Begins April 30!
A CALL TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME
(In the words of Pope Francis)

Inspired by the teaching of Pope Francis, along with the needs of our planet, its people and all living creatures, the “Women of the Well” have created and are presenting this program in story, song, prayer, and liturgical dance. They will be assisted by Amy Voll and musicians from St. John of Rochester Church. Come and see, come and hear creation’s story in the beginning and over the years. Come and hear the story of Nobel peace prize winner Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan advocate for the greening of our world. Come, be inspired to “care for our common home”.

When? Tuesday evening, April 26th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Where? St. John of Rochester, 8 Wickford Way, Fairport
Cost? Free will donations kindly accepted.
Questions? Email Gloria Ulterino at glorialbf@aol.com.
Materials are available for further education and action.

Mass of Healing for Miscarriage and Infant Loss

Saturday, May 7, 2016
9:00 am
Church of St. Jerome, East Rochester
Celebrant: Rev. William Leone

Light refreshments in the Church Hall immediately following.

The Church provides a means for mourning and support through the Liturgy of the Mass. Parents and siblings, grandparents, family members and friends are all welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of their child(ren).

If you cannot attend but would like to be included in a support group specific to Catholic miscarriage and infant loss or for further information please contact: Janene Loughran 329-1974 or janene_loughran@yahoo.com
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