THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND HELP!

I am writing this column on Easter Tuesday, still basking in the glow of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Our Bible Study group this morning kept coming back to many moments throughout these holy days that touched them, comforted them and delighted them. For my part, “I have seen the Lord!” I have seen the Lord in the many, many people – young and old – who prepared our liturgies and our church for each celebration: the many liturgical ministers (superb readers, ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, the flock of servers) under the capable direction of Bea Hack, Cathy Malik and Father Juan; the splendid music and musicianship of our cantors, choirs and instrumentalists under the direction of Stephanie Honz; and the preparation and transformation of the church and church grounds for the different celebrations for each day of Holy Week (all under the capable and attentive eye of Sally Schrecker and our sacristans and maintenance crews). Holy Week doesn’t just happen. Many people make it the prayerful week that it is. To one and all, and on behalf of all who came to worship with us in these days, thank you for your generous gift of time and talent and faith!

I also acknowledge with gratitude the ministry of Cynthia Clarke in our parish and beyond. Cynthia has been serving as pastoral associate for social ministry and the RCIA, and she has made the decision to move back to her native Nova Scotia to be nearer her family, and will be leaving us next Sunday to travel there. She has done much to raise the level of awareness of the organizations and agencies we support through our parish tithing (check out the bulletin board near the main doors of the church), to spotlight the wonderful stewardship efforts of individual parishioners, to quietly connect people with goods and services and make sure all our parish commitments to those in need are faithfully met. And her joy in her Catholic faith and her willingness to share her story have touched the hearts of many! Thank you, dear Cynthia, and go with God and our blessings!

I am looking to appoint at least three new members to our Parish Pastoral Council before I leave as administrator. The Council advises the pastor on matters related to the mission of the parish, helping to develop the priorities and overall strategic planning. Council members may represent certain segments of the parish membership, but should always be ready to think about the overall life of the parish and how its many parts work together. The term of office is three years. If you would like nominate yourself for consideration (or have questions about this), please contact me (fr.robert.kennedy@dor.org). Let me know how long you have been in the parish, what particular gifts and interests you might offer to Council discussion, and a little bit of your background, it would be helpful. Please let me know of your interest by May 8. Thanks!

Christ’s peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - April 29**  

11:00 am Pamela Beane - Family  
5:15 pm  

Stella Filipczak - Marcy Scheardecmidt

**Tuesday - April 30**  

6:45 am  
For Victims of Gun Violence - Meg Smerbeck  
11:00 am Mary Ann Palermo - Chuck & Mary LaShomb

**Wednesday - May 1**  
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  

10:30 am Mass at the Highlands Living Center for Residents & Staff  
11:00 am Funeral for Patricia Alexander  
5:15 pm Mary Farrell - Suzanne Peter

**Thursday - May 2**  
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  

6:45 am Paul Wurzer - VFW Post 16  
11:00 am Fran Noeth - Gary & Joan Eisenhart

**First Friday - May 3**  
1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  

11:00 am Stanley Smith - Mary Anne & Jon Hill  
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for Vocations  
5:15 pm Louis Lombardo - Mickey Cantisano

**Saturday - May 4**  
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  

9:00 am For Victims of the Bombings in Sri Lanka  
11:30 am First Communion Mass for our First Communicants  
1:30 pm First Communion Mass for our First Communicants  
4:30 pm Ida Tasciotti - Family

**Sunday - May 5**  

7:30 am For the People of our Parish  
9:00 am Jason Lusk - Farlow Family  
11:15 am Stanley Smith - Rose Marie Joyce  
5:00 pm Joe Shafer - Mattina Family

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**  

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.

Three lamps will burn for a Special Intention by Rita Willson

**Requiem Aeternam**  
Allan Gaesser

**Wedding Bells**  
We pray for this couple as they celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
♦ Marabel Schneider & Christopher Eagle, April 27

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**Altar Servers**  

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**Sunday Communion Service - May 5**  
The Highlands - Darlene Huver  
Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley

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THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

**Our Weekend Scriptures:**
Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Many signs and wonders!

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Caught up in the spirit!

Gospel: John 20:19-31
Do not be unbelieving, but believe

**Looking Ahead:**
Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
We must obey God

2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Worthy is the lamb that was slain

Gospel: John 21:1-19
Tend my sheep

**Signs and Wonders**
People coming to believe, folks who are ill finding hope and healing, those disturbed by unclean spirits finally finding peace; these powerful signs accompanied the apostles. The miracles attracted attention, led people to want to know more, touched hearts, and paved the way for faith to be planted and to grow. The Holy Spirit working today is little different. Something stirs the heart of people to give faith a chance, Jesus becomes real for them, and they are added to the number of the faithful. Folks who are sick find hope and healing in God’s love and mercy. Those deeply troubled find peace. These things are happening right here at St. Louis, out in the pews among your fellow parishioners, and those choosing to become parishioners.

**Apocalyptic Literature**
For many, the Book of Revelation can seem scary. Others love the drama. There are always some who believe they have the wisdom to unlock all the secrets, and know the future, though most of those who predict the last days from clues they find in the Book of Revelation end up being proven wrong. As we listen to passages from Revelation though the Easter Season, keep this in mind. Apocalyptic writing is meant to encourage those persecuted, not to give precise predictions about the future. It is highly symbolic. When you read about the beasts, think – have you ever called someone a beast, or heard someone else do so? Stars falling, the earth shaking under my feet – such language is often used to evoke a person’s world being turned upside down. But it doesn’t mean stars actually hit the earth, or that there was an earthquake that registered on the Richter scale. Some of the symbols in Apocalyptic writing did have specific historical reference, i.e., Babylon really meant Rome. But get too bogged down in the detail, and the overall battle between good and evil, and God’s ultimate victory can get lost, and that is the real message.

**A Sacramental Moment**
Our Catholic faith is richly sacramental. We believe God chooses to love us not simply through words and ideas, but through the material world – cleansing, refreshing water, soothing oil, bread and wine become body and blood, imposition of hands, fragrant chrism. God engages our senses as well as our mind. So can we fault Thomas for believing he needed to touch Jesus’ wounds? Rather than a rebuke, or scolding, Jesus offered an invitation – put your hand here, your fingers there. How sacramental!

This weekend (April 27) and next (May 4) are our First Eucharist weekends!
There are special First Eucharist Masses on both Saturdays at 11:30am and 1:30pm. Please pray for all of the children coming to the Table of the Eucharist for their first time!
**Sharing Our Blessings**

**Supporting Our Parish**

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**Catholic Home Missions Collection This Weekend, April 27 & 28**

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 takes place this 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.

**This Week’s Tithing Will Support**

**Pittsford Food Cupboard**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support**

**St. Damien’s Pediatric Hospital, Haiti**

Located outside Port-a-Prince in the poorest country of the Western Hemisphere, St. Damien Pediatric Hospital with its outreaches provides medical care to 90,000 patients annually. It is Haiti’s only children's hospital and only hospital free of charge to the indigent. *Our parish friend Father Rick Frechette*, Passionist priest and physician, has brought it from a small hospice 29 years ago to the state of the art facility it is today with an operating budget of $5.2 million covered primarily by private contributions from around the globe.

St. Damien's treat 15,000 sick children who come to the hospital annually with HIV/AIDS, cancer, cholera, TB, malnutrition, premature births, pneumonia, severe diarrhea, etc. **Next week’s parish tithe of $1,000 will cover 100 emergency room visits.**

Additionally, St. Damien Hospital provides employment for 536 Haitians; and its residency program trains Haitians to become medical doctors — supportive of the area economy.

**Especially at this terrible time of horrific political unrest**, please pray for the safety of all who serve and are served at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital and its outreaches.

Information about St. Damien Hospital can be found at [nphusa.org/stdamien](http://nphusa.org/stdamien), and about Fr. Rick, please Google: New York Times – “Rick Frechette”

St. Louis Parish contacts: Marcia Mendola, 381-6872
Bob McNamara, 381-5952

**Encounter the Risen Christ**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need.

To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowl by **Sunday, April 28**. Please make any checks payable to “St. Louis Church” and write “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo line. Your contributions can be placed in specially marked containers in church. Thank you for your generosity.

**Rice Bowls will be collected at all Masses this weekend.**

**Easter Son-shine for our Shut-Ins**

Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Help us share Easter joy with our parish shut-ins! If you know of parishioners who have recently become homebound or shut-in, please contact Cathy Malik, Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care (Catherine.Malik@ador.org) in the Ministry Center 586-5675. We will have some Easter gifts of sunshine for our parish shut-ins available for pick-up during the first week of the Easter season. Verily! He is Risen! Alleluia!
Faith Formation
Register today!!

K-5 Faith Formation
6-12 Youth Ministry
Eucharist
Penance
Confirmation 1 & 2

Please visit StLouisChurch.org/ff for registration and information

To keep shipping and material costs to a minimum, the deadline for all registrations is July 15th. After this date, there will be a $35.00 late fee automatically applied to all registrations.

**Eucharist and Penance Sacrament registration:**
All children must have completed either Grade 1 or one full year prior of Faith Formation or attend a Catholic School to prepare and receive both First Penance and First Eucharist. Both Sacraments are celebrated in Grade 2. Families need to register for both Penance and Eucharist for the upcoming year.

**Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 Sacrament Registration:**
Year 1 Confirmation candidates must have completed one year prior of Youth Ministry or attend Catholic School to prepare for year 1 and year 2. Registration is required yearly for both years of preparation.
St. Louis School Fundraiser

SLAM JAM 2019
Commitment to Excellence

JOIN US FOR TWO GREAT EVENTS AS WE BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ST. LOUIS SCHOOL!

FAMILY BASKETBALL NIGHT
COME CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE TEAM!

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH
6PM
SLS GYMNASIUM

ALUMNI VS. ALUMNI
4TH & 5TH GRADE VS. FACULTY/STAFF

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR A TEAM:
MAY 5TH

SPRING FLING
A FUN, ADULTS-ONLY EVENING!

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
6:30PM – 10:00PM
SLS GYMNASIUM

LIVE MUSIC BY JUMBO SHRIMP RAFFLES

Registration, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities available at https://www.slspittsford.org/slamjam2019
**ST. LOUIS MINISTRIES**

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**St. Louis HAITI TEAM Annual Meeting**

Please join us for our 1-hour informational meeting.

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**ALL WELCOME with no obligation**

**Wednesday, May 1 at 7 PM**

**Parish Meeting Hall**

Come see what and who make this highly efficient 49 year old parish team so effective with its Annual Corn and Ornament Sales, Sneaker Collection, etc.; and how our parish investment in Haiti throughout 29 of those years has paid off multi-fold with its tremendous ripple effect. We will also unveil the lovely 2019 Holy Childhood ceramic angel, which sad to report, will be their final edition.

For information about our team throughout the year, call: Marcia Mendola, chair 381-6872

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**Sunshine Luncheon - Thursday, May 16th**

Since 1978, St. Louis Parish together with St. Louis School have hosted the Sunshine Luncheon. We invite residents of area nursing homes and St. Louis parishioners who may enjoy an outing.

To make this event successful, we need YOUR support. Please consider signing up to help at StLouisChurch.org/sunshine in one of the following areas:

- being a hostess
- preparing a food item
- helping to escort guest arrivals

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**BIG HABITAT PROJECT UPDATE!**

Thank you to all who signed up last month at St. Louis Church to volunteer on our 2019 Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP) project with other organizations from Pittsford. Many of our St. Louis volunteers have already registered on the Flower City Habitat for Humanity website RochesterHabitat.org and have scheduled work days or have already worked on our 2019 project, renovation of a house at 356 Campbell Street.

We recently learned that work has been temporarily suspended on the Campbell Street house and that Flower City Habitat has offered our HIP coalition an opportunity to sponsor a higher priority project, building a large new five bedroom house on Holworthy Street for an extended family – one of four new Habitat houses to be built on Holworthy Street in 2019.

When we break ground on the Holworthy Street house in May or June we will notify all our St. Louis volunteers so that you can schedule work days on this exciting new HIP project. We also plan to recruit additional St. Louis volunteers for the new project at that time. In the meantime, HIP volunteers are welcome to sign up on the Flower City Habitat website to work on several other Habitat house which are nearing completion.

If any St. Louis volunteers have questions, they may contact volunteer coordinators Rick Cusker at rickcusker@gmail.com or Bob Scholl at scholfrch@gmail.com.

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**HAITI TEAM SNEAKER COLLECTION**

Another very successful year!!!!!!

Thank you to St. Louis parish and, especially, St. Louis School children for sharing your previously enjoyed sneakers (as well as many new pairs). Because of your thoughtfulness, 177 pairs of shoes will cushion the footsteps of the mentally and physically challenged Haitian children under the care of NPH (Our Little Brothers and Sisters). Their housemother and therapist Gena Heraty is most grateful!!

*It needs to be noted that in Haiti mentally and physically challenged children are generally shunned, discarded and/or neglected. New shoes give them dignity as well as protect their feet!*

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**St. Louis Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday May 19, 2019 in the

**St. Louis School Gym**

Seating Times 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM

**MENU**

- Pancakes with Syrup
- Sausage
- Fruit
- Coffee, Tea, Juice

Cost per Plate: $5.00 adults, $3.00 children 8 and under

Purchase your tickets before and after all Masses on April 27/28 and May 4/5

Proceeds to benefit vocations in the Rochester Diocese
Adult Formation Spring Study…

Come join us for a fascinating look at God’s message of mercy. With powerful images and story-telling, this five-week study recounts how God is communicating his mercy in our day through the lives of modern saints, apparitions, and historical events from the last century. Video presenter: Fr. Michael Gaitley.

When: Tuesdays, Apr 30, May 7, 14, Jun 4, 11
Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:15-8:45 p.m.
Where: St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: Free!

Can’t make each session? No problem! This series is on FORMED.org so you can do any or all of this study online!

For more info, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224

FORMED PICK

Shroud
The Shroud of Turin

Deepen Your Devotion

Discover the story of the Shroud in light of faith and science! Find out what the most studied article in the world tells us about the man whose image remains on the Shroud.

Watch on formed.org

“I have watched this film again and again. It is simply stunning!” —Kent P., Silvertown, OR
You are cordially invited to a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Two o’clock in the afternoon Sacred Heart Cathedral 296 Flower City Park Rochester, NY 14615

All married couples and their families are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition. Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming at https://conta.cc/2Ep7Ptw (registration is for head-count purposes only—join us registered or not).

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: weddings@CatholicCourier.com
Mail: Wedding Anniversaries Catholic Courier PO Box 24379 Rochester, NY 14624-0379

Mass of Celebration of Individuals with Special Needs
All are invited to Mass at St. John of Rochester on Sunday, May 5th at 12:00 pm, to celebrate the special members of our community and the unique gifts which they offer to our Church and the world. St. John of Rochester is located at 8 Wickford Way in Fairport. Refreshments served in the Gathering Room immediately following Mass. Info: Steve Coyle 585-503-2858.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, St. John of Rochester and the Knights of Columbus.

May’s Day of Prayer at Notre Dame Retreat House (Canandaigua, NY) May 14, 2019
Sr. Monica Weis, SSJ (Nazareth college faculty Emerita in English and Communications) will present:

“Merton, Music and the More” – a presentation of five periods of Merton’s life that invites participants to reflect on their own personal stories, while expanding their knowledge of Merton. Time for quiet and for sharing.

“Trappist” – a look at Monasticism and the significance of the Rule of Benedict and life in a Trappist Monastery. An opportunity to deepen one’s understanding of monastic life and its connection to Merton and to us.

Conference 9:30am – 12:15pm followed by lunch, free time, confessions and day ends with mass at 2:00pm. There is a $25.00 fee. Please register by calling 394-5700 or email ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.

You are invited on Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Montreal and Quebec City. Our travel dates are July 24-27. Besides participating in the religious festivities offered at the Shrine of St. Anne on her Feast Day, July 26, we will also visit Mary Queen of the World, an ornate Renaissance cathedral and replica of St Peter’s Basilica in Rome. At Notre Dame Basilica we will be awed by the "Aura" a sound and light show unveiling the richness of the Basilica. Prayer experiences are included at Our Lady of the Cape Shrine and St. Joseph's oratory. Other touring is on the schedule as well.

Call Sister Bernarde at 288-2710 Ext. 282 or 260, if you are interested in more information.
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