WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REJOICE IN GOD’S MERCY.

April 3, 2016

**This Weekend:**
Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday
Collection of Lenten CRS Rice Bowls

**This Week at St. Louis (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)**

**Monday - April 4**
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse
3:30 pm - Children’s Choir Practice, Church

**Tuesday - April 5**
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse
4:30 pm - Living Faith Classes, Parish Meeting Hall
7:00 pm - St. Louis School Board, Ministry Center

**Wednesday - April 6**
2:45 pm - Mass at the Highlands Living Center
6:30 pm - First Eucharist Family Session, Church
7:00 pm - Gospel of Luke, Reddington Hall Lower Level Learning Center
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

**Thursday - April 7**
12:00 pm - Development Team, Ministry Center
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

**Friday - April 8**
7:00 pm - Challenge Teen Girls’ Group, PMH

**Saturday - April 9**
Youth Group Bake Sale (p.5)
8:00 am - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, PMH
9:30 am - Gospel of Matthew, PMH
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)
6:00 pm - Ultreya (Pot Luck Dinner 5:45 pm), PMH

**Sunday - April 10**
Youth Group Bake Sale (p.5)
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Children’s Choir, Seasons of Faith
11:00 am - Mass, Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass
6:15 pm - Middle & High School Youth Groups

**We Worship Word Whose Wondrous Wounds Whisper Wisdom.**

Sometime in this Easter season, take a close look at the Paschal Candle. Notice: in the Cross on the front of the Candle, there are 5 inserted pieces - each is a dark bit of wax containing a grain of incense. The prayer that accompanied preparing the Candle before lighting it for the first time at the Easter Vigil: *By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard and protect us.* The wounds speak of sacrificial love. The cost of redemption, paid for you and me. Christ’s wounds lead us to understand the depth of God’s mercy, and open the way for our own wounds to become a place of encountering love, mercy, sacrifice and forgiveness. Notice Jesus pulling Thomas’ hand to touch his side. He invites us as well, takes us by the hand, that we may touch mercy itself. Touch mercy, be transformed by mercy, become mercy in our broken world, so in need of love, mercy, sacrifice and forgiveness. Easter Blessings to you and those you love, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - April 4
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
11:00 am Deceased Members of the Trombetta Family - Family
5:15 pm Eleanor Lane - Family

Tuesday - April 5
6:45 am Catherine Finegan - Loyola Connolly
11:00 am Marian Battle - Saint's Place

Wednesday - April 6
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
11:00 am Special Intention in honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci
2:45 pm Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of the Parish
5:15 pm Mario DeFendis & Joseph Micciche - Susan

Thursday - April 7
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
6:45 am Miguel West - VFW Post 7417
11:00 am Special Intention for Bill Lennert - Ed & Joan Lennert

Friday - April 8
11:00 am George Petcoff - Family
5:15 pm Martin Meisenzahl - Bea Hack

Saturday - April 9
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
9:00 am Special Intention for Sharon Touranjoe - Ed & Joan Lennert
4:30 pm Roland Schindler - Kevin & Partette McGuire

Sunday - April 10
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
7:30 am Ann Donahue Merkel & Victor E. Merkel - Barbara Borgus
9:00 am Alva Jean Hawkes - Bill Conklin
11:00 am Paul & Mary Hayden - Family
5:00 pm Aileen R. Houseknecht - Mr. & Mrs. Pisaturo

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.

One lamp will burn For a Special Intention for Luke Ryan Dumas By Stacy Fuller.

Two lamps will burn In Thanksgiving By Bill & Mary Ellen Kane.

Requiem Aeternam
Fr. Edward B. Zenkel

Saturday & Sunday, April 9 and 10

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Sunday Communion Service - April 10
The Highlands - Joe & Diane Salipante Heather Heights - Pete & Gerry Shea
Now I Get It!
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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. Other’s 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!

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

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At this year’s Easter Vigil, St. Louis received four new members into the Church. They spent many months studying and meeting for this wonderful evening. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for their time and dedication to prepare for the beautiful Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist! If you see them, please extend a warm greeting of welcome and congratulations to Frank Citro, Karen Belville, Robbie Markwick, and Jillian Sherwin!

I would also like to thank Kathryn McAlarney, Darlene Huver and Father Bob for assisting in their preparation! Their time and energy in this process are truly works of mercy—instruction in the faith, advising when doubtful and praying for the living! May you all be blessed by our Risen Savior and King!

~ Cris Wensel, Pastoral Associate

JOYUS EASTER
THANK YOU!
Funding Mercy
Long before this special Year of Mercy, St. Louis has been funding works of mercy through our parish tithing. Your generous support of our parish makes it possible for the parish to tithe as well. Tithing? That is a Biblical principle, or goal: returning to the Lord 10% of what the Lord has provided us. St. Louis, our parish, 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.

The Franciscans Thank You!
Many thanks to all who contributed to the annual Good Friday collection ($1,328.50) 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

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’ve changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar, Centro Latino in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, and all over the world! To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please remember to return your CRS Rice Bowl by Sunday, April 3! 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.
Steubenville Bake Sale!
April 9 & 10

Who: The St. Louis High School Youth Group

What: Every and any delectable baked good your heart can imagine (cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, and everything else under this side of Heaven)

When: Saturday night & Sunday, April 9th-10th, after all Sunday masses

Where: St. Louis Church Narthex & Front Doors (weather permitting)

Why: The St. Louis Youth Group is fundraising for our annual Steubenville Youth Conference. The conference takes place Friday, July 8th-Sunday, July 10th. Students will travel by bus to Franciscan University and experience a non-stop encounter with Jesus Christ through a multitude of activities (talks, games, Mass, reconciliation, music, adoration). They will meet celebrities from all across the globe and experience fellowship with students from the four corners of the world. This experience will change their lives! Your support will allow this to happen ... and you get to take home some of the best-tasting treats on the planet (made here in New York!).

Celebrating Eucharist

We celebrate Eucharist not only during Holy Week, and specifically Holy Thursday, but also as the Easter season continues. One of the most beautiful ways we do this as a church is to prepare our sixty-eight candidates to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist on April 23rd & 24th! It’s a busy season, but most rewarding for the Faith Formation staff!

The children and parents attend four experiential sessions as a group over the next several weeks. Being all together gives children the sense of what it feels like to belong to a parish family. It also teaches them that they are learning to be in communion with Christ, and with one another as people of God, who share the same beliefs and worship together.

Take a look at some of our families at the most recent session. They made pew banners for the big day, working with parents to write their own prayer of Thanksgiving to God. We’re off to a great start – and look forward to continuing this exciting milestone in their faith journey. Lend them all your prayers!!!
Family Fun Night

Join us as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our school!

Friday, April 15th • 6-8pm
St. Louis School Campus

Bingo • Face Painting • Games • Popcorn • Photo Booth • 50/50 Raffle

Admission is $3 per person, $15 max per family. Please purchase pizza and water tickets in advance.

For additional information, please contact the school office.

Young Adults, Don’t Miss Out

Theology on Tap
Monday Nights at 7:00 pm

Beale New Orleans Grille Bar
689 South Ave., Rochester 14620
Rochester, NY 14620

April 18, Confirmation: What it is, what it isn’t, and why it still matters in your life
With Dominic Salamida, Director of Christian Formation, St. Leo, Hilton

April 25, Mass: Go and Make Disciples: The Great Commission
With Mary Dundas, Diocesan Coordinator of Evangelization

May 2: Wait! How Many Gifts of the Holy Spirit Are There?
With Leslie Barkin, Youth Minister, St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon

May 9, Pentecost: Jewish & Christian Traditions
With Fr. George Heyman, President & Associate Professor in Biblical Studies, St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith.

7th Annual Bishop’s Dinner for Vocations

For young adult Catholic men ages 17 to 40

The Bishop’s Dinner is specially designed to provide an evening of food, fellowship, and information about a way of life that nourishes thousands of people and connects a man in a profound way to Jesus Christ. The Catholic Priesthood.

Please Join Bishop Matano!
Friday, April 15th, 2016
St. Patrick’s Parish Center
115 Maple Ave., Victor

Celebration of the Eucharist at 5:30pm in the church
Steak dinner at 6:30pm in the parish hall
Witness talks!!

Contact your Pastoral Leader to reserve a spot for you and your guest by Wednesday, April 13. Meatless dinner available.

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness and the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Knights of Columbus
Men of St. Louis Parish

Have you ever been asked to become a Knight of Columbus? Would you like to belong to the Largest Catholic Men’s Organization in the World? Are you 18 years of age? Are you a practicing Catholic? If you answered YES to these questions, YOU are a perfect Candidate to become a Knight of Columbus!

On April 16th and 17th, we are having a Membership Drive after all the Masses. Why not stop by and talk to one of our Brother Knights and ask about Joining?

Thank You for your time, and God Bless you in all you do.

Contact: Joseph DiPrima, 943-3668, e-mail: drdiprima@gmail.com or Rick Whelehan, 797-4638, e-mail: wheels282@frontier.com
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Saint’s Place Updates

We have added a HUGE Furniture Room at Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale

PREVIEW EVENING
Tuesday, July 12th
5:00PM – 8PM
$25 entrance fee

OPENING DAY - Save the Dates
Wed. July 13th 9AM – 6PM
Thurs. July 14th 9AM – 4PM
Fri. July 15th 9AM – 4PM ½ price!
Sat. July 16th 9AM – 11AM Bag Sale

Antique, dining room furniture, chairs, tables …
You won’t be disappointed …
Unless you come late!

Saint’s Place Wish List
- Extension cords
- Water bottles, Ice cube trays
- Pots & pans, especially large cooking pots and sauce pans, pot holders
- Strollers, clean and working
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Lamps for living rooms
- Blankets (all sizes), Sheets (twin and double)
- Laundry baskets, Laundry detergent
- Drying racks, Electric alarm clocks
- DVD players, telephones
- Toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant

PART – TIME DRIVER NEEDED AT SAINT’S PLACE

20 + hours a week,
Mondays – Thursdays from 8:30AM to 1:00PM
Must be over 21 years of age and have a valid driver’s license.

It involves driving a van/truck, lifting heavy furniture at times and working Monday - Thursday from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Isabel Miller, 385-6860 or email: saintlady@saintsplace.org.

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
Beginning Experience of Rochester Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced Catholics

Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated, and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend program will be held at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, April 22-24.

For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES: Take special time away to rekindle the fun, romance and passion in your marriage.

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter April 22-24 or November 18-20, 2016. This a private weekend where married couples can take time away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. Register online at wwme-wny.org or call 877-NYS-WWME.

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.

Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

The Psalms are ancient biblical prayers, revered by both Jews and Christians, that call upon God with very complicated human emotions: often confidence and joy, but also sadness, discouragement, anger and even hatred.

Theme: Healing
Speakers: Rabbi Michael Silbert, Community Educator
Professor Anne Merideth, Religious & Classical Studies, University of Rochester

Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, 441 East Ave.
Free of charge and all are welcome. Seating is limited.

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” Pope St. John Paul II
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