**WE CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST.**

**August 13, 2017**

**THIS WEEKEND**

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS**

(Daily Mass Schedule p.2)

**MONDAY - AUGUST 14**

6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Parish Mtg Hall
5:15 PM ANTICIPATION MASS FOR HOLY DAY

**TUESDAY - AUGUST 15**

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MSS AT 6:45 & 11:00 AM

7:30 am - Next Sunday’s Scriptures, Rectory
7:00 pm - Poetry Reading: *Blessed is She Who Believed* w/Rita A. Simmonds, PMH-p.7

**WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 16**

7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

**THURSDAY - AUGUST 17**

1:00 pm - Saint’s Place Volunteer Mtg, PMH
7:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Church

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 19**

Food Collection for Sister Regis Food Cupboard

9:00 am - Pastoral Council Planning Session
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

**SUNDAY - AUGUST 20**

Food Collection for Sister Regis Food Cupboard

7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Journey Through the Bible, Youth Rm, p.9
11:15 am - Mass
5:00 pm - Mass
6:15 pm - Youth Group Welcome Back Cookout, p.5

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**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Monday, August 14, Anticipation Mass at 5:15 pm**

**Tuesday, August 15, Mass at 6:45 & 11:00 am**
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - AUGUST 14
Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
11:00 am Nora Bartlett - Cusker Family

Holy Day of Obligation
Anticipation Mass for Holyday
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
5:15 pm Walter Martin, Sr. - Patricia & Peter Savino

TUESDAY - AUGUST 15
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
6:45 am Larry Coan - Jim & Linda McCauley
11:00 am John Veeder - Family

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 16
Dt 34:1-2/Mt 18:15-20
11:00 am Michele Altadonna - Christine & Bill Corsaro
5:15 pm Joanne VanZandt - Bob & Karin McNamara

THURSDAY - AUGUST 17
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21--19:1
6:45 am Mary Francis Petrina - Peter & Pat Spinelli
11:00 am Deceased Benefactors

FRIDAY - AUGUST 18
Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
11:00 am Jim DeBloom - Family
5:15 pm Joseph Salipante - Cecilia DeJoy

SATURDAY - AUGUST 19
Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
9:00 am For the People of the Parish
4:30 pm Dorothy Salamone - Carmella Fugo

SUNDAY - AUGUST 20
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28
7:30 am Gregory Barr - Michael & Cheryl Coughlin
9:00 am Joe Roxstrom - Special Intention - Gwenn Sarazyn
11:15 am Andrew Ward - The Sanna Family
5:00 pm Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Dinh Tran & Family

Saturday & Sunday, August 19 & 20
The Highlands - Fred & Marie Lapple     Heather Heights - Marge Mancine

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.

One lamp will burn In Memory of Janice Streb By Jo.

Requiem Aeternam
Dorothy Salamone
Tressa Surdick

We pray for St. Louis college students beginning their freshman year and all upperclassmen for the 2017-2018 school year. Godspeed!

Saturday Communion Service - August 20
The Highlands - Fred & Marie Lapple     Heather Heights - Marge Mancine
Anything for His People

St. Paul was born a Jew, steeped in Judaism. His family, former friends and associates were all likewise Jewish. After Paul was called by Christ, it broke his heart when so many of his fellow Jews would not accept Jesus as the Messiah. The words we hear from him this weekend are the beginning of his intercession. Most importantly, we can pray for some of his fellow Jews who have left the faith; or loved ones who have left the faith. How could that help? Our own experience can help us identify with Paul’s pain and struggle. We might share what is going on inside us with him, knowing this great saint has been there. We can ask his intercession. Trust that Jesus can come to us, even in the storms in our life. Trust, Paul’s confidence that somehow, God’s love can create paths to lead all to Him, paths we could never imagine.

Walking on Water

In 1986, when the water level in the Sea of Galilee was at a record low, the skeleton of an ancient wooden fishing boat was discovered, buried in the mud. Carbon-dated to the 1st century, this rare find was quickly dubbed ‘the Jesus boat’, and given a museum of its own in Ginosar. (Search ancient Galilee boat’ on the web) Could it be the boat Matthew was speaking of in our Gospel today? We don’t know. But we do know Matthew had more than one boat in mind.

Matthew wants us to know about the actual boat, an evening when the disciples were at risk, and how Jesus, the Son of God, with power over nature, utilized his power to save. But Matthew was also bringing the story into the present, to speak to his community. Early on, the church was seen as a ship, tossed about on a sea of worldly values, disbelief and persecution. As Jesus had the power to still the wind and calm the actual sea, so he could still the winds buffeting the church; calm the rough seas in the community’s life. Trust, Matthew is telling his people, Jesus will bring this ship safe to land.

Our task – follow Matthew’s example. See this Gospel as a revelation of who Jesus is and what he can do. Bring to mind the storms in our life. Learn how to keep focused on Jesus. When we fail, remember, when Peter began to sink, he called out to Jesus, he was pulled up from the waves. When we call out, ‘Lord, save me!’, the Lord will do no less for us!

Looking Ahead:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6 – 7
A house of prayer for all peoples

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13 – 15, 29 – 32
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable

Gospel: Matthew 15:21 – 28
Great faith works wonders

Entering the Silence

Elijah was able to enter into the great silence in a cave upon a mountain. We need not go that far. St. Louis partners with St. John of Rochester in Perpetual Adoration. In order to have Perpetual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, it is necessary that someone be present in the chapel at all times (there are assigned shifts). Try making a visit to the Eucharistic Chapel at St. John of Rochester. You may discover that a regular time to enter into silence before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is just what the doctor ordered for better spiritual health. What better time to give it a try than the Year of the Most Holy Eucharist! Contact Deacon Dave (deacondave@gmail.com) to learn more.

qol demamah daqqah

Things looked bleak in Israel, the Northern Kingdom. Queen Jezebel had brought worship of Baal, a foreign god, into the land. She had most of the prophets of Yahweh killed. It looked like the religion of the fathers was about to be extinguished. Elijah responded by confronting King Ahab, inviting him to summon the people to Mt Carmel. There he faced off with the 450 prophets of Baal. They invoked Baal, to no avail. Elijah called on the Lord, and brought down fire from heaven. Vindicated, he led the people to renew their covenant with Yahweh. The prophets of Baal were slain.

This had infuriated Queen Jezebel, who now sought to destroy Elijah. He fled, then collapsed, ready to give up. But God sent an angel to strengthen him, who sent him through the desert, a 40 day sojourn, to Mt Horeb (Sinai). That is where today’s reading picks up.

Previously on Mt Sinai, when God spoke to Moses, the people experienced storm and lightning, earthquake and fire. The encounters with God were through powerful signs. Those dramatic phenomena preceded Elijah’s encounter as well, but in this case, we are taught that God was not in the earth shattering drama. Rather, in what followed, ‘qol demamah daqqah’ the sound of sheer silence, Elijah encountered God, and heard his next mission.

Elijah would probably tell us, yes, sometimes God is experienced in external drama. But his own most powerful encounter with God was through a quiet, awesome presence, the sound of sheer silence. We too may discover God is not preoccupied in external drama. But his own most powerful encounter as well, and heard his next mission.

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**OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEKEND**

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**I CAN *DO* THAT!**

Do you know anyone who has been away from church for quite a while, or anyone who doesn’t have a parish home? With people traveling, vacationing and such, there is plenty of room here at St. Louis at each of our Masses during the summer. Invite that person who has been away, or who doesn’t have a church home – let them know summer is:

- a great time to try out coming back to church,
- a great time to try out our parish,
- a great time to taste what our Catholic church has to offer.

We believe, we belong, we invite others to join us for Holy Mass!

**CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY, AUGUST 19 & 20**

**FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD**

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

Recycle bags are always welcome & appreciated!

St. Louis Church provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy – just visit our website, stlouischurch.org/parish-support, or scan the QR code. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won’t have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! If you still want to place something in the offertory basket, just pick up one of our “I give Online” cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time. (The QR code is always available on the front page of our bulletin.)
INTERESTED IN CYO ATHLETICS?

Have you participated before or want to get involved this year?
Contact Leila Kaczmarek for more details.

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Summer Youth Group Movie Night!!!
August 17, 7:00PM
Reddington Hall

Welcome Back Cookout
August 20, 6:15PM
Parish Gym & Grounds

Would You Like to Help St. Louis Youth Group?

➢ Catechist/Teacher for Weekly Sessions
➢ Food/Refreshment Donation for Trips
➢ Meal Prep for HS Ministry on Sunday Nights
➢ Small Group Leaders on Retreats

Contact Leila with inquiries!

Leila.kaczmarek@dor.org
This beautiful sentence heard at every baptism extends well beyond the sacramental celebration. At last weekend’s Mass with baby blessings, our parish family extended the welcome to families of the recently baptized in many ways. Special recognition and thanks go to Meg Smerbeck for all her hard work in coordinating these activities on behalf of the Elizabeth Ministry. Before the special Mass and reception, Teresa Bergin hosted young girls at her house to make rosaries for the children. Special thanks to Lilly Wallace, Dylan and Logan Madigan, Caitlin and Ellie Bergin, Caroline Smith and Addie Engle for sharing their time and gifts making these beautiful sacramentals.

Also prior to the Mass, Dawn Adams, Sue Mattina, Teresa Bergin and Geri Dolan called as many families as possible to echo the invitation to the Sunday celebration. Sue Moore and Sue Mattina came to help before, during and after the mass and reception. The Cabarcos family was also a great help with every aspect of the coffee hour, particularly the smiling faces of Juliana, Ariana and Mariana helping serve juice and donuts. They say, “Many hands make light work” and Meg would add that “the joyous event with so many kind hands, did not make any facet of the event feel like work!” Thanks to all who with their kind hospitality helped live out the welcome proclaimed at each baptism!

(P.S. If you had a child baptized within the past year and were unable to attend or your family’s name was somehow inadvertently missed, please let us know. We have special crosses and rosaries that have been blessed and would like your son or daughter to have these special gifts as a sign of our parish families’ love and prayers. Please email Meg Smerbeck (meg.smerbeck@gmail.com) and she will set aside these gifts for your child.)

St. Louis Knights of Columbus, Next Meeting, Monday, August 21, Parish Meeting Hall

We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by a business meeting at 7:00 PM.

Members of the Knights of Columbus held an election of officers in June. Congratulations to our new officers! Our installation of these officers will be on Sunday, August 13 after the 11:15 AM Mass.

It is great to be a part of an organization, strong in our church and community. We assisted at the Saint’s Place Sale from July 11 to July 15.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St. Louis Council or who have any questions, please contact Joseph DiPrima, our Membership Director, at drdiprima@gmail.com; or Grand Knight Michael DeCocq, 585-314-8835, or at e-mail: depepsi@frontiernet.net.

Thank you, & God Bless, Michael DeCocq, Grand Knight

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SPIRITUAL FOOD

Why Be Catholic?
(ROIA)

POETRY READING: “BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED”
Award-winning poet and frequent contributor to MAGNIFICAT, Rita A. Simmonds will offer a poetry reading to honor the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose simplicity, faith and faithfulness have shaped the way Rita sees and responds to the words of the Gospel and the circumstances of her daily life.

Presented by the Evangelization Team at
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
7:00 pm, St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall

The reading will be followed by a reception where Rita’s books can be purchased and signed. Donations accepted but not required.

About the Author: Rita A. Simmonds was born in Rochester, New York. She received her BA from Hofstra University and her MA from Teachers College, Columbia University. For several years, she worked for the City University of New York, teaching English as a Second Language. Simmonds is a three-time winner of the Best Original Poetry category at the annual Catholic Press Association Awards, as well as a winner of numerous second and third place CPA awards. Several of her poems were featured in the bestselling Magnificat Year of Faith Companion, and the Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion. She has published three books of poetry: Souls and the City, Bitterness and Sweet Love, and Greeting the Seasons. Simmonds lives in Brooklyn, New York with her two sons. For more information, contact Kathryn at 586-5675, ext. 224 OR Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

ChristLife Program Discovering Christ
In their own words . . .

Life is a lost and found exercise. I lost my primary source of support four and one-half years ago. My partner of 62 years had died. I was in desperate need. I looked around for support and discovered “Discovering Christ.” I found Him sitting at a table right there with me. He had many voices, but one message stood out – support.

Support in the form of seeing Him reflected in so many ways by those who sat at the same table. A table that brought Him to it in voices. Voices that responded to my search. Voices that led me closer to Him. My brothers and sisters at that table were joining with me in seeking His support.

Our conversations were moving constantly toward His revelations and in so doing, became a source of comfort and understanding of what His support was all about. His support became a joint effort. An effort that began to restore to me what I had lost.

I look forward to being at that table again and again.

Bob Whelan
[Bob has been a loving and giving volunteer for the Discovering Christ ministry since the start of this program at St. Louis.]
Dear Gardeners:
It would be wonderful to have fresh garden produce during the summer at Sister M. Regis Food Cupboard. We are located at 316 Bay St., a very poor section of the city of Rochester. If you are a gardener and will have extra produce this summer, could you share a little with us? If so, please call Sr. Julia at 585-454-6766 or 585-500-8095. Gratefully, Sister Julia Norton

Don’t Miss the Sales… They are Incredible!
The "Back to School" Sales have already started and prices are great! This year Saint’s Place filled and delivered 291 backpacks for students ages 4 to 20 years old. So, we need your help to continue this important work. With the lower arrival number of refugees, we will be helping refugee students at Rochester International Academy and other Rochester City Schools.

School supplies and backpacks are needed for refugee children who cannot afford to purchase them. During the month of August, school supplies are at their lowest prices of the year. Many items such as notebooks are as low as 50 cents or one dollar. If you can help by purchasing one backpack and/or supplies for a backpack, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Items can be dropped off at 46 South Main Street.
Did you know that Catholic Family Center was selected to lead two family prosperity programs in several city neighborhoods, in partnership with other public and non-profit agencies in our community? CFC has advocated for 100 years for the most vulnerable in our community, delivering programs that address the barriers preventing people from moving to self-sufficiency, and helping people secure and retain living-wage employment. Together, we believe that we can break the cycle of generational poverty in our community, enabling people to not just stabilize, but to begin to thrive. Learn more at www.familyprosperityROC.org, and thank you for your support over the years to make all this possible!

A Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, 9/6/17. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this thirteen week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - $25.00. Please stop by the parish office to register, mail your registration to Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, NY 14534 or contact Margie Benza at 248-2427, ext. 244 or margie.benza@dor.org. Registrations are due by 9/01/17.

Due to the ongoing Executive Ban affecting the entrance of refugees into the United States, Saint’s Place is no longer accepting donations on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays. In an attempt to manage the overwhelming amount of donations we receive, combined with the declining number of refugees we assist, until further notice, no donations can be accepted on the weekends. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Please know that we are continuing assisting refugees already settled in Rochester to rise above poverty.

Donations will be accepted Mondays through Thursdays from 8AM – 4PM. At this time we do not need sofas, bookcases, desks, entertainment centers or China cabinets.

We do need kitchen tables and chairs, small dressers, end tables, nightstands and coffee tables.

Thank you for your understanding.

We pray this is a very temporary situation and that refugees will again be able to enter the United States. When that happens, Saint’s Place will be here ready to welcome them.
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MONDAY - THURSDAY, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
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