WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE MAKE DISCIPLES.

This Weekend: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Food Collection for Sr. Regis Food Cupboard

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

Monday - August 19
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Parish Meeting Hall
6:45 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting, PMH

Tuesday - August 20
7:30 am - Sunday Scripture Study, PMH

Wednesday - August 21
6:30 pm - High School Youth Faith & Fun Night, Basketball Court (pg 7)
7:30 pm - Charismatic Prayer Group, PMH

Thursday - August 22
7:15 pm - Fruit of the Vine Presentation: “Meet Fr. Hoan”, PMH (pg 9)

Friday - August 23
6:30 pm - Middle School Youth Play & Pray, Basketball Court (pg 7)

Saturday - August 24
Book Giveaway (pg 8)
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

Sunday - August 25
Book Giveaway (pg 8)
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Catholic Conversations, Manse
11:15 am - Mass
12:30 pm - Youth Ministry Family Picnic (pg 7)
5:00 pm - Mass

Welcome

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August 18, 2019

... Jesus answered... “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”
(John 18:37-38)

~ reflection by Fr. Juan

A few years ago, I was invited into a fifth grade classroom to explain the Catholic Creed to the children. As you know, it is kind of impossible to explain the whole prayer in 30 minutes, so I didn’t go into a lot of details and tried to do a general overview.

As I was leaving the classroom, a group of boys were giggling and talking quietly and one of them asked me: “Father, you didn’t talk about the Virgin Mary... what do you mean when you say that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary? What is the meaning of Virgin Mary?”

I told him: “You have to ask your teacher” to which another boy responded: “We asked her but she told us to ask you.”

Then, I asked them if they had a Bible in their classroom and they brought me one. I told them that I would quote the Gospel in order to answer to that question. Then I looked up the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1, verses 26 to 38 and read to them the story of the Annunciation. Then I told them: “After the Angel tells Mary that she is going to have a Son through the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary says ‘How can this be, since I have no relations with a man’ (verse 34)” And I added: “There is your answer.” To which another boy with an inquisitive voice replied: “What kind of relations are you talking about?” and they all laughed. I said to them: “You have to ask your parents” They said: “They wouldn’t tell us... We will have to google it...”

I don’t know if that was the best way to handle the situation, but it was evident that they already knew the responses they were asking for...

We all know that as children grow up, they begin having so many questions about topics which our culture has turned into mysteries or even myths. Things that no one wants to talk about, but everybody knows... There are many families who are very open with their children and respond to these questions with prudence according to the age and the circumstances. However, many children feel more comfortable asking someone else different than their parents or even going to “Mr. Google” who is not prudent at ALL!!!

I think this whole situation of silence, mystery, fear to ask and fear to speak up, has allowed evil to destroy many lives... You all know the current situations in our world due to sexual and psychological abuse,
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - August 19**  
**Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22**  
11:00 am - Dorothy Jessen - Sr. Mary Georganne Oehling  
5:15 pm - Jim DeBloom - Family

**Tuesday - August 20**  
**Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30**  
6:45 am - Jared Adams - McCann Family  
11:00 am - John J. Connolly - Family

**Wednesday - August 21**  
**Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16**  
11:00 am - Mary Ann Dyjak - Mother, Theresa Figura  
5:15 pm - Rebecca Almstead - Angelo & Diana Nole

**Thursday - August 22**  
**Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14**  
6:45 am - James G. McCauley - Linda McCauley  
11:00 am - Gloria Hetterich - Cecilia DeJoy

**Friday - August 23**  
**Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40**  
11:00 am - Joan Daly - Mendon Center Jr. High Friends  
5:15 pm - Ricardo Vargas - Ximena Ogut

**Saturday - August 24**  
**Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51**  
9:00 am - Jane Schuler - Carolyn Housel  
4:30 pm - William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family

**Sunday - August 25**  
**Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30**  
7:30 am - Rose Simone - Daughter  
9:00 am - Mary Ann Palermo - Marty Gullen  
11:15 am - Jack Darnell - Sue Mattina  
5:00 pm - Ray Mahar - Mary  
(Wedding Anniversary)

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**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 in loving memory of William Kane by Mary-Ellen & Family

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**Wedding Bells**

We pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
♦ Gloria Szablowski & Brian Wagner, August 23

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**Rest in Peace**

**Elizabeth McDonald**

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**Saturday & Sunday, August 24 & 25**

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**Sunday Communion Service - August 25**  
The Highlands - Marge Mancini  
Heather Heights - Jane Sutter
The Word of Life

Our Weekend Scriptures: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Out of the depths

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus

Lighting a fire

Looking Ahead: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Bringing an offering to the house of the Lord

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Trained by discipline

Enter through the narrow gate

Volunteers Needed

Library Volunteers Needed

Our beautiful parish library is getting plenty of use for meetings. Now, with the fall coming up, we are looking for volunteers to staff the library for some open hours. The plan is to open the library for browsing/check out starting in September.

We will need volunteers to stay in the library and help parishioners check out books (especially surrounding weekend Masses). Please contact Peggy O’Neil Midgley at pomidgley@yahoo.com or 730-5769 if you are interested!

Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work in the Ministry Center. You would answer the phone and door, schedule Mass intentions with parishioners, and help staff members with various projects.

We could use help: Wednesday mornings, Monday-Thursday afternoons, or as a sub if you don’t want to commit to a particular time slot. Office volunteers typically stay for 2 hours. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne at Suzanne.Montanye@dor.org or 586-5675. Thank you!

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bullying, violence and suicide, and how many victims suffer in silence because they are afraid to speak up or defend themselves, and they find no one to help them to restore trust and heal their wounds…

I was particularly amazed by Pope Francis’ words in a letter to all priests last week in which he says: “I am convinced that, to the extent that we remain faithful to God’s will, these present times of ecclesial purification will make us more joyful and humble, and prove, in the not distant future, very fruitful. Let us not grow discouraged! The Lord is purifying his Bride and converting all of us to himself. He is letting us be put to the test in order to make us realize that without him we are simply dust. He is rescuing us from hypocrisy, from the spirituality of appearances. He is breathing forth his Spirit in order to restore the beauty of his Bride, caught in adultery.”

Don’t be afraid my dear people of the situations we are facing now…we are the Church, the Bride of Christ, and we are called to be pioneers in defending the truth and restoring trust, so we all together, as a community of faith, are able to overcome evil…. Pope Francis continues, saying: “Our humble repentance, expressed in silent tears before these atrocious sins and the unfathomable grandeur of God’s forgiveness, is the beginning of a renewal of our holiness”

Let us continue being ambassadors of unity, agents of healing and witnesses to the truth…

Fr. Juan

Did you know?

St. Louis Church has an 11am Mass every weekday, Monday-Friday. After the 11am Mass, you are welcome to stay and pray!

We pray:
- The Rosary
- Prayer for the Pope
- The Angelus

We would love for you to join us!

You are cordially invited to the Annual Blue Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sept 8 at 11:15am. Join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano as we pray, in gratitude, for the safety of all the courageous men and women of law enforcement who so selflessly serve and protect our community.
**Supporting Our Parish**

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**Online Collection**

**Month-to-Date** $29,583.00

**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SR. REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SOJOURNER HOME**

Sojourner Home serves homeless women and children by providing housing, self-sufficiency skills, and education programs, including afterschool tutoring and performing arts classes for kids. When families arrive at Sojourner House, they are immediately paired with a case manager who helps them set goals and work through the underlying problems that caused their homelessness, such as mental illness, poverty, addiction, inadequate education, domestic violence, or abuse. We give families the tools they need to be successful, and then offer long-term support so that they continue to thrive after we place them in permanent housing.

Beyond monetary gifts, Sojourner also values the gift of talent and time. Volunteer opportunities include teaching women life skills classes—such as Crafting (scrap booking, jewelry making), Knitting/Crocheting, Creative Art (painting and drawing) and Creative Writing (poetry)...but they are always open to new ideas! - or assisting with special events.

For more information go to www.sojournerhome.org

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**St. Louis Church's 49TH ANNUAL CORN SALE**

after all weekend masses here Sept. 7 and 8

to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Port-au-Prince - Haiti's only children's hospital with many outreaches free to the indigent, a very successful endeavor of parish friend, Passionist priest and physician Fr. Rick Frechette helping Haitians learning to help themselves, healing the sick, and employing Haitians.

Meal Planning tip: Support Fr. Rick by taking corn home to enjoy for supper after the parish picnic!

Donation: 4 ears of corn for $4, 8 ears for $6, 12 ears for $10

This delicious corn has been planted, harvested, and donated pro bono (for a 1/2 century) by the Powers Farm Family on Marsh Rd.

More info about this state-of-the-art hospital at: www.nphusa.org/stdamien

To help with St. Louis's fundraising efforts for Haiti, please call Marcia Mendola – 585-381-6872

**Future events:** Dec. 7/8 -- 38th Annual Ornament Sale after all masses at St. Louis and in 27 stores.
Saint’s Place Tutoring Program

For over twenty years, Saint’s Place has run a very successful Tutoring Program at two locations. Hundreds of refugees, ranging from preschool age to senior citizens have benefited from this program. Refugees are tutored on a one-to-one basis during the school year, and lasting friendships have been built. Tutors have become advocates for their students, they have helped the refugees with simple tasks like reading their mail, or the more difficult challenge of studying for the citizenship exam.

Students in our Tutoring Program have become real success stories, going on to attend college, vocational training, and securing better jobs because of improved language skills. Tutors have assisted them in achieving success in school that has led to better and brighter futures for them - the American Dream realized! Tutoring refugees is an experience that will enrich your life, as well as that of our students!

Please consider becoming a part of this very important and life-changing program.

HOW to HELP

Saint’s Place Tutoring Program for the 2019-2020 school year

Starts: Monday September 16th from 4:45p.m. - 6 p.m.
Place: Old Guardian Angels School, which is now part of the Marianne Cope Tri parish at 2061 E. Henrietta Rd.

Starts: Thursday, September 12th from 4:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Place: Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit at 835 South Ave

Orientation / training session

Where: St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall
When: Thursday, September 5th
Time: 5 PM

The Orientation is mandatory for new tutors and optional for returning tutors. There is always something new to learn and a refresher is often beneficial. Our returning tutors always have helpful insights to add that benefit both our old and new tutors. Teens, college students and adults of any age are welcome to tutor. The orientation should last about one hour followed by pizza and refreshments.

RSVP: If you have any questions contact Geri Dolan at: gdola45@rochester.rr.com or call her at: 278-8244, as to whether you will be attending the orientation so that she can plan for materials and food.
CYO Basketball Seeks Players From Grade 3 to 12!

St. Louis has a terrific program for youth in grades 3 through 12 for boys and girls. The CYO Basketball Program starts in October and runs into February. It is a program whereby teams will play other parishes throughout the Diocese. This is a program primarily for parishioners and St. Louis School families. Non-parishioners are allowed to play when the need arises to round out a team, and may make up only 1/3 of a team’s roster.

Teams will practice once a week and play games on Saturdays and Sundays (dates and teams TBD). Please refer to FAQ’s at StLouisChurch.org/cyo-athletics.

Our philosophy is to learn the game, teamwork, sportsmanship, as well as have fun. There are no cuts as everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy being involved.

We need coaches, managers, team parents & volunteers to work with the young people as well as help in the administration of the program. Please contact the CYO Athletic Office at pslouis.cyo@dor.org if you would like to become involved in this exciting ministry. Note: All volunteers working with children MUST go through Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment training and background check. There will be a coach’s meeting on October 15, 2019 at 7pm at Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford, NY 14534.

Registration is open until September 30 at 4:30pm. After this time, there will be a late fee of $35 per participant. Registration for the season officially closes on October 10 at 4:30pm.

Each team will participate in a required service project. Together, the parish, young St. Louis players, and all our generous volunteers will work together to build a program we are proud of and is worthy of the St. Louis name!!!
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/
Sacrament Registration Deadline:
September 1st
Please visit: StLouisChurch.org/ff

HS/MS Youth Ministry:
We had a blast at last week’s Sr. High Faith & Fun Night and Middle School Play and Pray!

We have one more scheduled for each:
August 21, 6:30-8:30pm (HS)
August 23, 6:30-8pm (MS)
Come, Join the Fun and bring a friend!

Challenge Catholic Youth Ministry

Challenge is a unique Catholic girls youth ministry group, which seeks to provide girls in grades 5-12 with an environment of character formation and spiritual growth in their Catholic faith. Regular activities include faith-related discussions, games, movies, social events, and service projects. Retreats are also available. High school aged girls may become teen leaders for the younger girls, and also have their own times of discussion of relevant faith-based topics.

To register for Challenge, please visit: stlouischurch.org/challenge-girls-group

Youth Ministry Family Picnic
To celebrate what God has done and what God is going to do through Youth Ministry at St. Louis, all are invited to a Youth Ministry Family Picnic!

Sunday, August 25
12:30-2:30pm
RSVP: stlouischurch.org/youth-ministry

Hotdogs and Hamburgs will be provided and families are asked to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. We’ll meet in the playground area weather permitting and in the gym otherwise.

If you have any questions or special needs contact Dominic at dominic.salamida@dor.org. Hope to see you there!

Young Adult Community: On August 4th, about 20 young adults gathered together for a meal, volleyball, a walk to Yotality and a special time of Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Mitch! One young lady said, “I’ve finally found a place where I feel I belong! I’m so thankful.”

If you’re looking to make new friends in a Christ-centered environment, consider putting the upcoming monthly Young Adult Gathering dates on your calendar:

Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 16, March 22, April 26, May 31, June 28 (6:15-10:00pm)
**Free Movie Night!**

*St. Augustine, the Teacher & St. Benedict, The Monk*

- **When:** Wednesday, August 28th
- **Time:** 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Parish Meeting Hall

This double-feature is the newest addition to Bishop Robert Barron’s “Pivotal Players”. Beautifully produced, these videos tell how Benedict and Augustine not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

**Free movie! Free popcorn! Best of all—free fun and fellowship!!!!**

For more information, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or 586-5675 x224.

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**Bishop Matano has written a timely letter concerning some of the challenges ahead for the Diocese and the impact of the New York State Child Victims Act.**

You can view this letter on our website at stlouischurch.org/letter-bishop-2019.

Please keep all concerned in your prayers. Thank you.

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**Get Your Copy Next Weekend!**

*Bishop Robert Barron has written a book that can help answer this question. It is a cry from the heart, for fellow Catholics who feel, understandably, demoralized, scandalized and angry beyond words.*

Thanks to the generosity of a group of donors, St. Louis Church will be handing out copies of Bishop Barron’s book the weekend of August 25th at each of the Masses.

We will follow up with a discussion session September 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Hall where we can come together, express our concerns and draw strength from one another.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.
The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of preparing and welcoming individuals who would like to consider becoming Catholic who have either never been baptized or who were baptized in another faith tradition. It is also for those who were baptized Catholic but who received little or no instruction afterwards and would like to complete their initiation through Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The circumstances and needs of each candidate are as unique as the individual, and the RCIA team does its best to meet each person where they are and accompany them on their distinct journey. If you know someone who you think might be interested in becoming Catholic, it can be a wonderful gift to them and yourself to encourage them to take steps in that direction! To find out more or to consider joining the RCIA Team contact: Dominic Salamida at dominic.salamida@dor.org or 586-5675 x234.

Come, Holy Spirit, help us make disciples of Christ!

The position of part-time Cook/Housekeeper for the Rectory has been filled! However, please see below for a new position that has opened up:

Job Posting

Maintenance/Operations Worker
Part-Time 20hrs/wk
St. Louis, Pittsford

Provides operations support for active Parish and School. Daily responsibilities include setting up/taking down tables & chairs for events, collecting trash & recycling, moving boxes & furniture, vacuuming & mopping church, minor repairs, and seasonal outside work, such as snow shoveling, raking, pruning, & weeding. Position involves lifting. Hours to be set.

Applicant must have reliable work record and good skills for working independently, for communicating in person and via radio, and for working in a busy, changeable setting.

If interested, please contact:
Sally Schrecker, Operations Manager
St. Louis Ministry Center
64 S. Main St., Pittsford NY 14534
Email: Sally.Schrecker@dor.org
Call: 586-5675, ext. 235

Pray for vocations with Mothers of Lu!
The Mothers of Lu is the remarkable vocations story of mothers from the small Italian village of Lu who met weekly to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life to come from their own families. 323 vocations was the astonishing fruit of the Lu mothers’ prayers!

A 21st Century Mothers of Lu Prayer group has formed in the Diocese of Rochester to pray with the same specific intention of calling priests and religious from our own families.

To join or find out more about the Mothers of Lu, please contact Janene_Loughran@yahoo.com.

Now I Can Hear! Do you have a hearing aid? Since we added the hearing assistance loop to the main body of the church, did you give it a try! Simply use the ‘T’ switch, or telecoil setting on your hearing aid and find the spot in the church that is perfect for your personal hearing level (the two side chapels are not looped, as microphones in the sanctuary would interfere there). Added tip from an experienced user who has trouble hearing: Adjust the volume on the T switch!! Many thanks to the benefactors who made the system possible!

If you would like to remember your loved ones with the celebration of the Eucharist, stop by the Ministry Center and schedule a Mass time that is convenient for you. You may wish to have a Mass offered on the anniversary of death, a person's birthday or a significant date in the person's and your life. You can also arrange this by calling the church office at 586-5675.
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