WE CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST.

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT OUR PARISH LATELY?

Some are saying it’s like we’re on fire. Come to Discovering Christ and see what is happening for yourself! (You may also hear people refer to it as ChristLife.)

Consider what your life would be like in a deeper relationship with Christ. Come explore your questions and find the deeper purpose to your life in this seven-week opportunity to encounter Christ.

Here is what some parishioners are saying:

- Jesus wants me to go to Him and see Him in all people and to receive His love and mercy that He has for us all!! – JoAnn Potter
- It was about "Discovering Life" to me. A deep reaching opportunity to go back into myself to find and heal my spirit. To apologize and ask forgiveness for how I behaved. To love and thank God for all He has given. – Bob Whelan
- Discovering Christ provided an opportunity to spend time with other seekers and work toward a broader understanding of our faith. – Sue Holderle
- I was raised in an evangelical home and came to St. Louis with many misconceptions. Christ Life revealed to me the true beauty of the Catholic faith. – Cynthia Almudevar

Contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org for more information or register online at stlouischurch.org. You’ll find the link for Discovering Christ under “Adult Formation” on the menu bar.
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - AUGUST 21
Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
11:00 am  In Honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci
5:15 pm  Billy Barnes - Family

TUESDAY - AUGUST 22
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
6:45 am  For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am  Gloria Hetterich - Ce DeJoy

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 23
Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
11:00 am  Funeral Mass for Tressa Surdick
5:15 pm  Raymond Mahar - Mary & Family

THURSDAY - AUGUST 24
Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
6:45 am  Joseph Salipante - Bill Conklin
11:00 am  William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family

FRIDAY - AUGUST 25
St. Louis, King of France /Our Patron
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
11:00 am  Rose Simone - Family
5:15 pm  Suzanne Whitehead Mullane - The Aroesty Family

SATURDAY - AUGUST 26
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
9:00 am  Anthony John DiOttavio - Cousin, Carol Sauka
4:30 pm  Edith Foos - Carlisi Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 27
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am  Janice Kelly Maxwell - Family
9:00 am  Joe Cameron - Bonnie Bergen
11:15 am  Robert Kendricks - Peggy O’Neil Midgley
5:00 pm  Gregory Miller - Nancy Werner

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 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 Maria Hoang Thi Phach By Ho Tran & Family.

One lamp will burn In Memory of Maria Nguyen Thi Tinh & Dominic Hoang Phu Binh By Ho Tran & Family.

One lamp will burn In Memory of Janice Streb From her Family.

We Pray for People Facing Serious Illness

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Sunday Communion Service - August 27
The Highlands - Jim Haefner  Heather Heights - Pete & Gerry Shea
Putting It All Together

Prophecy in Israel spanned more than 1,000 years, with four major periods: the early centuries of the Kingdom (11th through 9th centuries BC), the Assyrian crisis (8th century), the Babylonian crisis (late 7th through early 6th century) and the post-exilic time (mid sixth through mid fifth century). Isaiah includes collections from three of the four epochs. The opening chapters address situations in the 8th century BC, long before the Babylonian Exile, another section addresses the hope of return from exile (6th century), while the section we hear from today assumes the exile has happened, ended, and ‘third-Isaiah’ speaks to the people who have returned home. Many scholars maintain that the Isaiah scroll preserves collections of writing from three main authors from three different periods. More recently, some divide the work into two sections. A safe bet: the book’s unity is theological; the unity comes from God’s divine inspiration, not the human authorship. Throughout the Scriptures, teachings, prophecies, laws have been reapplied as new circumstances unfold. The prophets applied tradition to new circumstances, the psalmists did, the historical writers did, and so did Jesus and the Gospel writers. With our passage today: before the exile, foreigners could perform some roles in the temple precincts. Ezekiel, writing during the Exile, wrote against the practice. After the return, this passage in Isaiah finds the middle ground – foreigners can serve the Lord, so long as they keep the Sabbath and hold to the covenant.

So from this passage, and a little study, we can learn how scripture and tradition must be adapted to apply to new, unforeseen circumstances. We can see a divine vision that doesn’t divide the world into ‘us’ and ‘them’, but which has a place of honor, even for foreigners. We can meditate on those holy words, “my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples”, a verse Jesus reapplied during his cleansing of the Temple, as Mark relates that event to us. If ever there was a time to listen to these words, we certainly need to now!!

God Bless You, Paul!

A great preacher, evangelist, missionary, planter of churches – St. Paul was an amazing example of God’s grace accomplishing tremendous things. But his calling was not to be a prophet. As he wrestled with the fact that so many fellow Jews chose not to believe in Jesus, he tried to read the future. Perhaps his Jewish brothers and sisters will become jealous when they see how many Gentiles come to faith and obedience to Christ. That may lead them to embrace the faith. (Remember, Paul was thinking Jesus’s return at the end of the age was imminent.) It didn’t quite turn out that way. Subsequently, the Gospel writers, inspired by the Holy Spirit found ways to adapt Paul’s thinking to the actual events on the ground. The powerful, inspired insight that is timeless: the gifts and call of God are irrevocable. God’s people are still God’s people. That is why Pope St. John Paul II, visiting a synagogue, could refer to the Jewish people as ‘the beloved elder brothers of the Church’. Did you know that the sole scriptural source for Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions is Romans 9-11? In fact, some would say the document picks up where Paul left off. Have you read Nostra Aetate? Find it on line. With anti-Semitism rearing its ugly head these days, knowing what the church teaches is especially important!

Another Foreigner Heard From

Big families can be messy. In Romans 9-11, Paul wrestles with how his Jewish brothers and sisters might fit into, or become part of the same family of God that Paul helped bring together in the growing Gentile church. Matthew, who was in a predominantly Jewish-Christian community, addresses the other side of the coin in our Gospel – how did the Gentiles ever get welcomed into the fellowship of followers of Jesus? What he captures in the story of this Canaanite woman – Gentiles saw in Jesus an answer to their need, they were persistent, Jesus entered into a dialogue with them, and his compassion had the last word: faith and healing. The Canaanite woman in our Gospel is a tremendous example of persistent prayer, even when there is no response at first. Who else is an inspiration to you, an example of persistent prayer? Have you ever let them know they are an inspiration?
2017-2018 Ecumenical Bible Study Leaders Certificate Course

In 2008 and 2009 the St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry offered a Bible Study Leaders Certificate Course at St. Bernard’s aimed at developing competent bible study leaders in the parishes of the Rochester Diocese. In 2012, St. Bernard’s brought that program to the city [Rochester]. The four modules were offered at St. Michael’s, Central Church of Christ and Immanuel Baptist Church. The Sisters of St. Joseph provided scholarships so the 23 inner city participants, 4 of whom were Catholic, would not have to pay tuition.

The 2012 curriculum was made up of four modules: Introduction to Scripture; Hebrew (Old) Testament Scripture; Greek (New) Testament Scriptures; and Ministry.

The 2017 – 2018 program will add two more modules:
- An Elephant in the Neighborhood, a presentation about the high prevalence and low physician recognition of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (V-PTSD) within the impoverished urban population, with consideration to Genesis 1:28 and a presentation of resources available to congregations; and
- Black and Womanist Theology and Liberation Praxis, a presentation of the writings of James Cone and Dolores Williams with consideration of Thomas Oral writings on Onesius and the problem of Philemon with a discussion of Liberation Praxis led by nationally renowned civil rights leader, Rev. Franklin Florence.

Financial support for the 2017-2018 Ecumenical Bible Study Leaders Certificate Course will be for presenter/facilitator honorariums and for Course materials so that the Certificate Course can be offered to inner city residents at no cost.

The 2017-2018 Course begins on September 14. More information can be found at www.stbernards.edu under Continuing Education & Special Events.

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!

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.

Do you like to plant seeds? Do you want to grow faith in the hearts and mind of our young people?

Well … we have an opportunity for you! We are in need of 3 teachers this year and we need YOU.

Tuesdays from 4:30pm-5:30pm – 2nd Grade and 5th Grade
Sundays from 10:00am-11:00am – 2nd Grade

For more information, please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith at the Ministry Center or michelle.andrews-smith@dor.org.

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
Saint’s Place Tutoring Program Orientation

The Saint’s Place Tutoring Program for legal refugees will begin tutoring for the 2017-2018 school year on Monday September 11th at 4:45p.m. at the old Guardian Angels School which is now part of the Marianne Cope tri-parish at 2061 E. Henrietta Rd. The Thursday program will begin at 4:45 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit at 835 South Avenue on September 14th. Both programs end at 6:00 p.m.

There will be an orientation and training session at the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday September 7th. 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.

This experience will enrich your life as well as your students!

If you have any questions contact Geri Dolan at gdola45@rochester.rr.com or 278-8244.

I would like an R.S.V.P. as to whether you will be attending the orientation to plan for materials and food.

Thank you, Gerry

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will begin again this September during the 11:15am Mass. This is geared toward young children, preschool through second / third grade. There is no sign up. If you are at that mass and your child is interested, he or she may join us in the Parish Meeting Hall. Children are led out before the readings and return after the homily. During this session we try to convey the message of that Sunday’s Gospel (or one of the other readings) in a child-friendly way.

If you are interested in helping with Children’s Liturgy during the 11:15am Mass, we can always use some more volunteers! For the past couple of years, we have had some high school leaders and helpers who did a great job! Confirmation candidates – this is something you could do with your sponsor! The more volunteers we have, the less often you will be scheduled. Contact Chrissy Carpenter (755-4747-cell) or wmc1952@aol.com.
We will meet in the Parish Meeting Hall. 

Tuesdays, September 19 - December 5 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm. 

Prayer: Join us for our Bible Study with Jeff Cavins -- Acts of the Apostles.

Sundays, September 17 - November 12 @ 10:00 - 11:00 am. 

The Mass is the main point of contact between Catholics and non-Catholics. Come and learn the purpose and meaning behind each part of the Mass. Enter more fully into this communion between heaven and earth.

Wednesdays starting September 27 @ 7:15 - 8:30 pm. We will meet in the Manse.

Why Be Catholic? 

Among Catholics, 720 French Rd. Cost: FREE! Please register.


Get questions about life? We're inviting you to consider what your life would be like in a deeper relationship with Christ.

Contact Kathryn McAlarney or to register: Kathryn.McAlarney@cor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.
Parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and supporters of the St. Louis School family can now be a permanent part of St. Louis School. If you have a current student in the school, a family member that you would like to remember, are interested in honoring a teacher, past alum or just want to leave a footprint on SLS, consider ordering a commemorative brick.

With a brick in the SLS Legacy Walkway, your personal inscription will live forever at the school that shapes the lives of thousands of children. For additional information, please contact Dawn Schnell at dschnell@rochester.rr.com.

Pilgrimage to Majestic Italy - Spring 2018

I invite you to join myself, the adult choir, and Fr. Juan on an exciting pilgrimage to Italy. We have filled 60 seats with choir members, friends, and family, and are now opening up more space for you to join us! I have designed an exciting 10 day itinerary to "Majestic Italy" which includes an audience with Pope Francis where our choir will sing. The trip dates are April 23 – May 2, 2018 and will include Rome, Orvieto, Florence, Cinque Terre, and Lake Maggiore. Packages are all inclusive for $3,840.00, direct from Toronto, (bus to Toronto included). (Land only packages are available for $3,125.00.)

We will have opportunity to celebrate mass in beautiful spaces with Fr. Juan, and our choir will offer a formal performance in Rome on the prestigious St. Ignatius concert series. If you are interested, deposits are due soon. Please feel free to contact me for enrollment forms and/or more information on this trip. You can reach me (Stephanie Honz), at 586-5675, ext. 251, or e-mail at shonz@rochester.rr.com. We hope you will consider joining us! Stephanie

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Many people know that Catholic Family Center plays an active role advocating for, and welcoming refugees into our community. But did you know that, in addition to helping newly-arrived refugees achieve success, self-sufficiency and integration in our community, CFC also assists Immigrants and Refugees to obtain lawful status, and provides employment preparation, training and placement so that families can successfully enter Rochester's workforce? Learn more at www.cfcrochester.org

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The Greek Church has been very generous to Saint’s Place by allowing us to use their facilities for tutoring the refugees for the past 11 years. If you are able, please support them by attending the Fest or ordering take-out.

SAINT’S PLACE
TEMPORARY DONATION SCHEDULE

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.

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.
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