The Discipline of Learning

Can you believe Labor Day is just two weeks away? Our college students are headed back to college, those entering their first year on the way to orientation. St. Louis School will soon be in tip top shape, ready for the students to return, thanks to our amazing maintenance team, and faithful teachers who are already thinking about getting their classrooms ready. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7th, (the opening school liturgy is September 13th at 9:10 AM. You are invited!). Faith Formation programs, Sacramental Preparation programs, and Adult Faith Formation opportunities are all in place, again thanks to our terrific staff’s hard work these past few months. Seasons of Faith kicks off on September 11th with a new time: dismissal at the conclusion of the 9:00 AM Mass, and a more substantial time for learning, from the dismissal until 11:00 AM. Living Faith begins September 13th. Youth Groups (grades 6-12) begin September 11th following the 5:00 PM Mass and our first monthly youth Mass will be October 2nd. Let the learning begin!

Years ago I might have used the word ‘catechesis’ to speak of these many opportunities, fearing the words teaching/learning could evoke images of a classroom, a blackboard, a lecture, and taking notes. However, nowadays, even in elementary schools (certainly ours!), blackboards are gone, replaced by interactive ‘smart boards’. The teacher standing in front of class lecturing is almost passé, learning groups, and hands on learning are now much more central. Hopefully we all realize learning is an interactive multifaceted process, not just giving information to be absorbed. Not only that. Most folks also understand that, while we may not do it sitting in a classroom, we all do keep learning our whole life long.

Call it learning, catechesis, mystagogia, didache, kerygma; disciple making, faith sharing, growing in Christ: call it what you will, this is at the heart of being church, along with worship, community building, and service. We Believe, We Belong. We Learn. We Grow In Christ. Learning’s centrality is why St. Louis School is such an important mission of our parish, and who we are; why we offer a variety of faith formation or religious education programs for children, why sacramental preparation is so essential, why we offer a variety of ways and opportunities for adults to keep learning, sharing, and growing in faith, growing closer to Christ.

New this year will be a more explicit focus on that very starting point. Why should we learn about our faith? Because Jesus calls us into a life-giving, saving relationship! Once we have begun to experience that relationship with Jesus, we want to know him better, and that sends us to the Bible. We want to have a deeper relationship, and so we share with one another how we experience him in the sacraments. How we experience him in our prayer. How we have experienced him through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

May God bless and guide us, as through learning and faith sharing, we grow closer to Christ. Peace! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - AUGUST 22
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
11:00 am Mary Hayden - Sister, Peg
5:15 pm Gloria Hetterich - DeJoy Family

TUESDAY - AUGUST 23
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
6:45 am Frank Giusti - The DeLeo Family
11:00 am Steven Messina - Work of Our Hands Group

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 24
Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
11:00 am Ray Mahar - Mary & Family
5:15 pm Patricia Jenkins - Gloria & Edmund Viele

THURSDAY - AUGUST 25
Feast of St. Louis
1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
6:45 am Rose Simone - Family
11:00 am Joan Jebb - Adams Family
6:00 pm Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin Mass)

FRIDAY - AUGUST 26
1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
11:00 am Carmella Della Pietra (Anniversary) - Family
5:15 pm Bill Thaney - Family

SATURDAY - AUGUST 27
Memorial of St. Monica
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
9:00 am Margaret Mangione - Gerry Gebbie
4:30 pm Harold Barnes - Babette

SUNDAY - AUGUST 28
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14
7:30 am Maryjean Herberger - St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus
9:00 am John Spisak - Kate & Henry DePippo
11:00 am Elizabeth Maloney - The Mothia Family
5:00 pm Janice Kelly Maxwell - Family

Requiem Aeternam
Telba Olivares
Joanne Fracassi

Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28

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Sunday Communion Service - August 28
The Highlands - Fred & Marie Laple      Heather Heights - Carol Duffy

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 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
In Memory of Dorothy Howe
By Nick & Marcia Mendola.
**THE WORD OF LIFE**

**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*

**Bringing Their Offerings**

Don’t get lost in the strange name places, or the unique means of transport. In our 1st reading, Isaiah offers a grand picture of universality. The God we worship, who first called the people of Israel into a special covenant, did not plan for that covenant to remain forever exclusive. No, even at the beginning, God called Abraham so that all people might be blessed through him. Isaiah makes that very explicit in this passage. People from all far off places will not only come to know God. They will make offerings to the Lord, and God will even choose some from among them to be priests and Levites. This passage could encourage us to give thanks for those who have in fact been called and responded, especially the international priests and seminarians of our diocese, who have come from faraway lands to help us worship the Lord.

While we might not always make the connection, for Isaiah, it was obvious. Relationship with God and bringing an offering go hand in hand. Another thing this reading might invite us to ponder: Have we ever realized that ‘making an offering’ (i.e., contributing to the parish) is a special privilege and right? True, it is a responsibility. But let the Bible open our eyes, and we can begin to see ‘making an offering’ as a privilege. Even a joy!

**No Pain, No Gain**

Strangely, we have no trouble hearing those words when applied to physical training. Of course! As football teams get ready for the season, of course training will involve discipline, serious exertion, tired bodies, a few sore muscles. But that having a strong faith requires discipline? That righteousness is the fruit of training? For some reason, in a secularized society, that doesn’t seem to compute. Our second reading puts it out there. At times, trials, suffering and hardship were viewed as punishment. This passage from Hebrews presents an important corrective. Trials can be a way in which our faith is strengthened, and righteousness becomes part of our life.

So, what about discipline as part of our faith? A good thing to pray about this week!

**Preventing for next week:**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
*Humble yourself the more*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
*Communion with the blessed*

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14  
*Holding a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame and blind*

**The Narrow Way**

Have you noticed lately? Jesus often answers a question by turning it around, or telling a story or a parable. Today he does both. “Will only a few people be saved?” The person was probably looking for a yes or a no. Maybe a number. But instead, Jesus invites his questioner (and by extension, you and me) to enter through the narrow gate. Then he proceeds to let us know that just being familiar with Jesus isn’t enough. What have we done? How have we followed? What have we changed in our life as a result of all that Jesus teaches us? One thing we can be sure of – there will be many surprises in the kingdom of God. Can you think of any who the world might consider last, who could conceivably be first in the kingdom of God? Who? Why? Jesus loves to get us thinking. See how this Gospel might exercise your mind and your spirit!

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

To you, Creator of nature and humanity, of truth and beauty I pray: Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer. Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the vision of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship. Amen.  

~ Pope St. John Paul II

Fr. Rick Frechette will be visiting from Haiti next weekend, August 27/28. He is the Director and founder of St. Damien Pediatric Hospital (recipient of funds we raise with our ornament and corn sales at St. Louis Church), Founder of Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage in Guatemala and Haiti, Recipient of Opus Global Humanitarian Award, and Friend of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

When: Saturday, August 27th at 7pm, St. Louis Church, Pittsford, at a video, Q&A and reception.

Fr. Rick will be at our masses next weekend, August 27/28 (except 5pm Sunday) thanking us for the help we have provided him in Haiti for more than 25 years.
Lupita is someone your heart would go out to. Her husband had to go back to Mexico, so she has become a single mother trying to work and raise her three children in our area. She works hard in her demanding job, as well as trying to be the best mother she can for her children. Central to her role as a parent, is passing along the treasure of her Catholic faith to her children. She knows firsthand that it has been her faith which has sustained her in the many struggles she faces as a migrant worker and parent.

Since she doesn’t have a car, one of Lupita’s challenges is finding transportation to get her children to the faith formation sessions, especially those that prepare her children for the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. Here is where the outreach of our Diocesan Hispanic Migrant Ministry team is so critical. They make sure Lupita’s children have a ride to their education classes and also visit the family to see if there are other ways they can provide support.

The Hispanic Migrant Ministry team receives funding from the Diocese. Some of the parishes in whose territory migrant families live, are facing their own financial difficulties and can no longer keep up their contributions to help “the least of our brothers and sisters.” This ministry needs financial support to continue their outreach to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in this part of our Catholic Community. Fr. Jesus Flores, is the Diocesan Coordinator for the Hispanic Migrant Ministry.

### Fresh is Best

Is your little vegetable garden producing more than you need? The Pittsford Food Cupboard welcomes fresh produce, healthier choices for those without food security. The little garden on the corner in front of the Manse has already provided over 30 pounds to the food cupboards. Drop off some fresh things and tour the cupboards, all in one blessed trip! Pittsford Food Cupboard, 1 Grove Street, Suite 103A, Pittsford. www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net, (585) 264-9860. Look for the green door and the PFC logo. For a large fresh food donation, call parishioner Suzy Ward, PFC Executive Director, (585)746-5676 to arrange for pick-up.

The Food Cupboard is open:
- Tuesdays: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Friday: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 1st & 3rd Saturday:
  - 9:30 am - 11:30 am

### “I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”

Many thanks to all who brought in food this weekend, to help keep the Sister Regis Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry way near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.
Youth Ministry is not complete without all eight components. Where a traditional religious education program puts its focus primarily on catechesis and teaching the faith with one or two other components, and faith formation programs incorporates a few more components, youth ministry by its nature includes it all. Each component builds and interacts with the others helping to form Christian disciples.
“Saint’s Place is sending out an S.O.S. to all of our parishioners. The S.O.S. stands for “Short on Sheets”.

We have depleted our Linen Closet of twin and full size sheets. If you have any sheets residing in your Linen Closet, will you please consider giving us one set? Leave on the porch of Saint’s Place. Thank you so much.” Isabel Miller

**School Items Needed - Most Available at Sale Prices!**

- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper (lots and lots)
- Calculator
- Rulers
- Folders
- Pencil sharpener (lots)
- Composition notebook
- Spiral notebook
- Markers
- Scissors (lots)
- Crayons
- Pens/pencils
- Glue sticks
- Erasers

**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. through Thurs.: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Closed Fridays.  
Phone: 585-385-6860 or saintlady@saintsplace.org or www.saintsplace.org

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**2016 Greek Fest**

**Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit**  
835 South Ave., Rochester

**August 25-28 • Free Admission**

**Thursday 11 am-10 pm**  
**Friday & Saturday 11 am-11 pm**  
**Sunday 11 am - 8 pm**

**Food ~ Music ~ OPA!!**

**Music by the Aegeans, Greek Dancing, Delicious Greek Food & Pastries, Baklava Sundae, Boutique & Much More!**

**Free Parking: Highland Hospital Garage, Adjacent to the Greek Church (Thurs. & Fri. after 5 pm; all day Sat. & Sun.)**

**www.highlandgreekfest.com**

**INFO & TAKE-OUT ORDERS: 585-271-3150**

**The Greek Church has been very generous to Saint’s Place by allowing us to use their facilities to tutor refugees for the past 10 years. If you are able, please support them by attending the Fest or ordering take-out.**

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**Saint’s Place Tutoring Programs Orientation**

The tutoring program for legal refugees for the 2016-2017 school year begin on:

**Mondays, 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm** – Starting September 19 at Old Guardian Angels School, (now part of the Marianne Cope tri-parish at 2061 East Henrietta Road; and

**Thursdays, 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm** - Starting September 15 at Greek Church of the Holy Spirit, 35 South Ave.

An Orientation and training session will be held Thursday, September 8 from 5 - 6PM at the St. Louis Church Parish Meeting Hall. 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 returning and new tutors. Teens, college students, and adults of any age are welcome to tutor. The one hour orientation will be followed by pizza and refreshments.

If you have any questions contact Geri Dolan at gdola45@rochester.rr.com or 278-8244. Please RSVP so we can plan for materials and food.

This experience will enrich your life, as well as your students’ lives!
Latin Mass on the Feast of St. Louis

What a joy, to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint! Besides our regular daily Masses, Fr. Peter will commemorate the occasion with a Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite on the feast day of St. Louis, Thursday August 25th, at 6pm.

The Mass will highlight the saint's musical legacy with liturgical music from the Sainte-Chapelle, the church he built to house the relics of Christ's Passion. From its foundation in the thirteenth century until its destruction during the French Revolution, the Sainte-Chapelle employed a superb ensemble of musicians and world-famous composers. For the Mass on August 25th, a guest schola will sing the "Missa Dulcis amica Dei" by Pierre Certon, the master of the choristers at the Sainte-Chapelle from 1536 to 1572. This music has been newly edited from its sixteenth-century sources for this liturgy, which may be the first time that it will have been sung since its publication in the 1540s. What a wonderful way to enter into prayer, honor our patron saint, and glorify God!
August and Beyond!

Young Adults,
Don’t Miss Out

Theology on Tap
Summer Nights Four-Pack
Monday Nights at 7:00 pm

Beale New Orleans Grille Bar
689 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620

August 22, Prayer: What is it? How do I do it?
With Fr. Justin Miller, Parochial Vicar,
St. Joseph’s Penfield

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

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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 Birdie at 586-5675.

Focus Pregnancy Center
Presents
An evening with
Father Peter Van Lieshout
Thursday, September 8, 6:00 pm
Father will be speaking about Pro-Life issues

St. Patrick Parish Center
115 Maple Avenue, Victor, NY

Complimentary catered meal of deli sandwiches and salads will be served.

We hope you will take this opportunity to support Focus Pregnancy Center and it’s ministries with a kind donation.

RSVP themays73@yahoo.com
Or call Rick Paoletti (585) 489-9555

Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, September 24th; seating at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at Noon. It will be held at the Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way off Lyell Ave.

Our speaker is Mary DeTurris Poust, a writer, editor, public speaker, retreat leader, and Catholic commentator. She has been featured in the Rochester Catholic Courier and on Catholic radio and television. She is Director of Communications for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y.

Confessions available at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program. Early Reservations $18.00; after Sept. 17th $20.00; Student $10.00. No tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Kathy Murty at 436-1284, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

Q&A WITH:

FATHER RICK FRECHETTE, CP, DD
Director of NPH Haiti, Opus Prize Winner and Hollywood Film Festival Humanitarian Award Winner

Saturday, August 27, 2016 @ 7:00PM
St. Louis Church, Pittsford

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