The Chicken or the Egg

You may recall, a few weeks ago I spoke about stages of becoming an intentional disciple. First, one needs to be drawn to trust; in Jesus, in God, in the church, in a disciple – in something or someone connected to Jesus and his Gospel. That trust can lead to curiosity. What is this Jesus all about? I want to know more. As curiosity leads to a better understanding of Jesus, a person may become open to the possibility that Jesus could quite possible change their life. Realizing one’s life could certainly be more fulfilling than it is, this third stage is marked by a willingness to consider change. Openness can then lead to spiritual seeking. How do I encounter Jesus now? How do prayer, the Bible, the sacraments put me in contact with Him; how do they foster a life-giving relationship? What is the Lord asking of me? The last step is making the choice: Here I am Lord. I’m ready to follow you.

In our first reading, though long before Jesus entered the scene, we see Joshua taking the last step, though in his case, it was to be a disciple of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Notice the impact his commitment makes. The people with him recall all God had done for them so far, and they join in making a commitment (a covenant).

In the Gospel we see a similar movement. Some had truly come to know Jesus. The Twelve had moved from trust, to curiosity, to openness, to spiritual seeking: now they were ready. Even if Jesus offered a teaching that was hard to accept, they were ready to throw their lot in with him. They couldn’t imagine going back to the way life was before he had entered their life. They had become intentional disciples.

Remember though, after the crucifixion, John’s Gospel describes how they went back to fishing until Jesus called them to shore. After the miraculous catch of fish, the risen Lord gave Peter a chance to redeem his three denials, then gave him a mission. The point? Stages of discipleship aren’t necessarily a linear, one time progression. We can move back and forth among them.

So why “The chicken or the egg”? Sometimes people progress along the path of discipleship, and upon embracing a relationship with the Lord, and discipleship, they begin to discover their gifts and calling, and begin serving the Lord. For others, it works the other way around. Their compassion leads them to serving God’s people, aka serving the Lord. As they get to know God’s people, including people of faith, they begin the journey of discipleship. For some, it is serving that leads to the relationship, while for others the relationship leads to the call to serve. Either way, a relationship with Jesus and serving others brings life! May the Holy Spirit continue to lead us all along our path to the Lord! Peace, Fr. Bob
## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Monday - August 24
**Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51**
- **11:00 am** Linda Bell - Heather & Frank Affronti
- **5:15 pm** Ray Mahar - Mary Mahar

### Tuesday - August 25
**1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26**
- **6:45 am** Victor Merkel - Wife Ann & Family
- **11:00 am** Rose Simone - Family

### Wednesday - August 26
**1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:37-32**
- **11:00 am** Linda Bell - Saint's Place
- **5:15 pm** Andy Meloni - Lillian Jabour & Cecilia DeJoy

### Thursday - August 27
**1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51**
- **6:45 am** Richard Anschutz - Joe & Carol Forte
- **11:00 am** Harold Barnes - Babette

### Friday - August 28
**1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13**
- **11:00 am** Irene DeSantis - Laura
- **5:15 pm** Margaret “Mig” Martin - Mattina Family

### Saturday - August 29
**1 Thes 4:9-11 Mk 6:17-29**
- **9:00 am** Mary Nolan – Barbara Parson
- **4:30 pm** John Flannery - Janine & Max Chasleton

### Sunday - August 30
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **7:30 am** Jeanne Virgil - Mary Ann & Bob Henley
- **9:00 am** Jane Lennox - Mary & Ed Giblin
- **11:00 am** Margarite Schmitt - Mary Sgabellone
- **5:00 pm** Pat Van Ummerson - Di Novo Family

### 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.

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 Birdie at 586-5675.

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### Saturday & Sunday, August 29 & 30

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### Sunday Communion Service - August 30

The Highlands: Dick & Marcia Hilliard
Heather Heights: Jim Haefner
I can’t capture what we should take home from this text better than Margaret MacDonald, in the Sacra Pagina New Testament commentary series: “There are aspects of the text that are widely recognized among modern Christians as having continuing validity: the transformative power of love, the importance of using one’s relationship with the Lord as a means of discerning how to treat others, and the value assigned to marriage in general.” Sacra Pagina, Colossians, Ephesians, pg 341. Of course, that this passage begins: “Brothers and sister: be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.” should not be missed. Nor the richness of one of Paul’s key points, Christ’s love for, sanctifying of, and cherishing us, the church.

Words of Eternal Life
Spend some time with Peter’s response to Jesus’ question in the Gospel. He doesn’t say ‘we understand completely’, or ‘Of course, Lord, this teaching is obvious.’ No, his response simply indicates a belief that Jesus is the only place to find real answers. Even if some of the things Jesus teaches are hard to understand now, he will eventually lead us into all truth.

Missing how I spent time at the ocean growing up, this image comes to mind. For a while, just watching the surf is great. Then you need to get your feet wet. Diving into a wave is terrific. But swimming in rough surf – that acquaints you so much more with the ocean. Am I ever grateful for those times, and for being able to do the same with the scriptures and the truth of our faith!

Another Chicken or Egg Story
For some people, it is participating more and more fully at Mass that leads them to an appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Next thing you know, they find the beauty of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and Eucharistic Adoration. For others, the path is reversed. They are drawn to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. After spending time with the Lord in that way, they are led to a much deeper appreciation of and participation in Mass. Either way, the encounter with Christ as the Bread of Life, who gives his flesh for the life of the Word is the pearl of great price! Eucharistic Adoration is available 24/7 at St. John of Rochester. A partnership with our neighbors is in the works.


**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

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**On-line Collection**

Month-to-Date: $38,854.67

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**A Prayer for Our Parish**

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble purpose, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be. Amen.

**What is Children’s Liturgy of the Word?**

Children can pray and can learn about scripture, if their age and ability are taken into account. So at Children’s Liturgy of the Word, children typically hear the Gospel and one reading in a child-friendly translation. The leader helps them understand the Bible reading, they pray, and then return to join the rest of the congregation. Parents or grandparents – be sure to send the younger set to this great way to pray with peers and grow into faith!

**Sign Me Up!**

When you come to Mass, do you realize you have found something that has been missing in your life? Do you leave feeling uplifted, ready to do a better job living the next week? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, but aren’t sure where to start? Don’t keep wondering. Please speak with Fr. Bob; you can also call (586-5675) or e-mail Fr. Bob (ring@dor.org) or Cris Wensel, our Pastoral Associate (cwensel@dor.org), and see about taking the next step in your journey of faith. We would love to have you become part of the family!

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT MATTHEW’S CLOSET**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT FOCUS PREGNANCY HELP CENTER**

Focus Pregnancy Help Center is a Catholic-Christian pregnancy center located on University Avenue in Rochester, N.Y. The Center provides access to life-giving alternative solutions for all women who find themselves in crisis pregnancy situations. The Center is staffed completely by volunteers and helps women make the choice for life, whether by parenting or by providing assistance with arrangements for the adoption process. The Center offers support to women during pregnancy and after delivery. Contact can be made at Focusphc@gmail.com.

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

Many thanks to all who brought in food last 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.

**DEAR FR. BOB AND ST. LOUIS PARISHIONERS,**

On behalf of all those who are engaged in the mission of Nativity Preparatory Academy, I want to express our appreciation for the continued support of the St. Louis Church Community and the wonderful gift in the amount of $1,000.00. As you know, we just completed our sixth school year and celebrated our fourth graduation. Once again, all of our graduates have been accepted at the high school of their choice and are eager to continue their educational journey.

We are now in the middle of our summer program and while you might think of this as “summer school”, in reality students actually enjoy “camp.” There is the academic side which is not universally loved, but there are also afternoons filled with organized activities, field trips and enrichment programs. And soon they head for the highlight of the year at the week-long overnight experience at Camp Asbury. This program is an instrumental element of the nativity experience which through your support ensures that summer is a time of learning and progress that is critical to the success of our students.

We again truly appreciate your willingness to continue to invest in the education (and dreams) of our students.

Best regards,
William M. Carpenter
President, Nativity Preparatory Academy

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Please Welcome Father Thomas A. Wantland of Cross Catholic Outreach who is visiting our parish this weekend, August 22 & 23, to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.
**IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING**

We are asking one parent from each family with children in Pre-K through 12th grades to attend a meeting on **either Monday, August 31st at 7:00pm or Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00pm in Church** with Michelle Andrews-Smith and Father Bob. We will be discussing the upcoming changes to the Sacramental requirements and changes in our Youth Ministry programs. The information to be shared is critical for parents with children of all ages, therefore, attendance at this meeting is **encouraged and expected**. Please contact Michelle or Father Bob if you have any questions in regards to this meeting. See you there!

**HELP! I NEED SOMEBODY... HELP! NOT JUST ANYBODY! WON’T YOU PLEASE, PLEASE HELP ME??**

Do I have you humming the Beatles yet? Are you wondering what this has to do with Church? Well, it has a lot to do with Church because I’m in need of some dedicated, fun, faith-filled people who want to hang out with me (Michelle) and our Faith Formation kids to share your faith. We are in need of catechists to join our team as soon as possible. We can’t begin our year on time if we don’t have our team in place, so please, please, pretty please join me on an incredible adventure! Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith at the Ministry Center 586-5675 ext. 233 or at mandrews-smith@dor.org for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE SEPTEMBER 1**

Registration forms for all teens in grades 9-12 have been mailed out. As a reminder, all 9th graders must be registered and attending our High School program as part of Confirmation preparation. **All forms need to be returned no later than September 1st.** If you haven't received one or if you have any questions, please call Michelle Andrews-Smith

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 HAS CLOSED!**

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith at 586-5675 (Ext. 233) or email mandrews-smith@dor.org.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has released a **free online version of the “United States Catholic Catechism for Adults” available in English and Spanish.**

The USCCA online resource is searchable, printable, and shareable. The table of contents provides easy access to each chapter, and the glossary is included as well as the appendices. “The USCCA illuminates Church teaching with stories of Catholics who lived out their faith throughout our country’s history and provides reflections, discussion questions, and prayers to lead readers to a deepening faith.” The free online USCCA is available in English at http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca/index.html and in Spanish at http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca-spanish/index.html. Printed versions can be purchased.

**COMING SOON:**

**ST. LOUIS’ 44th ANNUAL CORN SALE**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13 after all masses to benefit Fr. Rick Frechette’s efforts at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Haiti**

When you visit the Powers Market on Marsh Road, please thank them for their generous 100% donation of corn which their family picks fresh & delivers to church before each mass.

**HELPING OTHERS AFTER A TIME OF LOSS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 7:00PM, MINISTRY CENTER**

St. Louis often has the honor and privilege of celebrating funeral liturgies. It is usually a very busy time for families from the time of death until the celebration of the funeral Mass. Arrangements have to made, guests welcomed, and the energy it takes just to get through the next day can be overwhelming. But what happens after the funeral can be just as overwhelming. All the work of the funeral is complete, the guests have returned home and family is left to carry on. The time after the funeral is probably one of the loneliest times for individuals and families who have lost a loved one. St. Louis wants to assist them through this most difficult time.

We currently have an active Women’s Bereavement Group starting in September and have interest in supporting the start-up of a men’s group. If you are interested in helping to support either group, you are invited to join us. We will be reviewing the first women’s group program and planning for the start of the September women’s group.

On Thursday, August 27 @ 7:00PM in the Ministry Center there will be a gathering for those who may be interested in this type of ministry. Hope you can come! Cris
Pastoral Care Needs Your Help!

We are in need of volunteers willing to give one hour each month to provide Sunday communion services at two of our local assisted living facilities. Each Sunday, parishioners from St. Louis provide a short communion service at The Highlands of Pittsford and Heather Heights. Here is what you are asked to do:

- Pray with residents
- Read Sunday scripture
- Share a brief reflection on those readings
- Distribute the Eucharist to those in attendance

Training and shadowing are provided. Readings and reflection material is also provided. The services are at 10:30am on Sundays. If we have the help of just a few more individuals or couples, we may be able to schedule you for once every 6 weeks. For more information please contact Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org or call the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 224.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ME

If you or a family member is ill, and would like to be included in the weekend 'Prayer of the Faithful', please call the Ministry Center (586-5675) to let us know. You can also come to the sacristy, and the name can be added to the General Intentions there. The same applies to have us pray for a loved one who recently died. To have the prayer request included in the bulletin, please call the Ministry Center or email cwensel@dor.org.

St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus

The Officers of the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus were installed by District Deputy Anthony Angotti on Saturday, July 25. We had the great honor of having our own Supreme Director, Art Harris install our Grand Knight, Rick Whelehan. Father Bob did the blessing for the officers and stayed for our picnic. "Thank you Fr. Bob!"

It was great having you there. Our former District Deputy Bill Stewart and his wife Christa joined us for both events.

Our invited guests and all our families enjoyed the pot luck picnic. Our Grand Knight grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers. A wonderful time was had by all. We will have pictures posted on our bulletin board soon.

Joseph DiPrima was honored as the Knight of the Year for his hard work on membership; Michael Savka and his family were honored as the Family of the Year for his dedication to family and the Knights. Our Grand Knight, Rick Whelehan presented the honors which are for 2015-2016. Both Joseph and Michael have been true Knights of Columbus.

On Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, the Council will hold our C & B drive after all Masses. This is our Charity by the State Council that goes to help the Diocese as well as Seminarians.

Our next Council meeting is on Monday August 24, in the Parish Meeting Hall.

We will begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and the business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM. Our monthly meeting date was changed because all the Officers will be attending a meeting with the State Membership Director on August 17 at St Joseph’s Council in Penfield. (This change was just for August.)

Our business meeting agenda will consist of our C & B sales, schedule of events for the coming year, Saint’s Place, and miscellaneous business.

Please contact one of the members, or our Worthy Grand Knight, and come and Join us! Any Questions? Grand Knight Richard Whelehan can be reached at 585-797-4638 or wheels282@rochester.rr.com.

Magnificat Rochester Breakfast Program

Saturday, September 26, 9:30 am - Noon
Holiday Inn Rochester Airport
911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester
Guest Speaker: Patty Schneier

Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a full course breakfast on Saturday, September 26, 2015; program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at Noon at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester.

Come and be inspired by our guest speaker, Patty Schneier, a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Patty has been speaking at parishes and Catholic Conferences across the United States, sharing her personal testimony. Using song, scripture, and writings from her journal, Patty shares the story of her challenge to God and His daily response. The results were life changing!

Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program. Early Reservations $18.00; after Sept. 21st $20.00; Student $10.00; Clergy & Religious complimentary. Registration required; 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
SAVE these Dates

The Year of Mercy—We Prepare!

Mark Your Calendars Now!
You Won’t Want to Miss These Events!

“I am convinced that the whole Church – which has much need to receive mercy, because we are sinners – will find in this Jubilee, the Year of Mercy, the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.”

~~ Pope Francis

You are invited to join us for two outstanding “Year of Mercy” kick-off events at St. Louis Church, Pittsford

Watch for More Details Next Week!!!!

2015 Fruit of the Vine Conversation Series

“How far can a soul ascend if it let’s itself be possessed entirely by God?”

The question that guided Blessed Oscar Romero’s Life and Mission

Tuesday, September 15th
St. Louis Church, Pittsford
Parish Meeting Hall

7:00pm: Wine and Cheese Reception
7:30pm: Presentation

A limited number of Damian’s book “Archbishop Oscar Romero-A Disciple Who Revealed the Glory of God” will be available for purchase and signing

Dr. Damian Zynda is Director of Formation at the Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford, NY. She earned a doctorate in Systematic Theology and Christian Spirituality from the University of St. Michael’s College at the Toronto School of Theology in 2004. She is on faculty in the Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and St. Meinrad’s School of Theology and Seminary in Southern Indiana.

She is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences and has directed retreats across the USA, Canada, Spain and Ireland. She has published several articles in her areas of expertise and is the author of Archbishop Oscar Romero - A Disciple Who Revealed the Glory of God, her first book published by the University of Scranton Press.

Monday, October 26
7:00pm ~ 8:30pm

Father Jacek Mazur & Rick Paulini from Catholic Radio will speak on “The Virtue of Mercy In Our Lives”

A Two-Night Mission With Frank Runyeon
Parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and supporters can now be a permanent part of St. Louis School. If you have a current student in the school, family member that you would like to remember, 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 dsnell@rochester.rr.com.
GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Begins Tuesday, September 15
Church of the Transfiguration

A newly formed Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Tuesday, 9/15/15. 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 Tuesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - $15.00. 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 margie4@frontiernet.net. Registrations are due by 9/10/15.

Women of St. Louis

Have you ever wondered if you have a problem with alcohol? Has anyone ever told you that you should seek help? There is a Women’s group at St. Louis who meet once a month to deal with this issue and offer support. Call Fr. Bob (586-5675) for a meeting time and place.

St. Louis Bridge Marathon is looking for a few extra bridge players. It’s a friendly group of ladies enjoying the company and stretching our minds. We start in September and we play 8 times a year (once a month - the date is flexible). Contact Dorothy Holmes, (585) 281-3071.
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