Chautauqua

A lake. An Institution. A movement. I understand that now, though when the Lessers, former parishioners from St. Mary Our Mother invited me in ’93 to come to Chautauqua as a chaplain-in-residence, I had no idea. The Institution’s beginnings date to 1874, when Rev. John Vincent and businessman Lewis Miller organized the first Chautauqua Lake Sunday School Assembly. Designed as a summer adult education/enrichment opportunity for Sunday school teachers, the assemblies provided exposure to speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists in various fields. The movement expanded rapidly, with several hundred ‘daughter’ Chautauquas being established. Later the movement declined, though the ‘mother’ Chautauqua has remained strong, undergoing a variety of transformations.

Over the course of nine weeks, Chautauqua Institution, quoting their website, ‘comes alive each summer with a unique mix of fine and performing arts, lectures, interfaith worship and programs, and recreational activities.’ Each week is themed, giving focus to the main morning lecture series in the Amphitheater, the afternoon lectures in the Hall of Philosophy (an open air Greek Temple-like structure), and sometimes even the musical performances. The themes provide an opportunity for all interested to hear in-depth insights from leaders on the front line, while encouraging attendees from around the country to engage in informed discussion about important issues of the day. While I was there, the theme was ‘Turkey: Model for the Middle East?’ Lecturers in the political forum included a chief advisor to Prime Minister Erdogan, an award winning Turkish journalist facing trial next month, and other scholars and business leaders. The afternoon interfaith lectures surveyed the history of Christianity in Turkey, the Ottoman Empire, the transformation effected by Ataturk, and the current situation for people of each faith. Early mornings included an opportunity to learn about Sufism, and Sufi prayer.

Where else is there a platform for learning together, and informed, civil, constructive discussion among Christians of every denomination, Jews, Moslems, Baha’i, Unitarians, and even agnostics? There is ecumenical prayer every morning; faith-specific prayer services as well. Several worship services were led by four gifted young people in the Abrahamic Program for Young Adults, bringing together those of Christian, Jewish and Islamic faith.

Chautauqua boasts a summer orchestra in residence, a ballet company, theatre company, opera company; each hosting young performers who are learning the art, performing, as well as providing the students opportunities to perform. One can walk past beautiful historic Victorian cottages (all with amazing gardens!), guest houses, a grand hotel; a quaint Chapel of the Good Shepherd, shared by Episcopalians & Catholics, where Mass is celebrated every day. Denominational Houses provide residential as well as gathering space, i.e., the Catholic House, the Methodist House, the Baptist House, Jewish Life Center, etc. Add too an opera house, a theatre, a state-of-the-art new chamber music hall, art galleries, practice rooms for the talented young musicians, a club house for the sports programs for children, a beach, cafes, a library. It was great to go! It is also great to be home! God bless you all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - August 26
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
11:00 am  Helen Janak - Jeanette Fisher
5:15 pm  Bill Thaney - Holland Family

TUESDAY - August 27
Feast of St. Monica
1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
6:45 am  Richard Darroch - Anthony & Francis Minniti
11:00 am  Harold Barnes - Daughters

WEDNESDAY - August 28
Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
11:00 am  Ned Cunningham - Dr. & Mrs. George Anderson
5:15 pm  Maria Carmen Garcia - Adelia Sackley

THURSDAY - August 29
Passion of John the Baptist
1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29
6:45 am  For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am  Mary Nolan - Barbara Parson

FRIDAY - August 30
1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
11:00 am  Rosa Guerra - Olivares Family
5:15 pm  John Serafine - Julie Lawther

SATURDAY - August 31
1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
9:00 am  Samuel & Geraldine Di Palma - Family
4:30 pm  Martha Serio - Ronald Serio

SUNDAY - September 1
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am  Martha Serio - Family
9:00 am  Dorothy L. Sherwood - Peter & Mary Beth Sullivan & Family
11:00 am  Susan W. Barber - William Kunz Family
5:00 pm  Mildred Butler - Josephine Ambrette

Saturday & Sunday, August 31 and September 1. Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - September 1
The Highlands: Dick Lenio       Heather Heights: Mary Lou Broderick

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.

Three Sanctuary Lamps will burn In Memory of Martha Serio by Husband & Children.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE RETURNING TO COLLEGE,
ALL OF THOSE RETURNING TO SCHOOL, AND FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL.
Bringing Their Offerings
Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we enter a time-beyond-time. We are on the plain, as Jesus multiplies the loaves and fish to feed the hungry multitude (us). We are in the upper room, at the Last Supper, as Jesus broke bread with his disciples (us). We are at the end of the journey on the road to Emmaus, recognizing him in the breaking of the bread. And in light of our readings today, we are also anticipating, experiencing a foretaste of the great banquet at the end of time. So when the collection is taken up today, and the offerings brought forward, realize it is that offering spoken of by Isaiah in the 1st reading.

Moving to the Fall Schedule
School is starting up, and effective the 3rd week of September, morning Bible study with Fr. Bob will move back from Wednesday mornings to Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM. No experience necessary, come whenever you can!

ST. LOUIS PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
12:15 PM
(FOLLOWING 11:00 AM MASS
RAIN OR SHINE
HOTS, HAMBURGS, SALADS
ASSORTED BEVERAGES AND DESSERTS
ALL ARE WELCOME
to ATTEND
THIS FAMILY EVENT!
WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU THERE
SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

August 18
Attendance .......... 1,409
Collection ............ $13,479.00

God bless you! Are you visiting with us today? Welcome! We love to have you with us, and hope that you felt warmly welcomed, at home even. Our home is your home! We pray that your experience of liturgy here was uplifting, and helped you experience God’s presence in the Word proclaimed, the prayers prayed, the music sung, the Eucharist offered and shared. If you were able to contribute, we are very grateful!

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”
Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep Sister Regis Food Cupboard stocked. If the third weekend of the month doesn’t always work for you to bring in food, at the entrance by the grand piano at the front of church, there is a drawer for contributions to the food cupboard where you can donate any time. There is also a basket in the Narthex near the handicapped entrance where contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

No Waste Here!
Posted in the kitchen of the Parish Meeting Hall is a list of places that accept donations of left-over, perishable food, whether from coffee hour, or any other function. Thank you helping get food to where it is needed and appreciated!

Help Wanted: Volunteers to Teach 6th-8th Grade Religious Education
Crossroads, the middle school religious education program, is looking for volunteers to help teach. We meet Monday nights, October through April from 6:45-8:00 pm. Teaching volunteers will work in pairs with small groups of about 12 students. Lesson plans and materials are provided. You do not need to be an expert in the faith, just have a desire to learn and work with kids. If you are interested or have questions, contact Robin Hill at walimu@hotmail.com.

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SAINT’S PLACE

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ST. PETER’S KITCHEN

St. Peter’s Kitchen, 681 Brown Street, has served the needy residents in the area for 30 years. It is a Nutritional Hot Lunch Program, which staff and volunteers provide for a noon meal, Monday - Friday throughout the year. They serve an average of 160 men, women and children a day. In addition to meals, they provide clothing, household items, medical prescription help, and assistance with job and various other applications. Emergency service is also available to help with rent, security deposits, legal matters, transportation and bus fares. Currently they seek funds to replace the handicapped wheel chair lift, in order to comply with City of Rochester codes.

ANNOUNCING:
St. Louis’ 32nd CORN SALE

After all masses Sat./Sun., Sept 7 & 8 (weekend after Labor Day) To benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Tabarre, Haiti Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette, Medical Director

For 32 years, the a-m-a-i-z-z-i-n-g-y generous Powers Farm Market Family on Marsh Rd. has planted a field of delicious corn to lessen World Hunger. Totally pro bono, they also harvest the crop and bring it to St. Louis fresh just before each Mass to raise funds that support the efforts of our parish friend Fr. Rick Frechette. Find info about St. Damien’s at: www.friendsoftheorphans.org/haiti

Donations from the Corn Sale will be doubled by 2 anonymous donors totaling up to $1,000,000. If you are able to help bag corn for a few minutes before/after your mass, please call Dick and Joanne Thomas (chairs) at 381-8252.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION IN SIGHT BUT HELP IS STILL NEEDED

We expect to complete construction of our Habitat house by the end of August. Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped out at the building site! For those who have wanted to volunteer, now is the opportune time to lend a hand as we are down to painting and finishing touches and lately have been short-handed.

Can you help? To schedule a work day, go to http://www.volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.Asp?o=238
If you would like assistance registering or signing up for dates, call our St. Louis Scheduling Team: Kathleen Anderson (585-385-7601) Brian McMahon (585-383-6005)

Thank you!!!
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF ROCHESTER will be sponsoring a 10-week hope and healing program for the separated, divorced and widowed. Sessions will be held at Good Shepherd School, 3288 E. Henrietta Road beginning September 10th from 7-9 p.m. The course will follow the book, “Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends” by Bruce Fisher. For more information or to register call Sue at 585-413-3212 or Maureen at 585-350-8926 or e-mail beofrochester@gmail.com. For more information visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Do You Have a Penchant for Cleaning? Volunteers are needed to give the school a good scrubbing over the summer. This is a great opportunity for service hours by washing fingerprints off the walls, washing desks and so forth. If you are detail-oriented and thorough when cleaning, this type of work is for you! Remember, “cleanliness is next to Godliness!” If interested in helping us, please call Sally Schrecker at 586-5675, ext. 235 or email her at sschrecker@dor.org.

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.

September Day of Prayer, Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-394-5700

Jonathan Cahn: “The Harbinger” and the Isaiah 9:10 Judgement
Presented by Fr. Paul Miller, C.Ss.R

Join us for this two-part thought provoking visual presentation of a Biblical Prophecy that may well be foretelling America’s future.

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation for this day. The fee is $25.00 which includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9:00am with refreshments and concludes with mass beginning at 2:00pm.
“YOU” CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As the summer begins to fade away and our thoughts turn to fall, school and other activities, please consider sharing your time and talents with Saint’s Place. For over 15 years, Saint’s Place has been assisting newly arrived refugees in the Rochester area. As our ministry continues to grow and thrive, we need more volunteers to help us achieve our many goals.

Volunteers are needed to help with deliveries and picking up donations. You must be able to lift. A four hour commitment once a week or once every two weeks would be a great help!

Volunteers are also needed at the clothing closet at St. John of Rochester and for sorting and setting up household items for the refugees at 46 South Main Street. Flexible hours.

There are also tutoring opportunities. (See article on page nine.) Please call 385-6860 for more information about opportunities to volunteer. Stop by any morning, Mondays thru Thursdays (closed Friday), to see the operation. All are welcome!

SAINT’S PLACE NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS, YOU COULD BE THAT VOLUNTEER.

HELP US GIVE ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE A FAMILY OF FRIENDS TO TURN TO FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT AND FELLOWSHIP.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

- Backpacks
- Markers
- Loose leaf paper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Calculator
- Rulers
- Pens/pencils/erasers
- Folders
- Glue sticks
- Pencil sharpener
- Composition notebook
- Spiral notebook

WISH LIST

☐ LARGE SAUCE PAN
☐ POTS AND PANS
☐ KITCHEN TABLES & CHAIRS
☐ COFFEE TABLES
☐ DRESSERS (SMALL)
☐ BEDDING

Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Colleen Knauf, 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., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.

Phone: 585-385-6860. Fax: 585-385-3963 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org
Register for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs for the 2013-2014 School Year!!

You can register online but please send in your payment as soon as possible so we can complete the registration. You can also pick up registration forms at the Ministry Center, 64 So. Main St., on the counter in the Narthex area at the back of church or by the VBS bulletin board; and include your payment with the completed form.

Please read all information very carefully so your child’s registration is not delayed because of incomplete requirements.

Specific information about our programs can be found on our web site: www.stlouischurch.org

Here are some Guidelines and Requirements:

- Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Louis Church.
- Public school children, kindergarten through eighth grade, are required to be in a religious education program every year.
- Sacramental preparation programs of First Penance, Confirmation and First Communion are separate programs in addition to children receiving their religious education through one of St. Louis’ programs or Catholic school.
- For a child to prepare to receive a sacrament, they ideally should be in a religious education program or Catholic school for at least one year prior to the preparation program.
- Parents are asked to actively participate and help in our programs.

If you are new to our parish or have children who will be coming of age to enroll into one of our programs, please call Sue Payne at the Ministry Center, 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org for details of what you need to do to register.

So we can plan for the coming year, please register NOW for your child’s religious education program and their sacramental preparation program.

Future Members of the St. Louis Council of the Knights of Columbus

We now have enough members to start a Council at St. Louis, but we would like more men to join! If you have not yet signed a form 100 (application), please contact one of the following persons:

- William Stewart, DD: bcestewart1964@gmail.com or phone 406-3717;
- Roland Schindler: rrschindler@yahoo.com, or phone 385-1696;
- Dick Hilliard: bwolf@hotmail.com, or phone 943-1106.

We are now in the process of setting up 1st and 2nd Degrees for those of you who have not taken them. You will be contacted in the very near future as to when they will be. Those of you who are already Knights will also be contacted because we would like everyone there. Again, if you have any questions, please contact one of the men listed above.

Saint’s Place Tutoring Program Orientation

The Saint’s Place Tutoring Program for refugees begins tutoring for the 2013-2014 year on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the old St. Boniface School at 330 Gregory Street. The Thursday program begins on September 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit at 835 South Avenue. Tutoring is for one hour.

The orientation and training session at the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall is on Thursday, September 5 at 5:00 p.m. 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. Pizza and refreshments follow the orientation which usually lasts about one hour.

If you have any questions, contact Geri Dolan at gdola45@rochester.rr.com or 278-8244. Please R.S.V.P. as to whether you will be attending the orientation and/or video so I can plan for materials and food.
CELEBRATE EACH OTHER EVERYDAY!!

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. Recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year — birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Challenge each family member to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated.

These days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. In this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted.

As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

Jesus told the people that in order to enjoy heaven some day, they must put others' needs before their own needs. Sometimes we think the way to be successful is to push ahead of others so we will be first and they will be last.

In most games that we play, the way to win is to be first. To be first, we usually have to think only about ourselves. Jesus teaches us that it is more important to think of others. He teaches us that, to be first in his eyes, we have to think of ourselves last and put others first. That means that we have to be aware of the needs of others.

Living Our Strengths

Yes, plans are underway for sessions this Fall. Living Our Strengths is a powerful process for taking an inventory of our gifts and talents, and turning them into strengths in service. Watch the bulletin for details!

OF MOTHERS AND SAINTS: PRAYER AND HOPE

This week, we celebrate the feast-days of two saints who share a common and interesting story: St. Monica (Tuesday, August 26) and her son, St. Augustine (Wednesday, August 27).

From Catholic.org: St. Augustine was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in immoral living and false beliefs. Brought up a Christian, he suffered from sins of overwhelming impurity, laziness and pride. Through the prayers of his mother and the wonderful preaching of St. Ambrose, he finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. We read in St. Augustine's Confessions of the perils of his former life: “I had destroyed myself, but He who made me remade me.” St. Augustine is one of 33 Doctors of the Catholic Church, the Doctor of Grace and the Doctor of Doctors. His complete turnaround and conversion have been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

St. Monica is remembered as a model of the virtuous mother. Much of what we know of her revolves around her son, and the long seventeen years in which she prayed and labored for his salvation. However, earlier in her life, she had been married to Patritius, a pagan man of frequent short temper and dissolute habits. The power of her prayers is attested by her husband's eventual conversion, shortly before his death.

Why are we highlighting the lives of saints during this Year of Faith? From USCCB.org, “the saints are timeless examples of how to live a Christian life, and they provide endless hope. Not only were they sinners who kept trying to grow closer to God, but they also exemplify ways a person can serve God: through teaching, missionary work, charity, prayer and simply striving to please God in the ordinary actions and decisions of daily life.” Remember: we are ALL called to be saints, and we can help ourselves and others through prayer, setting good example and hope.

If you would like further information, please see me after Mass sometime, or contact me at Ideacondave@gmail.com.

God bless,
Deacon Dave
Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser
Sticky Lips BBQ
Today, Sunday August 25
1:00 - 6:00 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 28 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford

Tickets cost $10 each for a choice of a quarter chicken dinner with two sides and cornbread or a pulled pork entree with two sides.

All proceeds are for Habitat for Humanity. St. Paul is one of our Habitat Interfaith coalition partners.

CREATIVE CALL

Are you dedicated to excellence and passionate about singing challenging choral music? Do you want to be in a choir of men and women that is small enough so every voice counts? Do you read music and are available for rehearsals on Monday evenings in Pittsford? If so, join The Lyric Chorale for the 2013-2014 season which will include our holiday concert, annual cabaret and spring concert.

Please e-mail yulecmusicnme@rochester.rr.com to arrange for an audition between 7 and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27 at St. Louis Church, 64 S. Main Street, Pittsford or visit our website at www.lyricchorale.org to learn more about us and arrange for a different audition time.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Last Session of the 2013 Summer Series for Catholics and friends in their twenties and thirties!!!

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 pm
Being a Christian in Everyday Life:
Living the Good News in the World
With Dr. Damian Zynda, Th.D., Christian Formation Director, Church of the Transfiguration
@ Johnny’s Irish Pub,
1382 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14609

For more information call 328-3228x1218.
Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface, and the Office of Vocations.

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PRAYER AND LITURGICAL LEADERSHIP

Prayer is the expression and the longing of the human heart to meet the living God. This course, offered at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, will introduce the student to the dynamics of communal (or liturgical prayer) as well as provide practical guidelines on liturgical leadership within a faith community. Mondays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2:30 – 5:00 PM. Cost is $100. Register at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657 ext. 289 for more information. Video conferencing available to Apalachin, Auburn, Hornell and Watkins Glen.

The Church of the Transfiguration invites all Women to their Women’s Day of Retreat
“Dreams and Spiritual Growth”
Saturday, September 21, 2013
10:00am—4:00pm

Keynote Speaker:
Sr. Janice Bachman, O.P., M.S., M.B.A.

Program Overview: Working with our dreams can be an important way to uncover our call to holiness and wholeness and thus, deepen our relationship with God.

Fee: $35 (includes lunch)

PLEASE REGISTER by September 1st as seating is limited
To REGISTER contact Meg Kastner @ 248-2467 or mkastner@dor.org

Payment can be made at the door OR you may send payment via check made out to The Church of the Transfiguration and send to the Parish Office:
Attn: Meg Kastner,
50 W. Bloomfield Rd.
Pittsford, NY 14534
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