WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The created world is a gift. As children of God, we are called to be stewards of the rich, natural heritage that surrounds us. Pope Francis has declared September 1st the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” and invites us to be the guardians of God’s great handiwork!
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - August 27**
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
11:00 am Anthony & Mary Valenti - Palmesano Family
5:15 pm Onofre Martin, Jr. - Malik Family

**Tuesday - August 28**
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
6:45 am Ossan Zeitounzian - Thomas & Virginia Mulford
11:00 am Eveltina - Carmen

**Wednesday - August 29**
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29
11:00 am Mary Nolan & Family - Barbara Parson
5:15 pm Kenneth Rizutto - Family

**Thursday - August 30**
Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
6:45 am Victims of Abuse
11:00 am Marcella Schaarschmidt - Jim & Linda McCauley

**Friday - August 31**
1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
11:00 am Marty Serio - Husband
5:15 pm Hope M. Messmer - Birch Family

**Saturday - September 1**
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
9:00 am Geraldine Guerinot - Husband, Jerry (Anniversary)
4:30 pm Loretto Keck - Ruth Tracy

**Sunday - September 2**
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
7:30 am People of our Parish
9:00 am Gerald Clifford - McKenna Family
11:15 am Jessie Capuano - Joe & Gerry DiNoto & Family
5:00 pm Florence Cufari - Mr. & Mrs. Arena

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.

One Lamp will Burn for Mary Ann Dyjak
By Mother, Theresa Figura

One Lamp will Burn for John
By Grandma

One Lamp will Burn for Carlie
By Mom

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**Pray for**

Timothy Leary
Gertrude Parson
Fr. Laurence C. Tracy

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**Saturday & Sunday, September 1 & 2**

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Sunday Communion Service - September 2
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley
Heather Heights - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

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The Bread of Life
Make Your Choice
In our 1st reading, the wandering in the desert is over. Those delivered from Egypt have settled in the Promised Land. Joshua proposes that now is the time to make a choice. Do they wish to assimilate, and adopt the God and religion of those among whom they now live, the Amorites, or will they remain committed to the God of Abraham, who raised up Moses, led them out of slavery in Egypt, made a covenant with them at Mount Sinai, and led them across the Jordan? Joshua makes it clear where he stands, a beautiful profession of faith: ‘As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’

How do we get from Joshua in our 1st reading, to today’s Gospel? In both cases, folks are presented with a choice. The people can choose to stay with Joshua, God’s servant who led them across the Jordan and into the Promised Land, or they can head off in their own direction, blending in with the people of the land. At the end of Jesus’s teaching about the Bread of Life, folks similarly have a choice. Stay with Jesus, or go back to the way they were before, and leave Jesus and his message aside, since this particular teaching is hard to understand and accept.

The Lord continually extends an invitation, asking us, through these readings, the same question he asked the Twelve: “Do you also want to leave.” Making it look like a plain yes or no is simplifying a bit, designed to put the need for a decision in higher relief. Experience tells us there are actually multiple choices. We can leave all together. We can stay, but just because we are curious. There is the ever popular following half-heartedly. Then there is full commitment, like Joshua. Some choices lead to life. Some to death. One choice IS life. Want a life-changing relationship with Jesus? Consider signing up for Christ Life.

Another Hard Teaching
The Christians were still an outlawed minority in a hostile Roman culture when Ephesians was written. Preserving the cohesion and identity of the Christian community was crucial. (Did you know that rules about marrying only within one’s own ethnic or religious community are called endogamy rules?) Yet having household codes of behavior that were too threatening to the governing majority would put the nascent Christian community and its members in more danger. All that is swirling around as this passage from Ephesians was being written. Imagine writing about marriage today, with all that has happened in the last few months, and someone reading it almost two thousand years later!

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.

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 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. We have partnered with them in this powerful devotion. Check with Deacon Dave for details.
Supporting Our Parish

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Online Collection: $49,075.68

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.

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 or e-mail Fr. Bob or Kathryn McAlarney, one of our Pastoral Associates, and see about taking the next step in your journey of faith. We would love to have you become part of the family!

“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.

St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, located at 417 South Avenue, Rochester, is rooted in the caring tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The center provides comprehensive physical and mental health services to uninsured and under-insured people in and around Rochester, serving approximately 3,500 individuals a year, with 70% of clients and patients who are the working poor. Approximately 1000 walk-in clients, many of them homeless, are also served each year with use of the Center's telephone, fax/copier and mailing address. Bread, hygiene bags, and referrals for food/clothing/shelter and apartment rentals are also provided.

For more information on the Center or for ways in which you can volunteer your time, please go to www.sjncenter.org.

St. Louis' Haiti Team Announces Our Parish's 48th Annual Corn Sale

After all our masses on September 8/9, to benefit state-of-the-art St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti’s only children’s hospital free to the indigent—a very successful endeavor of parish friend, Passionist priest and physician Fr. Rick Frechette, helping Haitians to learn 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

Corn (as over almost a half century planted) harvested and donated pro bono by the Powers Farm Family.

More info: www.nphusa.org/stdamien

To help with St. Louis Church’s fundraising efforts, please call Marcia Mendola at 585-381-6872.

Future events:

- Oct. 20—Haiti documentary film screening at Little Theatre with entertainment following
- Dec. 1 and 2—37th Annual Ornament Sale after all masses at St. Louis and in stores
A Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, 9/5/18. 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 Friday, 8/31/18.
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.

Games will be on Saturdays and Sundays (dates and teams TBD).

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 Faith Formation office at pstlouisff@dor.org if you would like to become involved in this exciting ministry.

Philosophy
Our philosophy at St. Louis is that athletics and recreation are important to the well-being of the person. Sports and competition can help us to grow into a better person, but we must always put people before competition. We do not have any team that requires making cuts or limiting the participation of many in favor of the few. We recognize the competitive world our young people are raised in, and we believe that our Church must be a safe haven where kids and youth are free to play and enjoy, and where families can refresh.

It is with great pleasure that our parish provides constructive opportunities that lead to positive youth development through CYO Athletics. It is our mission to provide a program that emphasizes the proper ideas of ethical conduct and sportsmanship. We want to offer all children in the parish and school the opportunity to develop their spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being as a team player. We emphasize that an athletic event is "just a game" and we provide coaches and adult role models who instill the proper respect, courtesy, and leadership that our young people need and deserve.

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!!!
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 wme1952@aol.com.

Magnificat Rochester (a ministry to Catholic Women) invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, September 8; seating begins at 8:30 a.m. - program starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12 Noon at the Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way, (off Lyell Ave) Gates. Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and at the end of the program.

Our speaker will be Fr. Bill Moorby (a classmate of Fr. Bob’s!) Fr Bill has been a priest for the Diocese of Rochester for 36 years. “My journey to the priesthood was a journey that I had not expected…. ” Come hear about it!

Reservations $20.00; after Sept.1st: $22.00; Student $12.00; 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.

A LEGACY OF

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE and FAITH

St. Louis School
Legacy Walkway

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.
Opportunities to Grow Spiritually

We’re Back!!

Explore faith topics over a cup of coffee with a great group of folks.

This week’s topic: Anti-Fragile Christianity

Being protected from the hardships of life can be a good thing, especially for children, but what happens when suffering becomes inevitable? If we choose to live an authentic Christian life, we need an "anti-fragile" faith that, not only endures, but is strengthened by the suffering and hardships that will come.

Where: The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)
When: Sunday, 10:00-10:50 (between the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses)
For more information, please email Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org.

Curious About Catholicism?

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, or think you might like to become Catholic, where do you turn?

Join us for an evening where you can come and ask questions, or just listen to test the waters. This is a perfect opportunity for seekers and inquirers to find out if you are being called to become Catholic. All are welcome!

When: Wednesday, August 29th
Time: 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
For more information or to let us know you’re coming, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675 ext 224

Two Great Ways to Stay Connected!

Like us on Facebook!
St. Louis Church, Pittsford
@stlouischurchpittsford

Visit Our Website!
StLouisChurch.org

Check out our website for information that will keep you connected! This is a great place to start if you need to register for programs, see past and present bulletins, even read your favorite homilies! Be sure to see the resources listed under Adult Formation!

Find out why we are calling this the cornerstone of our adult formation!

We’re inviting YOU to 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.

When: Thursdays, 6:15-9:00 p.m.
Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 8
(includes a retreat on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.)

Where: St. Bernard’s, 120 French Rd. Rochester
Cost: Free (Dinner is included!)

This program is transforming hearts and forging friendships!

More information and registration is at stlouischurch.org/discovering-christ
Or contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org
**THANK YOU FROM SAINT ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD**

Dear Friends at Saint Louis Church,

Thank you ever so much for being so mindful of our work and the poor this summer and all seasons. We send our gratitude: it is good to have such wonderful friends!

Margaret

For information on volunteer opportunities please go to: goo.gl/hbgGPn

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**Out of the DARKNESS**

**COMMUNITY WALKS**

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

Join the Saint Louis walking team to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide

Many parishioners at Saint Louis have had their lives deeply impacted by suicide within their families. My own family lost our beautiful 13 year old Leah, who took her own life five years ago. Please consider joining our walking team and/or donating generously. You can do this by going to our Facebook page and clicking the team link (www.facebook.com/stlouischurchpittsford), calling Cynthia Clarke at the ministry center (585-586-5675 ext. 234) or by responding generously to the personal invitation of a parishioner who may approach you with a request for your involvement.

Sunday September 23rd
1:00-3:00, Genesee Valley Park

~WATCH BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS~

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**THANK YOU FROM HOMES OF HOPE INDIA**

Total from parish tithing and poor box donations: $1996.95!

Dear Saint Louis Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. I think the perfect place to put it toward is our newest Home of Hope, Alphonsa Home, in Assam where we have many disabled girls. We will put these funds toward equipping the physical therapy room so that these kids can build their muscles...and their confidence. Many thanks!

Paul Wilkes
Founder & Executive Director
Home of Hope India
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**With Open Hands...**

**Join our Prayer Network!**

As the Body of Christ, we help each other out and hold each other up by joining our spiritual hands in prayer for one another. We can pray in the comfort and quiet of our own homes, privately in a public place or with the assembly of God’s people. Prayer is an activity open to people of all ages and all stations in life. There are truly no limits!

“With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.” [Ephesians 6:18]

We accept prayer requests, share them with only those in the network, and pray for each other, our loved ones and friends through the challenges of life. If you would like to participate in a prayer network for the needs and people of St. Louis Church, please call Cathy Malik in the Ministry Center at 585-586-5675.
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