The Eucharist and Poverty

In the Gospels we see over and over that Jesus had a special love for the poor, a love reflected in the ministry of Pope Francis as well. In Church teaching, it is called the preferential option for the poor. Many of Jesus’ parables challenge us to examine our generosity to those in need, and to be honest about how we see and respond to the poor: Do we see those who are poor as brothers and sisters? Do we believe we should listen to them and can learn from them? Do we take seriously their plight, and our responsibility?

True Christ-like love is present in all of the consistent life ethic issues, with a recognition of human poverty. Is the woman considering abortion lacking compassion, material resources and emotional support? If our system enacts the death penalty, is it out of a poverty of patience and mercy? What societal, emotional and spiritual deprivations exist with those who choose violence? Are those dealing with serious illness and end of life issues feeling alone? All of these concerns point to an emptiness that only love can fill.

At the center of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist is the sacrament that sustains us throughout life’s journey. We are filled with the full and true presence of Jesus each and every time we receive his sacred body and blood. Jesus was purposeful in giving us Himself as food, filling us physically and spiritually. He wants us to know that we cannot live fully without Him and that His sacrifice and love for us fill whatever we lack, in ways we can never fully comprehend. Listening to chapter 6 of John’s Gospel these weeks, this is a great time to think more deeply.

How might the Eucharist be calling you to something new in your life? Is it to give more of your resources? Are you feeling led to support causes that promote justice and honor human dignity? Do you know a neighbor who is lonely, an isolated co-worker or a fatigued care-giver who could use a friendly, unrushed visit?

The Eucharist is the love of Christ personified. Nutritionists tell us, "You are what you eat." The Eucharist nourishes us, strengthens us and calls us to "hear the cry of the poor." We seek to answer the call of the Eucharist by being the face of love to all of "the poor" wherever they may be.

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us Yourself so fully and perfectly in the Eucharist. We ask that as you help us grow in wisdom and awe of your Love so freely given to us, that we may be Your face of love to all of Your children, especially the poor.

Amen.
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - August 6**
**Feast of the Transfiguration**
**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10**
11:00 am Kenneth Rizzuto - Barry Family
5:15 pm Geraldine Guerinot - DeBloom Family

**Tuesday - August 7**
**Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-26 or 15:1-2, 10-14**
6:45 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Mary Mezzacappa - Young Family

**Wednesday - August 8**
**St. Dominic**
**Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28**
11:00 am Mary Ann McCabe - Messina Family
5:15 pm Mary Ann Dyjak - Family, Theresa Figura

**Thursday - August 9**
**Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23**
6:45 am Deceased Deacons of Our Diocese
11:00 am Howard Kirst - Doris & Family

**Friday - August 10**
**St. Lawrence**
**2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26**
11:00 am Matthew Shapiro - Family
5:15 pm Mary Ann Dyjak - Family, Theresa Figura

**Saturday - August 11**
**St. Clare**
**Hb 1:12-2/ Mt 17:14-20**
9:00 am For all Franciscans
4:30 pm Jill & Frank Reichenbach - Family
& Ken Rizzuto - Linda & Bob Wayland-Smith

**Sunday - August 12**
**1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51**
7:30 am Karl Borchart - Family
9:00 am Janice Kelly Maxwell - Family
11:15 am William H. Perham Jr. (Anniv.) - Family
5:00 pm Ho Dinh Tran - Family

**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 In Loving Memory of Dr. William J. O’Neil by Family
One Lamp will Burn In Memory of Margaret F. O’Neil by Family
One Lamp will Burn In Memory of John R. Serrano by Marie & Karen Serrano

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Sunday Communion Service - August 12
The Highlands - Jane Sutter Brandt  Heather Heights - Julian Smith
The Challenge of Freedom
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The dynamics are equally true today. It would be wonderful if, as soon as a dictator is overthrown, a nation is ready to become a democracy. The evidence that it doesn’t work that way is all around us. But this can also apply much closer to home. Addiction is a form of slavery. Ask anyone in recovery, and they can tell, it is not just about kicking a habit. True freedom requires learning new ways of thinking, acting, or, to quote our 2nd reading today, putting off the old self and putting on a new self.

Why do you suppose butterflies are religious symbol for us? Think of a caterpillar forming a cocoon. Only over time, with lots of changes happening out of sight, inside that cocoon, can the creature emerge as a butterfly. This week, pray for folks who have not yet begun any process of transformation; those living without faith, those in addictions, or those enslaved in other ways. Pray too for those who are at the cocoon stage of transformation, and for family and loved ones around them, who perhaps cannot see the changes taking place inside. Finally, think of some you know who have emerged from the cocoon, a butterfly that inspires you. Take time to thank God for the wonder of grace, of change, of transformation.

Food That Endures For Eternal Life
The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is just the beginning of chapter 6 in John’s Gospel. It is a starting point, to lead us into deeper and deeper truth. Jesus is pretty clear. Don’t stay at the level of eating our fill of bread.

Work at understanding how Jesus desires to feed our deeper hungers, ultimately, for life that never ends. What hungers did you bring to Mass this week? When have you experienced being fed? What at Mass feeds your spirit? Who might you know who has a deep spiritual hunger, but hasn’t yet discovered the true bread from heaven? Have you ever told anyone excitedly that you visited a new store that opened up? Or have you ever brought an out of town visitor to Wegmans? When was the last time you invited someone to Mass?

HELP WANTED
Full-Time, paid position at St. Louis
Operations/Maintenance Staff Opening
St. Louis is in need of a general Operations/Maintenance Worker to fill an opening on the staff.

The Operations Worker position is year-round, 5 days per week and occasional weekends. When School is in session, the hours are 10:30am – 6:00pm. When School is not in session, hours may be modified.

The responsibilities include setting up and taking down tables & chairs for events, collecting trash & recycling, moving boxes and furniture, vacuuming and mopping in Church, and performing seasonal outside work, such as snow shoveling, raking, mulching and weeding.

Applicant must have reliable work record and skills for sudden changes, prioritizing, communicating and working with others.

Please inquire or apply with Sally Schrecker at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 235, or Sally.Schrecker@dor.org, or St. Louis Ministry Center, 64 S. Main St. Pittsford, NY 14534

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**Take Lord, Receive**

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date $71,751.38

It is so good to have you pray with us today! If you are visiting, welcome! We love to have you with us, and hope that you received a warm welcome. Come anytime! We pray that you experienced God’s spirit among us in the Word proclaimed, the prayers prayed, the music sung, the Eucharist, offered and shared. If you were able to contribute, we are most grateful! Have you ever formally registered to be a member of our parish? If not, please consider picking up a registration form, or calling the office. We would love to welcome you into the St. Louis parish family!

**Leaving a Mark**

Including St. Louis Church, School or Saint’s Place in your will is a wonderful way to support ministries that we value even after God calls us home. Another way to extend the blessing: Let our family know that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be offered to St. Louis Church, School or Saint’s Place. Upon the death of a loved one, think prayerfully – where would my dear one want contributions to be made in his or her memory? A beautiful way to let folks know what we believe is truly important!

**The Little Singers of Nogent-sur-Marne**

This fine French Boys Choir will perform at St. Thomas More Church, 2617 East Ave, Rochester 14610 on Monday, August 20 at 7:00PM. Enjoy the inspiration and peace of an evening of Choral music. Free will donation.

**This Week’s Tithing Will Support Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN)**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Sojourner House**

Sojourner House serves homeless women and children by providing housing, self-sufficiency skills, and education programs, including afterschool tutoring and performing arts classes for kids. When families arrive at Sojourner House, they are immediately paired with a case manager who helps them set goals and work through the underlying problems that caused their homelessness, such as mental illness, poverty, addiction, inadequate education, domestic violence, or abuse. We give families the tools they need to be successful, and then offer long-term support so that they continue to thrive after we place them in permanent housing.

Beyond monetary gifts, Sojourner also values the gift of talent and time. Volunteer opportunities include teaching women life skills classes - such as Crafting (scrap booking, jewelry making), Knitting/Crocheting, Creative Art (painting and drawing) and Creative Writing (poetry)...but they are always open to new ideas! - or assisting with special events.

For more information go to [www.sojournerhouse.org](http://www.sojournerhouse.org).

**Save the date!**

Mark your calendar now for a Parish Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 9th!
CAR RAFFLE

$50 A TICKET - ONLY SELLING 500 TICKETS!
It’s a win, win.... You can help a refugee and get a chance to win a car!

Car generously donated by Van Bortel Subaru

Thank you, Kitty Van Bortel, for helping us to continue to welcome the stranger.

- 2019 Subaru Outback
- Three year lease including maintenance and taxes
- 12,000 miles a year
- $50 a ticket
- Can be purchased online at: www.saintsplace.org
- Can be purchased at St. Louis Ministry Center, 64 South Main St. from 9AM – 4PM Mondays – Thursdays and Fridays from 9AM – noon.
- Drawing will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at our 20th Anniversary Celebration at St. Louis Church from 5:45PM – 8PM.
- Drawing to be held at 7PM that evening.
- You do not need to be present to win.
- You can select the car color you want.
- Tickets for the Anniversary Celebration will be $75, more details to follow.

And thank you for helping to support our ministry!
Make Jesus’ Mother your own

Catholics reserve worship for God, but Mary has a special place of honor in our hearts. When we follow Jesus’ request to take his Mother as our own, we are sheltered by her maternal protection, share in the love between Mother and Son, and take a unique route to the heart of Our Lord.

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord” (Luke 1:38). From the first “Yes” to her unique role in God’s plan to the final moments at the foot of the Cross, Mary cooperated with faith, hope, and charity in her Son’s plan to restore supernatural life to us. She is ready to protect our new life and help us grow in love of her Son, if only we ask.

“Woman, behold your son” (John 19:26). Jesus’ suffering and death on the Cross was the ultimate act of love. Out of love, too, he offered to share his beloved Mother with all of us as our own Mother. Heeding Jesus’ words, “Behold your mother” (John 19:27), we can take Mary into our hearts and homes.

“Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5). Mary brought others to Jesus by bringing him into the world and talking about him. Bringing others to Jesus is our job, too. We can follow her example, ask for her help, and be obedient like her.

Why do Catholics believe the Church is Apostolic?

We call the Church, “Apostolic,” because it is founded on the Apostles whom Jesus appointed to carry on his work.

Before he ascended, Jesus commissioned the Apostles to baptize and preach the Gospel in his name (Matthew 28:19-20). The Apostles ordained others to carry on this mission, and they ordained others. The Catholic faith has been preserved and handed down to us from the Apostles through their successors, our bishops, who can trace their “priestly lineage” back to the Apostles.
Catholic Scouting

Emblem Focus

Light of Christ Emblem allows Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts in grades 1&2 to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

http://oec.dor.org/youth-ministry/

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.

Sign Me Up!

Summer Events for Young Adults

Theology on Tap

Monday, August 27
7:00pm
“Laudato si for Life”

Pope Francis’ Laudato si is the culmination of a long line of papal encyclicals and exhortations that inform the world and all the faithful about how caring for all aspects of God’s creation is one of the Church’s stance on respecting life.

Presenter: Jonathan Schott
Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, St. John Fisher College

Corner Sports Bar and Grapevine Restaurant
122 Main St.
East Rochester

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults ages 21-40 to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith.

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Life Is Messy!
Be gentle with the people who cross your path.
Everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle and carrying a heavy load.

Come to a Fruit of the Vine presentation where we will explore a spirituality of imperfection. This is for those who seek peace within the chaos, light within the darkness, and joy within the suffering. Look at the inevitability of pain and “torn-to-pieces-hood”, and the possibility of healing within the pain. Then see how we can help each other along the way.

**When:** Tuesday, August 14th, 7:15-8:30 p.m.
**Where:** Parish Meeting Hall

Wine and cheese will be served!

For more information, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675 ext. 224.
What is it like to Volunteer in the Kitchen at Saint Joseph’s House of Hospitality?

Saint Joseph’s is a Rochester Catholic Worker community which provides food, clothing, shelter and spiritually-centered care to its guests. This week I spent my first morning volunteering in the kitchen and meeting some amazingly selfless people.

Passing through the open doors to the shelter the first thing I noticed was so much loving interaction between the shelter staff and those coming in for food and care. Grateful hands hold cups of hot coffee as they enjoy perhaps only respectful conversation they may have this day, people who look them in the eye and affirm their worth in this world.

When I arrived in the kitchen I was passed an apron and launched into the joyful confusion of a shelter kitchen experience. From 8:30 to about 10:00 volunteers helped wash and chop the donated vegetables for the hot lunch served at 12:00.

Alicia cooks a few times a week. After coming to Saint Joes for help and friendship for many years, she decided to give back by preparing her mother’s recipes for the men and women who come each day. Working with her was a pleasure because she honestly beams with joy as she stirs and directs the volunteers.

Then it was time to set the tables, humble surroundings beautified with love. They serve 35 people at a time. Sometimes a second seating is needed but God multiplies the loaves and fishes!

While I was setting tables, volunteers were busy making mountains of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, neatly packaged along with bottles of water, to be handed out so that people would have something to eat later in the day (hot suppers are served during the cold months when men are able to lie on mats on the floor or sofas to spend the night out of the elements).

Next we cut up pies and cakes donated from businesses around the city and put them onto little plates. What’s lunch without dessert?

I was delighted to find a business had donated a beautifully decorated cake that a customer had not picked up. I hope it was someone’s birthday!

This was a beautiful experience and any time you have to offer them will be gratefully accepted. For more information on other ways to be involved with Saint Joseph’s House of Hospitality (not just the kitchen!) go to their website at www.saintjoeshouse.org.
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