Rejoice Always. Pray without Ceasing.

So St. Paul instructs the Thessalonians, and us, in our second reading today. Leave out what we know from the daily news, reread Paul’s message, and we can’t help but sense Paul’s wisdom, and truth of what he writes. But let people losing their lives in tragic circumstance, looting, protests, violence against women; executions, terrorist acts, excesses, inequalities, injustice of every stripe; let these crowd into our mind, and we might want to say to Paul ‘are you serious?’ Yes, he was. The Roman Empire of Paul’s day was not immune to brutality and terrorism. Crucifixion was a state sanctioned terrorism, designed to quash dissent, to keep subjected people in fear. It was not a golden age – Paul knew the fears, hardships, challenges, suffering of his readers; he had experienced them. Yet still he says ‘Rejoice! In all circumstances give thanks.’ Grace erupted even in that troubled time, just as today. Look diligently for signs of God’s love; soon gratitude can fill the day.

The Saint’s Place Advisory Board this week provided me with a taste of what this Sunday’s readings capture. Refugees don’t come to this country for a change of scenery; they come escaping persecution. They arrive with next to nothing, in a strange place, surrounded by a strange language, customs and expectations. Yet as a volunteer at the Saint’s Place clothing closet helps dress them, and their children, rejoicing spreads across their faces. When they step into a furnished apartment, see the new beds, and other household items, the ‘set up’, all put in place with love and care, just for them, it is the healing of heartbreak, the liberty and release Isaiah rhapsodizes in our first reading.

Here is just a short list. Monday’s School Mass was a total joy. Sure I preached about silence, external and internal, and reverence the week before, but that was the last thing in my mind as Mass began. Yet the reverence experienced in our church, filled with children, even pre-school, was truly moving. Kudos to the parents and the teachers! In the evening, watching our school Advisory Board work together was another inspiration. Bible study Tuesday morning: inspiring every week. When the Word of God comes to life, and connects to each person’s life, how can you not rejoice? The Saint’s Place Advisory Board meeting I mentioned above: It was also a chance to hear about new partnerships, new relationships growing, this ministry offering assistance to other ministries, expanding its impact – thank you, Jesus!

From there, on to a room filled with senior citizens at Heather Heights, gathered for Mass. One of my favorite psalms speaks of ‘those who keep faith’ being precious in the eyes of the Lord. There they were! By the way, those who assist, and who do communion services at the Highlands and Heather Heights – thinking of their generous service always brings joy to my heart. Looking to the Stewardship Committee & its impact tomorrow: the list goes on. Thank you Lord! Joy to you, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - DECEMBER 15
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
11:00 am Vivian Ripton - Birdie
5:15 pm Ann Kirchoff - Ruth Tracy

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 16
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
6:45 am Edward Gallmeyer - Pittsford American Legion
11:00 am Barbara Fabian Zeck - Dad

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 17
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
11:00 am Blanche McCann - Ann Louise Murty
5:15 pm Martha Lake - Kevin & Jean Parker & Family

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 18
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
6:45 am Mary Angevine - Peter & Pat Spinelli
11:00 am John Provazza - Sandra Corsetti

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 19
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
11:00 am Martha Lake - Paul & Suzanne Petronello
5:15 pm Special Intention for Bill Lennert - Family

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 20
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
9:00 am Ann Kirchoff - Ted & Patricia Malone
4:30 pm Samuel Tasciotti - Family

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 21
Fourth Sunday in Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27 /
Lk 1:26-38
7:30 am Special Intention for Fr. Albert Delmonte - Marcia & Dick Hilliard
9:00 am James Mattina - David Ulmer
11:00 am Jane Rachfal - Rodger & Donna Woods
5:00 pm Chet Leary - St. Louis Pastoral Care

Saturday & Sunday, December 20 & 21  Thank you, faithful servants!

Time  Lectors  Extraordinary Ministers of Communion  Liturgical Assistants  Cantor  Altar Servers


Sunday Communion Service - December 21
The Highlands: Pete & Gerry Shea  Heather Heights: Mary Ann Monley
Gaudete Sunday

Why is the third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing? St. Paul encouraged the Thessalonians, and encourages us, to rejoice always. The birth of the Messiah is drawing near. Isaiah’s vision in our first reading unfolded in the ministry of Jesus. In the spirit of the Lord, Christ, the anointed one, brought glad tidings to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, release to prisoners, favor to all who would listen. As we become disciples, and live the kingdom he proclaims, we can begin to experience God’s grace as well. If someone were to ask, ‘What joy has Christ brought into your life?’, or, ‘Has Christ ever healed your broken heart?’, or ‘From what has he set you free?’, would you be prepared to answer? Spend some quiet time in prayer. Ask him to help you remember & rekindle.

Counting Covenants

“Covenant” is a powerful concept that can unlock the meaning of the Bible. Far more than a contract, Pope Benedict has said of covenants in the scriptures: ‘The covenant then is not a pact built on reciprocity, but rather a gift, a creative act of God’s love.’ We find 5 covenants established in the Old Testament; with Adam, with Noah, with Abraham, with Moses, and with David (the one we will hear in our 1st reading next week). There is also the promise of a new covenant in Jeremiah, which was established at the Last Supper, the new covenant we celebrate every Sunday. (There is that number seven again!)

Roaming in Romans

Ever hear of text criticism? A discipline in Bible scholarship, it helps evaluate the relationship among the various earliest copies we have of bible texts. You see, not every early manuscript is the same. For instance, among three early manuscripts we have of Romans, the doxology we will hear as our second reading next week appears in three different places. What can we conclude? Quite likely it was an addition. But that doesn’t mean edit it out of the Bible! The Holy Spirit not only inspired St. Paul, the Holy Spirit also inspired those who realized his letters were worth copying and sharing, those who may have sought to make things clearer in the transcription, and church leaders who ultimately decided what passed muster to be our normative scripture. Not only that, the very same Holy Spirit adds us when we call upon the Spirit as we study the Bible and bring it into our world and our life.

More Constructive Criticism

Form criticism is another discipline in Bible study. The starting premise is simple. Once you know you are reading a letter, you have a tool in understanding it. It will be different than reading a poem, or a law, or a prophetic oracle. The author chose that form for a reason. Our Gospel next week is an Annunciation story. This form occurs elsewhere in the Bible, to introduce an important person, and shed light on the role they play in salvation history. Thus the goal centers on religious significance, not narrating history. The reader is called to see the symbolic clues to what is really important: who will this person be? Try looking at next week’s Gospel through that lens.

MAY I HUNGER ENOUGH

Lord, let me hunger enough that I not forget the world’s hunger.
Lord, let me hunger enough that I may have bread to share.
Lord, let me hunger enough that I may long for the Bread of Heaven.
Lord, let me hunger enough that I may be filled.
But, O Lord, let me not hunger so much that I seek after that which is not bread, nor try to live by bread alone. Amen.

From Banquet of Praise
(Bread for the World: www.bread.org)
Our Gift to God, for All We Have Been Given

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The Beauty of Stewardship
The fruit of silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.
Blessed Theresa of Calcutta

Joyful Support
To the 476 people who have already generously responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you!! We have reached over 70% (70.25%) of our goal ($224,790.00), with just under 30% to go ($21,565.76). With some year end gifts, and some of those who have not yet made a contribution pitching in, we can be there by early January! Please remember, the CMA is our fair share of the budget for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide HR, IT, Faith Formation, and many other services to each parish, are supported through CMA dollars. Remember too, any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! Especially if you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge this year. If you are moved to take an envelope and give a bit more than you already have, bless you!!

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Advent House

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Benincasa

Located at 3880 Rush Mendon Rd., Mendon, NY, Benincasa is a two-bedroom home for the terminally ill serving the greater Rochester area and surrounding counties. This home is a place to live life’s final days with dignity, comfort, and loving care. Benincasa began as the idea of Deacon Gary Clarke and his wife Beverly in the late 1980’s. With the support of the Mendon church communities and many bake sales, raffles and memorial donations, the home welcomed its first resident in October, 1996. Since that time the staff and volunteers have felt privileged to care for hundreds of residents during their final days. The home was named Benincasa, the family name of St. Catherine of Siena, who was a hospice worker in the 14th century. Following her legacy, the home strives to provide skilled, competent, and compassionate care for residents in a secure loving environment where they and their loved ones can have their spiritual, emotional and social needs met.

Food and Other Items for St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, Next Weekend! December 20 & 21

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

All we have is evidence of God’s blessings - God’s gift to us. In the Bible, the Lord invites us to express our deepest and truest gratitude by our giving back a portion, to spread blessing among God’s own. Giving of our treasure is not only a personal economic decision, it is deeply spiritual as well. Prayerful thought can lead to a cheerful offering of a portion of our wealth to foster God’s work. We are thankful for every contribution to St. Louis of Pittsford, no matter how large or small; we deeply appreciate your generosity and faith filled commitment to our ministries! Knowing that many people choose to make year-end donations, here are two important things to keep in mind:

- If your intention is to make a stock donation, please contact Birdie Proctor at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, for further details.
- Per IRS regulations, any contributions for 2014 will need to be received by December 31, 2014.

Thank You Lord
There are still many angels on the trees, please consider taking one or two angels. A simple act of kindness, like purchasing an angel tree gift, can forever change the lives of others. So many refugees are in need, right here in our community. Every day they struggle to feed their family, heat their home and purchase clothing for the family. You can have a meaningful impact on someone’s life this Christmas by taking an angel home. Consider taking an angel from our Saint’s Place Angel Tree and donating the item in honor of a relative, co-worker, teacher or friend. We will send the person a note acknowledging your generosity and expressing our gratitude. Forms are available by the Angel Trees. Just fill out the form and attach it to your gift. We’ll do the rest!

Keep forgetting to take an angel? No problem, just purchase a pair of warm winter gloves for a man or woman, or a small men’s winter jacket, or a pair of men’s boots (size 8 or 9), or a soccer ball or a warm blanket. You do not need an angel to ensure that a newly arriving refugee very welcomed in our community.

Please send an acknowledgement for the attached Christmas gift of:

TO: Name________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________
City_________________________State_______________Zip Code_________

FROM: Name_____________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________
City_________________________State_______________Zip Code_________

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Please join the SLS students

For a Holiday Concert & Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 19
1:10 pm
Reddington Hall
**Signs of Presence**

In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet.

John the Baptist announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John’s response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior.

During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means “rejoice,” is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

During the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Discuss as a family the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us.

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**Hi Teens,**

Advent gives us a chance to reflect on our lives and consider what it means to be a Christian. As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember those less fortunate and the great gifts we have to share with them.

We have a number of service projects in December that can help put you in the Christmas spirit and make a difference in someone’s life. This weekend we will be stuffing stockings with gifts and toys for children in needy throughout Rochester.

Next weekend, we will be helping with the annual Bethany House Christmas Party! This is a wonderful event where teens help with crafts, food, passing out gifts and providing music! We'd love to have YOU there!

We encourage you to join us for one of these fun and meaningful events! Happy Advent!

Have a great week, Mr. McBride and Molly

***On Jan. 21-23, we have a bus going to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. We are reserving 10 spots and are looking for teens and chaperones. Please let us know if you'd be interested by Dec. 14.***

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sunday, December 14, 5:00 - 7:30 pm Mass & Regular Youth Group Mtg.; (stocking stuffers service project)**
- **Saturday, December 20, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Service Project at St. Mary’s Downtown. Bethany House Christmas Party for residents & children.**
- **Sunday, December 21, 5:00 - 7:30 pm Mass, Youth Group Mtg and Christmas Party (games, cookie decorating, and fun!)**
- **Sunday, December 28, NO MEETING**
- **Open Gym during Christmas break. Time and Day TBA**
- **Sunday, January 4, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.**
- **Sunday, January 11, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.**
- **Sunday, January 18, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.**
- **Wednesday, January 21-23, March for Life in Washington, D.C. Leave Wednesday after school and return late Friday night**
- **Saturday, January 24, at 1:00 pm until Sunday at 4:00 pm, Diocesan Retreat at Camp Stella Maris**
- **Saturday, January 31, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Ice Skating Party at Manhattan Square Park**

**UPCOMING - DETAILS TBA**

- **Wednesday, March 4, Hands of Christ Awards**
- **Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat**
FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please register now for the sacramental preparation programs of First Communion and Confirmation. If your child is ready to prepare for First Communion they will also have to prepare for the sacrament of First Penance before they celebrate their First Communion. There will be a First Penance preparation program in January for these children.

You can register for the First Communion and Confirmation programs with a registration form found at the Ministry Center or at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the back of church in the narthex hallway (across from the restrooms), or you can register online at our website. Please remember your child’s registration will NOT be complete until we also have a copy of their baptismal certificate.

The deadline for registration for these programs is Monday January 5th.

Don’t Miss Out

WE NEED HELP WITH CHRISTMAS AT ST. LOUIS!!

♦ Decorating in church and setting up the gym for overflow on December 22 & 23
♦ Ushers for Christmas Eve & Day
  Respond to sschrecker@dor.org
♦ Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve & Day
  Respond to efinn@dor.org

On Monday December 15, the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus will hold their Monthly Meeting in the Parish Meeting Hall. We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and will have a short business meeting at 7:00 PM before our Annual Christmas Party.

All Wives and friends are invited to attend; we will have snacks and goodies of all kinds. Please RSVP by December 7, so our ladies know how much to provide for our refreshments. If you would like to donate something, call your Grand Knight at 797-4638 or Deputy Grand Knight Dick Hilliard at 943-1106.

As mentioned, this is Open to all our Knights and Ladies. Please come and enjoy the Christmas gathering with your Brother Knights and Ladies. We will also have a few special guests attending.

Any Questions? Please contact the Grand Knight Richard Whelehan.

GOT CALENDARS?

At this time of year, we all seem to receive unsolicited calendars from charities, home services, etc. Rather than throw them out – please save them for Saint’s Place to be part of our household setups for refugee families. They are happy to receive a calendar. The calendars can be put in the Saint’s Place drawer in the north entrance (piano side) of church or in our red Angel Tree bins. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS 2014 MARKS THE 10TH ANNUAL CRÈCHE DISPLAY AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL.

Crèche is a French word that refers to figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child – also known as “Nativity sets.” The crèches on display were blessed by Bishop of Rochester Emeritus Matthew Clark following Mass when the display opened on November 30. Displays can be elaborate panoramas with the setting and clothing often reflective of the crèche maker’s home city or country. The crèche displays began at Sacred Heart Cathedral in 2005 with a display of over 100 crèches from John and Rose Ellen Larish of St. Anne Church in Rochester, all of which were given later as a gift to the University of Dayton. This year’s display features crèches on loan from families across the Diocese of Rochester. These families have generously chosen to share their personal remembrance of the birth of the Christ Child with the entire community. In addition this year, the Vietnamese Catholic community of Rochester will display a very large crèche created in Vietnam. The display is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closes January 18, 2015.

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.

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ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER
65 Highland Avenue, Rochester. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

A Day to Call Your Own, Thursday, December 18, 9 am – 4 pm. An opportunity to step back and refresh your mind, body and spirit. Fee: $25 per session.

A New Years Eve Alternative: Weave Your Way Into the New Year, Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 5:30 pm – departure at 10 pm. Facilitators: Deborah White, Mary VanHouten, and Joanne Pagano (our cook) Fee: $35 for dinner and evening. Arrangements can be made for an overnight stay and continental breakfast for an additional fee of $45.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF ROCHESTER IS SPONSORING A TEN WEEK HOPE AND HEALING PROGRAM FOR THE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED
The sessions will take place at Good Shepherd School, St. Marianne Cope, R.C. Parish 3288 East Henrietta Road. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning January, 29, 2015.

The sessions will follow Dr. Bruce Fisher’s book, “Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends”. Participants can receive hope, encouragement and support knowing they are not alone in their journey. The cost for the ten week session is $50 and includes Dr. Fisher’s book. A Rebuilding brochure with an overview and outline of the program, and application can be found at http://www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org/Activities-Calendar.html.

For more information or to register call:
Patti (585-425-8079) or Lynn (585-349-3091) or
E-mail beofrochester@gmail.com

Deepening Faith Through Knowledge – Registration for graduate courses at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry beginning the week of January 6 is now open. All are welcome to audit for personal enrichment or to take courses for credit toward a degree. Scholarships and financial aid are available to those who qualify. Learn more at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289.

Liturgy and Catechesis – The relationship between worship and belief or liturgy and catechesis is expressed in the ancient Christian principle: Lex orandi, lex credenda (As the church prays, so it believes). This hybrid course, offered at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, will explore the relationship between liturgy and faith formation, as well as the conversion and faith development of adults, adolescents, and children in our contemporary context. Face-to-face sessions on Saturdays, January 17 and April 18, 9am-4pm. 12 weeks of online work in between. Scholarships and financial aid are available to new students. Register at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289 for more information.

The Lyric Chorale Presents
A DAY FOR DANCING
Carol settings with liturgical dance, Mozart’s Missa Brevis in D and seasonal favorites
Sunday, December 14, 2014, 2:30 pm
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
50 Ward Hill Rd., Henrietta, NY
Tickets – $15 Seniors & students – $13 www.lyricchorale.org

Men of St. Louis:
What is the Men’s Spirituality Group that meets in the Manse Monday mornings before work? A group of men who look at the Sunday Gospel, do a bit of the background to understand it, and then reflect on how the scriptures connect to their life. If you go, expect to be welcomed, to have the opportunity for a cup of coffee and light snack, and to start off the week right with some engaging faith sharing!

Another Opportunity to be Inspired:
OK, so you missed Ultreya this Saturday. Mark your calendar now for the second Saturday in January. A pot luck supper after the 4:30 pm Mass, some time sharing and praying together, a person giving a personal witness to inspire those present. Saturday, January 10 – consider it an Epiphany gift to your soul!

Holy Hour:
Did you know that every Thursday, a group gathers to offer a holy hour and pray before the tabernacle from 7PM to 8PM? You would be most welcome to join them!
THANK YOU FOR SHARING POINSETTIA JOY!

St. Louis’ Pastoral Care Committee extends a sincere thank you to all who helped with our poinsettia sale and delivery. Many parishioners picked up and delivered the plants to our homebound parishioners, those in nursing facilities and individuals and families who have lost a loved one in the last year. Volunteers from our pastoral care committee and St. Louis’ Knights of Columbus assisted in selling and delivering the colorful plants too. The Knights were also the very special angels that delivered all the remaining poinsettias left after the last Mass on Sunday. Many thanks from Pastoral Care!

ORNAMENT SALE #33 UPDATE:

After masses on Dec. 6 and 7, almost 300 ornaments made their way home with parishioners. Thank you to all who sold and bought the beautifully packaged white ceramic angels and trees.

If you have finished your Christmas shopping, please buy some extra angels to have on hand as meaningful gifts anytime throughout the year. You will help St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti’s only children’s hospital where state of the art care is offered free of charge.


STAYING IN TOUCH

AN ADVENT TRADITION

During this season of Advent, we renew the St. Louis tradition of reaching out to individuals from our parish who are homebound or in area nursing facilities. Baskets containing their addresses are at each entrance of the church throughout Advent. You are invited to take one or several addresses and send an Advent/Christmas greeting to the individual.

Each year we receive many notes of appreciation from the recipients who are delighted to have been remembered by our parish community. It is truly a highlight of their Christmas. Thank you for helping to continue this joy-filled tradition!

LIFE! in Focus

Did you know?
Norma McCorvey, the 'Jane Roe' of the Roe vs Wade 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, is now a pro-life Catholic.

www.priestsforlife.org

SUPPORTING VOCATIONS

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Pastoral Year:
Carlos Sánchez Betancur
Theological College – 4th Theology
401 Michigan Avenue NE
Washington, DC  20017

Victor Sánchez Durán
St. Mary’s Seminary & University – 3rd Theology
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD  21210

Summer Seminarians:
Michael Harris
Our Mother of Sorrows – Pastoral year
5000 Mt. Read Blvd.
Rochester, NY  14612

Jorge Ivan Ramirez Velasquez
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