Keeping Up the Pace

Take a deep breath as we work our way through the Gospel of Mark this year. Short on lengthy dialogue or extensive teaching, it is filled with action, movement and miracles. An urgency, combined with vivid description, can give the sense we are there with Jesus, rushing from one place to the next, ever responding to a need, then moving on. Who will we encounter, traveling with Jesus? Folks like the troubled soul in today’s Gospel, needing deliverance from a power of evil that has taken up residence inside, to friends like Peter’s mother-in-law, next week, laid up with fever.

Care for those ill or suffering was characteristic of Jesus’ ministry. It continued in the ministry of the 12. For those reading Rediscovering Catholicism, you know it developed into the church founding hospitals, playing a key role in ministry to the sick ever since. And the sacrament of anointing the sick? When Jesus sent out the apostles two by two, Mark tells us they anointed many sick people with oil (Mk 6:13). As we approach the World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11th), let’s pray for those who are ill, reflect on how we might fit into a ministry to the ill, and become more aware of the role of the sacrament which continues and embodies Jesus’ care for the sick.

When should one request anointing of the sick? As soon as it is clear that we, or someone we love is seriously ill. When we realize it is time to bring Jesus into the picture in a concrete, sacramental way. Examples of good timing: after receiving a difficult diagnosis. Bring Jesus into the uncertainty. Let his love lessen the fear. Ask for the sacrament of anointing. Before surgery: let us know as soon as possible. Let Jesus anointing you with holy oil assure of his presence and love as you prepare. When a loved one enters hospice care, please don’t wait until the last minute. Entering hospice care: a perfect time to invite Jesus into all that lays ahead, through the sacrament of the sick.

Where should anointing take place? At home, surrounded by family and friends certainly works. Before Mass, after Mass, or during Mass, to conclude the prayer of the faithful (we’ll do that next weekend). At a hospice, in the hospital. This sacrament we take on the road. Jesus traveled about, encountered those who were ill in a variety of places, and prayed with them for healing, Sabbath or not, wherever they were. The sacrament of reconciliation may precede anointing, another way to be at peace when health challenges weigh heavy. The sacrament can be celebrated even when the individual is no longer conscious, but the ideal is to celebrate it with full awareness, open to how God’s healing love can bring healing in this life, or healing into the next. Next weekend, we’ll reserve a couple of pews up front, for those seeking anointing. Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 2
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
11:00 am Ginny Krieg - Joe & Lucy Nunn
5:15 pm Susan Wildermuth - Judith & Tom Ziegler

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 3
St. Blaise
Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
6:45 am For the People of the Parish
11:00 am Ann Reddington - June Werner

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 4
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
11:00 am Kenneth Vienneau - John & Carolyn Housel
11:00 am Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of Our Parish
5:15 pm William Wilmot - DeJoy Family

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 5
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:20-23
6:45 am Children Living in Poverty
11:00 am Ginny Krieg - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 6
Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands for Mary Jane Maier
11:00 am Dr. Gerard Joyce - Alice & Ann Schuster
5:15 pm Andrea Levy & Doris Growney - Family

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
One Lamp will burn
In memory of Ginny Krieg
By Nick & Marcia Mendola.

BLESSING OF CANDLES
On February 2, Candlemas Day, feel free to bring any candles you wish to have blessed on this special day.
(Candles are blessed in honor of the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple and the purification of the Virgin Mary. The Presentation is the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.)

All are welcome to spend an hour this February 6, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Requiem Aeternam
John Housel
Nancy Connelly
James Goulet

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 8
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
7:30 am Andy Antonucci - Don & Jackie Peterson
9:00 am Larry & Jane Glazer - The Lanahan Family
11:00 am Martha Lake - The Mattina Family
5:00 pm Special Intention for Brendan Ward - The Regan Family

Saturday & Sunday, February 7 & February 8
Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - February 8
The Highlands: Gerry & Pete Shea
Heather Heights: Doris Wilmot
The Battle Is On!
Last week we heard Jesus open his ministry with the announcement: ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.’ Today, we see Jesus’ first public action in Mark’s gospel, casting out an unclean spirit. Why start there? Throughout Mark’s gospel we will see Jesus battling the forces of evil in the world. The unique feature? The battle never ends in a draw. With authority, Jesus has the ability to triumph over evil, even in his passion, when his obedience to the Father, his love for sinners and his self-sacrifice win the field. The song ‘The Call’ captures it with these powerful words: ‘Come my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife; Such a Life, as killeth death.’

Suffering 101
The book of Job comes from the section of the Hebrew Scriptures called ‘The Writings’. Neither prophecy nor history, it is a complex literary masterpiece, with elements of lawsuit, lament, and controversy dialogue, and even more. Regardless of how one classifies it, the book is a powerful exploration of the problem of human suffering. Why do good people suffer? The passage we will hear next week is from the early part of the dialogue. Job is responding to the unhelpful counsel of his supposed friends. Clearly lament, Job pours out his sorrow, overwhelmed by how meaningless life can seem in the face of unexplainable suffering. The Gospel connection?

Perhaps Jesus’ compassion is not just for those with fevers or unclean spirits. His compassion also embraces those plagued by the demons of depression and despair.

Entrusted with a Stewardship
Ready for this? Some of St. Paul’s opponents in Corinth criticized him for not charging for his preaching. “Maybe he doesn’t charge because he isn’t ‘qualified’ to do so.” Paul will have none of it. Next week we will peak into his brain, and see how compelled he is to share the Gospel. He will do anything to help people understand that Jesus is the true Messiah, who can save them, the one to follow. We’ll also get a powerful picture of the heart of stewardship: God has entrusted me with gifts, with a relationship, with a message, and I have to do whatever possible to put my gifts, my faith, the things God has entrusted to me to good use, for the sake of others.

What’s with the Hush Hush?
So why does Jesus not want demons to speak? If they knew him, wouldn’t their speaking be a good thing? We’ll have all year to ponder the ‘messianic secret’, as this feature in Mark’s gospel is described. Here is a start.
1) People in the crowds who watch Jesus heal and cast out demons think they know him. They think he is a wonder-worker, like many others. The demons know he is more: their invincible adversary, the Son of God. Jesus wants people to have time to grow from seeing him as wonderworker, to knowing his as Son of God.
2) In ancient times, there was a prevalent belief that to know someone’s name gave you power over them. With divine authority, Jesus can command, and silence, demons and unclean spirits.

Time with the Lord
In addition to the Eucharistic Adoration this Friday, on February 20th, the first Friday of Lent, we will have a soup luncheon after the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Prayer and Benediction. Never experienced that rich tradition of the church? Try it this Lent!

Discovering Taize
It is an ecumenical community in France, but also a wonderful style of prayer. Get a taste of this mystical, musical prayer style on February 27th at 7:00 PM. MUSICIANS: interested in helping that evening, and learning more about the music of Taize? Please e-mail Fr. Bob, Ring@dor.org
THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ST. PETER’S KITCHEN

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
NATIVITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Nativity Preparatory Academy is a Catholic middle school with the mission of providing academically rigorous, non-tuition-based, education to low income students residing in the city of Rochester. Their goal is to have their graduates, most who arrive two or more grade levels behind, leave Nativity well equipped to handle a college preparatory high school curriculum coupled with a strong sense of spirituality, morality and personal responsibility.

Nativity opened in September 2009 and currently serves a diverse group of inner city students in grades 5-8, most who come from families living below the poverty line. An extended school day from 7:30am until 5:45pm, Saturday school and a summer program of up to five weeks provides the time and individual attention needed to accelerate the academic development of these students, and provides enrichment experiences and extracurricular activities that can build the life skills needed for success in high school and beyond. Nativity looks forward to celebrating its fourth graduation this June and anticipates expanding to 75 or 80 students over the next few years. Their graduates have been accepted into one of Rochester’s Catholic high schools demonstrating the success of the Nativity educational model.

At every morning assembly, Nativity students recite by memory the school pledge to abide by the school values of respect, responsibility, gratitude, spirituality and scholarship. This pledge is not mere words, but rather a way of life that, if practiced, will allow each of them to become the person that God created them to be. And in doing so, help achieve Nativity’s goal to “break the cycle of poverty through education, one student at a time”.

HELP CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ASSIST VICTIMS OF EBOLA: Bishop Matano has requested that diocesan parishes assist Catholic Relief Services in its efforts to battle the deadly Ebola virus in West Africa. St. Louis will be tithing the weekends of February 14/15, 21/22 & February 28/March 1 to support CRS, the official overseas relief agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Among its many efforts, CRS has committed to training thousands of health workers and facilities in infection-control procedures, ensuring safe and dignified burials for victims of Ebola and developing and implementing prevention awareness programs, as well as providing food to more than 120,000 people who have lost their source of income or can no longer meet their food needs due to the outbreak’s effect on local economies.

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.” ~ BARBARA BUSH

Have you considered EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)? Your monthly contribution is automatically transferred from your checking or savings account to St. Louis Church. Benefits of giving through EFT: You control the amount and timing of your monthly offering to St. Louis Church, plus related Diocesan/National appeals as well as Holy Days. You can spread your contributions evenly over the entire year, and the Church can count on an even flow of contributions. You receive an annual statement by e-mail or regular mail, including Diocesan/National and Holy Day collection amounts, important for those who itemize contributions on their tax returns. To use EFT, please complete the Authorization Form and return it with a voided personal check. EFT forms are available in church; or you can call the Ministry Center (585-586-5675) to have one mailed; to download a form go to www.stlouischurch.org/parish-support.

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Are you visiting with us today? Welcome! We hope your experience of praying with us was uplifting, helping you experience the Lord Jesus, speaking to us in the Scriptures, attending to our prayers, calling forth the song in our hearts, and inviting us to offer ourselves, as he offers himself for us, in the Eucharist. If you were able to contribute, we are very grateful!

Now I Can Hear!
Do you have a hearing aid? Since we added the hearing assistance loop to the main body of the church this past summer, give it a try! Simply use the ‘T’ switch, or telecoil setting on your hearing aid and find the spot in the church that is perfect for your personal hearing level (the two side chapels are not looped, as microphones in the sanctuary would interfere there). Many thanks to the benefactors who made the system possible!
A Little Voice In Our Heads . . .

How often have we heard either a small whisper or a louder challenge from a voice in our head? Some call that voice our conscience; some, just a thought; and others, a call or nudging of the Holy Spirit. Then, when hearing that voice, how do we respond?

Like many people who have come into full communion with the Catholic Church, it was that nudging of the Holy Spirit that helped them to begin the journey of becoming Catholic. If you or someone you know has ever experienced that nudging of the Spirit to find out more about becoming Catholic, we invite you to take that first step to respond.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an on-going process to assist individuals to discern this call and provide the necessary guidance and information to begin this journey. If you are interested in finding out more about the RCIA, we encourage you to contact Father Bob (ring@dor.org) or Cris Wensel (cwensel@dor.org).

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A time of sadness and yet a time of profound joy. Thank you all for being present to the Krieg family at that time of sadness and joy. Faith tells us that Ginny is able to appreciate all things done in faithful love.

Thank you for that love shown in so many ways - for all your visits, cards, gifts and good wishes that brightened her days at St. Ann’s. Thank you too for your hospitality at Sunday Masses and parish events; thank you for your faith and love at the time of her death – for the many cards and requests for Masses.

The reality of family, especially in Eucharist, was so evident at Ginny’s funeral with Bishop Clark, Father Bob and Father Ray and all my fellow priests, with Deacon John Payne and Deacon Dave Snyder. Stephanie and the choir mirrored angelic song, and Father Bob’s Ave Maria brought back wonderful memories of occasions from childhood to later years. These are memories bringing a renewed awareness of Ginny’s love of Eucharist and her joy at her being able to be present especially with friends and family. Thank you for being that family.

Msgr. Gerry Krieg
Rediscover Catholicism Book Study

Are you enjoying your Christmas present? We hope so! As a follow-up to the distribution of these books at many of our Christmas Masses, we are meeting to share our reactions in a book study on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 9, 16, 23 in the Manse.

Did you miss receiving your copy? Just let us know and we’ll have a copy for you before our first session. Come for evenings of great discussion, insight, and friendship! Come even if you can’t attend all sessions! Call Kathryn McAlarney at 490-2745 or email mcalaraney1@gmail.com for more info and to register.

Each year, we receive many notes of appreciation from our homebound parishioners expressing thanks for the many meaningful acts of stewardship by St. Louis parishioners during Advent. We would like to share the following note with you.

“Dear Cris, Thank you for placing my name on the homebound list at St. Louis Church. The response was a big surprise. Not only was a beautiful poinsettia plant delivered, but 18 cards arrived, each with various notes and even some with family pictures. These were kind acts and very heart warming. One came with candy and a picture Christmas card. These wonderful gestures lifted my spirit. So, thank you Cris and Father Ring for helping us be remembered by our parish community. God bless you in 2015.”
DIOCESAN-WIDE ~ PARISH-BASED ADVOCACY SUPPORTING WOMEN REJECTING ABORTION EXPANSION PUBLIC POLICY WEEKEND FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2015

Your participation is needed to send a strong message to our State Assembly Members to end the stalemate on the life-affirming provisions of the Women’s Equality Act and pass the individual bills already passed by the State Senate, so that New York women can finally have the overdue rights and protections in the provisions. These include ending workplace and gender discrimination, and providing more protection for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence. The support of thousands of parishioners from across the diocese will have a real impact. Watch for more information on Public Policy Weekend (Feb. 7-8), or contact the St. Louis Consistent Life Ethic Committee (twosnyders@gmail.com) or Suzanne Stack, Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator (sstack@dor.org or 585-328-3210, ext. 1304.)

Now Showing: Matthew Kelly’s “7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality”

Matthew Kelly is the author of Rediscovering Catholicism, which was given out to parishioners at our 2014 Christmas Masses. To expand on the book, we invite you to attend a presentation of Matthew’s DVD, “7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality” on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Hall.

“7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality” is a one-hour DVD that helps to re-energize our spirituality. Kelly has been inspiring Catholics to explore the genius of Catholicism for twenty years. If you are not quite sure where Catholicism fits into your life, have questions about the faith, or just need your spiritual life reinvigorated, this DVD will encourage, inform and entertain.

Angel Care Ministry Thank You

On behalf of the volunteers of the Angel Care Ministry of St. Marianne Cope Parish, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Tithing Committee and all the parish members of St. Louis for your very generous gift of $1,000. What a wonderful Christmas gift to our ministry! This gift will enable us to purchase and provide nearly one months’ supply of portable baby beds. Please know that you are helping to ensure that 20 struggling moms will now have a safe place for their babies to sleep, and that this would not be possible if it were not for the generosity and caring of people like you.

Thank you, Noreen Mancini, Coordinator

To Our Dear Friends at St. Louis Church,

What a great friend you have been to us at St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard. Your food collections helped to brighten the holidays of 823 families this holiday season and your tithing gift helps to save us and keep our doors open. We know it is a blessing that we are able to continue on into the New Year because others like you believe in the goodness of sharing food, just like we do. God bless you all into the New Year and keep us in your prayers, please.

Gratefully, Margaret Oberst, Chairperson

Dear Fr. Bob, Tithing Committee, and Parishioners,

All of us at the House of Mercy are so deeply grateful for your most generous tithing of $1,000 on 11/24/14. From our hearts, we thank you. The needs of our poor, hungry and homeless are heavy. Besides caring for our homeless at the House of Mercy, we are also caring for the homeless who have been put out of the Civic Center Garage. Please pray we find a building for them soon. May God bless each of you especially this Christmas and New Year.

With deepest gratitude, Sr. Grace Miller

Dear Fr. Bob Ring and Parishioners,

We are delighted to have received on 12/8/2014 your incredibly kind tithing donation of $1,000 to Catholic Family Center. We are so grateful for your support. Your generosity means so much to the 33,000 people served by Catholic Family Center each year. Each and every day we help many poor, vulnerable members of our Rochester community achieve independence with dignity. Your financial support helps preserve and enhance essential programs and services that contribute to the success of the people we serve. We really do appreciate your generous support. Thank you!

Sincerely, David M. DeVito, Associate VP

Dear Fr. Bob Ring and All Parishioners, and Friends,

Everyone connected with St. Michael’s Woodshop is absolutely thrilled and grateful for your most generous donation. This ministry is still a long way off from becoming self-sufficient so we deeply appreciate your help at this time. It’s amazing what happens within the kids who participate. They grow in self-confidence and take pride in what they create. Even the parents or guardians of these students are amazed at the positive changes they see in their children. Thank you for making it possible for us to continue this wonderful ministry. Blessings on you in this New Year.

Gratefully, Sr. Janet Korn for the Board
Hi Teens,

This weekend we celebrate the feast day of St. Brigid, one of the patron saints of Ireland and one of my favorite saints. Brigid lived a very interesting life and offers lessons we can continue to learn from.

Many mystical stories surround St. Brigid revealing a common theme of generosity. Raised by her rich, Druid father, Brigid would empty his kitchen cupboards and closets giving away all his fancy clothes and jewels to the poor. Although this didn't go over well with her earthly father, her efforts to serve others before herself pleased her Heavenly Father. Miraculously, the more she gave away, the more she had to give!

How can we give more generously to those in need? Are there things I am too possessive of or unwilling to share? Strive to be generous this week.

You can start by sharing your time and talents with the youth group. Join us for some of our upcoming events!

Hope to see you this Sunday!
Mr. McBride and Molly

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, Sunday, February 1, Teen Mass and Dinner.
Sunday, February 8, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, February 15, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
February 13-17, Foundations Youth Leadership Retreat, Camp Stella Maris
Wednesday, March 4, Hands of Christ Awards
Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat
June 26-28, Franciscan University Youth Conference, Steubenville, Ohio
November 19-21, National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE RETURNS!

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline makes it easy.

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and to experience the life-changing power of God’s Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. The Bible Timeline has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understand the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you too.

We began this study during Lent of 2014 and completed the first 8 sessions. Now we will continue our journey and study the next 8 sessions. The study will include a series of eight videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion.

If you did not participate in the previous study you can still join us for this eight week session. If you purchased materials for the first session we will be using those for these sessions as well. If you are just joining us the cost is $45 to cover The Bible Timeline study kit.

The study began on Saturday, January 24 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall. If you have questions regarding the study or the materials please contact Kathryn McAlarney at mcalarney1@gmail.com. We look forward to taking this journey with you.

Find Peace, Balance, & Joy in Your Vocation as a Mother Momnipotent

“Is being a mother what you thought it would be? The exhaustion, monotony, mounting unfinished projects, loss of a sense of self…. Too many moms feel disillusioned and overwhelmed.”

“Momnipotent validates the dignity and importance of motherhood and will help you recognize your uniquely feminine strengths. Come join fellow moms and see how you can use those strengths to find peace, balance, and joy in being the woman God created and called you to be.”

February 25 - April 22 (8 sessions), Materials $30. 9:00 am - 11:00 am. St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall Limited class size. For more information or to register, contact: Dawn Adams, email: woolies7@gmail.com or phone: 267-7542.

To learn more about Momnipotent, visit MomnipotentStudy.com
On Monday, February 16 the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus will hold the monthly meeting in the Parish Meeting Hall. Our meeting starts with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and a business meeting following at 7:00 PM. All 1st Degree or higher Knights are encouraged to attend.

The agenda includes many Committee reports, C&B, Audits, Membership drive in March or April. Also, the Men’s Conference in May.

On December 15 after our Council meeting, we had our annual Christmas Party and a great time was had by all. Thank you Father Bob for your Christmas Blessing. Also our Recorder, Michael DeCocq was named the Knight of the Year by Grand Knight Rick Whelehan. This is bestowed every year to an active member who practices the principles of our order: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Congratulations Michael! (The Grand Knight will choose a “Family of the Year” in July, 2015.)

On January 18, St Louis Council hosted the “Mass For Life” at Sacred Heart Cathedral. It was very well attended by many families. Look for it next year, and keep the Unborn in your prayers.

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. We look forward to having you become a Knight of Columbus. Please contact the Grand Knight Rick Whelehan at 797-4638 or wheels282@rochester.rr.com.

~ God Bless, Dick Hilliard, Deputy Grand Knight

Banons of Marriage - First
We pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding celebration in Jaroslaw, Poland at the Basilica of Saint Mary.

Kenneth Clair Fox III and Katarzyna Halina Czerniecka, May 16, 2015

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE
St. Louis is sponsoring a St. Valentine’s evening for married couples. Whether you have been married 6 months or 60 years, please join us on Friday night, February 13 at 7:00 pm for a special Mass. You will have an opportunity to renew your wedding vows. We will hear reflections from couples, followed by a reception in the Parish Meeting Hall. Through all our joys and struggles, let us appreciate the gift we are to each other. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and RSVP with what you’re bringing to Dan and Kate McBride at 385-5631 or at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com. If you would like to help out, please let us know. Thank you.

St. Louis’ 33rd Annual Ornament Sale Report
To Benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti

The good news: Parish friend Fr. Rick Frechette is very grateful for our loyal support since he opened Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage and Hospice in Haiti 24 years ago. Today under Fr. Rick’ direction, the orphanage is now two, the hospice is now a state of the art medical center linked to prominent American hospitals, 100’s of thousands have been cared for, outreaches such as rehab units, day care units, feeding stations, etc. have been established in the area around Port-Au-Prince. St. Louis is part of the foundation of these success stories.

In addition to our Tithing and to our annual Corn Sale, this fiscal year the Ornament Sale itself raised $8,578 to send Fr. Rick via NPH/Haiti. In this effort, our Haiti Task Force coordinates help from the Cathedral, the Webster Catholic Churches, this year the youth group from St. Joseph’s Church in Penfield, and 2 churches near Wilkes Barre, PA.

Locally, $5,600 was earned by Holy Childhood for making the ornaments, $959 went to H.O.P.E. Ministry (next to Holy Trinity Church), and $300 (plus a $300 in-kind donation) went to Notre Dame Learning Center off Lyell Ave. in Rochester.

The bad news: After 30 years, Holy Childhood can no longer partner with us. We are in search of another source of fund raising to continue St. Louis’ commitment to Haiti. Please call Marcia Mendola 381-6872 with your suggestions. In the meantime, please keep our Haiti efforts in your prayers. Due to economic times globally, last year services at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital (Haiti’s only free children’s hospital) already had to be cut by 30%.

Interested in how one becomes a deacon, and what the process looks like? Here is your chance: 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 4, Church of the Transfiguration (Parish Life Center-Double Room) or 10:00 am Saturday, February 21, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, 120 French Road, Rochester. We will provide an overview of the 5 year application and formation process and the time commitment involved and answer questions about ongoing ministry. An eligible applicant for permanent deacon formation is a man of strong and active faith who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which he lives, works and worships. He must be at least 35 years of age and no more than 62 years of age at the time of ordination, in good health, emotionally mature and stable in his professional and personal relationships. Men may be single or married. Interested men and their wives are encouraged to attend. Visit http://www.dor.org/index.cfm/deacons/ for more information. Please contact Deacon John Brasley, Director of Deacon Personnel & Director of Deacon Formation, Diocese of Rochester, 585.328.3228 or jbrasley@dor.org.
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