TRANSITIONING, PART THREE

It has been several weeks since I have appeared on the cover of the bulletin, so one of my resolutions for the new year is to stay in better contact with you as we continue the transition process together.

So, first off, I am happy to announce that we have hired Mr. Dominic Salamida as Youth and Young Adult Minister on our parish staff. The process for hiring Dominic had begun under Father Ring. And while I was reluctant to proceed when I thought I was going to be your parish administrator only a short time, I proceeded to complete the process when I knew I would be here through June.

Dominic is outgoing, dedicated and energetic, as you will discover when you meet him. A native Rochesterian and father of eight, he comes to us having served most recently for twelve years as Director of Christian Formation at Saint Leo Parish in Hilton. He is a graduate of Saint Francis University in Steubenville, Ohio, and Gannon College in Erie, Pennsylvania. He will be working closely with Michelle Andrews-Smith, our Director of Faith Formation, coordinating the Sunday morning Faith Formation program for grades 6-12, all aspects of the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, developing retreats, service projects and other gatherings of middle and high school youth, and developing parent programming to accompany these programs. Because of his experience, Dominic will also eventually coordinate the process of Christian initiation (RCIA) for adults and school-age children.

The “young adult” piece, I believe, is new for a parish staff position. I usually consider young adults to include those who are under 40, but the category includes a wide range of experiences and lifestyles: single, engaged and married adults, parents with young children, college students, persons in the full range of occupations and professions, and so on. Dominic will be starting from scratch in developing this side of his ministry with faith formation opportunities, service projects, retreats, social events, discussion groups or whatever creativity suggests.

As Dominic comes aboard, I want to thank publicly Cynthia Clarke and Father Juan for taking on grade 6-12 faith formation and Confirmation preparation since the last youth minister left our employ. They will continue to orient Dominic to those aspects of ministry.

And speaking of members of the Parish Staff, I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am to each and every one of our ministerial, administrative, school, and maintenance staff for the work they all do so competently and cheerfully. They have been a wise and generous support to me as I have taken on my duties here at Saint Louis. I hope without downplaying anyone, I want to single out those who answer the Ministry Center telephone or door: Suzanne Montanye, Shannon Toot and the volunteers who staff the desk.

I am a firm believer that a parish’s image and success comes in large measure from “what happens at the door.” Their gracious hospitality and helpfulness go a long way in making Saint Louis Parish a welcoming community. Thank you!

Christ’s peace to you, Father Bob Kennedy

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**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - February 11**  
Gn 1:19-24/Mk 6:53-56  
11:00 am  Anthony J. Costello - The DiLiberto Family  
5:15 pm  Michael & Colleen - Family  

**Tuesday - February 12**  
Gn 1:20–2:4a/Mk 7:1-13  
6:45 am  Ronil Singh - Jeff Mason  
9:45 am  Mass at Heather Heights for Residents & Staff  
11:00 am  Mary Ann Dyjak - Family  

**Wednesday - February 13**  
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23  
11:00 am  Robert Bukowski - Barbara & Bob Vanderlinde  
5:15 pm  Amanda Guarino - Motion Support, FSC  

**Thursday - February 14**  
Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30  
6:45 am  Special Intention for Fr. Protus Hamisi - Jeff Mason  
11:00 am  Richard Mahar - Jo  

**Friday - February 15**  
Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37  
11:00 am  Ted Schmidt - Family  
5:15 pm  For the People of the Parish  

**Saturday - February 16**  
Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10  
9:00 am  Joan Graham-Fleischacker - Ellen Thiede  
4:30 pm  Noreen Waller - Jim & Colleen Knauf  

**Sunday - February 17**  
Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/  
Lk 6:17, 20-26  
7:30 am  Sally Maine - Lucille Newell  
9:00 am  Caroline Harber - Nancy & Wayne Harber  
11:15 am  Lu Ann Perham - Perham Family  
5:00 pm  Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Tran & Family  

**Sunday Communion Service - February 17**  
The Highlands - Jim Haefner  
Heather Heights - Darlene Huver  

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**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 Joan Graham-Fleischacker from Ellen Thiede  

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**Requiem Aeternam**  
Dorothy Cusker  
Susan Smith  
Rudolfo Zapanta  

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**Saturday & Sunday, February 16 & 17**

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St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY  
February 10, 2019
Our Weekend Scriptures:  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Here I am, send me

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
By God’s grace I am what I am

The miraculous catch: sign of mission

An Earth Shaking Liturgy
Was it the hour of incense, or was some other service taking place when Isaiah received his call? Quite possibly. Certainly the backdrop of his hearing God’s call is the Temple; the description is so vivid, we can almost see the incense rising, the room shaking, the embers on the altar, the carved Seraphim coming to life. Awareness of God’s presence, a sense of call can come in many different ways. The prophet Samuel’s experience was auditory — hearing God call his name. Isaiah’s experience is conveyed to us in visual terms. For many folks, it is an internal tug, without accompanying voice or fireworks. The important thing is not how we sense God’s presence, God’s call, our mission; the important thing is to respond like Samuel or Isaiah. “Here I am.” Don’t think a sense of God’s call is reserved only for special, holy people. It’s not the tone that makes “Here I am Lord” such a popular song! Our first reading today provides the inspiration to think about our own call, times when we have sensed God directing us. How did we respond? How can we take another step this week?

Paschal Mystery
Jesus was, and is, an amazing teacher. He has always been a compassionate healer. He revealed God’s mercy as he forgave sinners, and still does through the sacraments. He had power over unclean spirits, and forces that hold people enslaved; he can set us free. But most important, he accomplished the work of our redemption through his passion, death, resurrection and ascension. That, the Paschal, or Easter mystery is at the heart of our faith. We celebrate it in a glorious way each Easter, and throughout the Easter season; we celebrate it every time we celebrate Mass. That is the Gospel St. Paul preached, the good news. Notice, Paul even gives detail about Jesus appearing to believers after his resurrection. Also notice in our second reading the face of humility: “I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is within me.” Think about a few times you were aware of God’s grace at work within you, and give thanks the next time you are at Eucharist!

Looking Ahead:  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Trust in the Lord

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Christ is Risen

Blessed are you

Transferrable Skills
Writing a resume, transferrable skills are important. From fisherman to apostles — think, what would be the transferable skills? Patience is essential when fishing. Knowing the best bait. Knowing the best time to fish … there are a few. What is the hook to help people be willing to listen to and respond to the Good News? When are receptive times for sharing faith? But perhaps topping the list: Fishermen can’t force the fish on to the hook. There is a dependence on God with fishing, and with being an apostle. What transferrable skills might you have that would be help in sharing the faith?

Christian Love: Feeding the Hungry

Food & Other Items needed for Sr. Regis Food Cupboard, Next Weekend! February 16 & 17

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed hearty soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc.)
- Pasta (boxed ziti, rotini, spaghetti) & Pasta sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Canned meats (mac & cheese, beef stew, chili, etc.)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Baking mixes, Milk (dried or shelf-stable)
- Jello and Pudding
- Canned fruits (fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Mashed Potatoes - dry
- Diapers
- Toiletries for Women
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: *towels, toilet paper, napkins, tissues

The Ministry Center will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents’ Day.

Palms! Beginning next weekend, Feb. 16-17, you may return “old” palms to church to be used to make this year’s ashes.
ENTRUSTED WITH STEWARDSHIP

Supporting Our Parish

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The Sister Regis Food Cupboard was named for Sister Regis Straughn who started the food cupboard in 1965 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Woodward Street in Rochester. Several years ago the pantry, serving the Northeast neighborhood of Rochester for over 55 years, moved to its current location on Bay Street in the same building as Matthew's Closet.

- The pantry serves approximately 963 households in a month.
- Many who come are receiving public assistance for the first time. Eligible clients can visit the Food Cupboard once a month on a walk-in-basis. Prospective clients must bring criteria such as identification cards for each family member, financial income information, etc., for proof of eligibility. The cupboard is open Monday & Tuesday from 12-3pm and Thursday from 12-2 pm.

- Mercy Sister Julia Norton is the director of the Sister Regis Food Cupboard, and she very much appreciates our help to meet the needs of those experiencing tough times in Rochester. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for the clients and volunteers of the food cupboard.

To learn more of many volunteer opportunities such as stocking the shelves, or taking care of the clients, cleaning and doing the necessary business and secretarial work, contact Sister Julia at (585) 454-6766.

Public Policy Weekend

Catholics Speak Out for Justice: Equal Rights for Farmworkers

You can be a voice for justice TODAY. In the words of the NYS Catholic Conference, “There is no legitimate reason for treating farmworkers inequitably.” Today you can support justice for farmworkers by signing our Diocese-wide petition to our state elected officials in favor of the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act. This bill would give tens of thousands of farmworkers in our State equal labor rights. Put your faith into action. Stand with them and take the time to sign the petition.

Save the date to celebrate! Don’t just go to Confession. Celebrate the Sacrament!

The Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy is wonderful opportunity to accept and embrace God’s grace.

Join us on Wednesday, March 13, for the **Day of Penance and Mercy**. For details visit **forgiven.dor.org**.

Catholic Moms of Rochester invites YOU to their free annual breakfast at St. Anne Church (Mt. Hope) on February 16 from 9:30 to 11:30AM. All Catholic moms are welcome! Please contact Liana Wolford at lianaew@catholicmomsroc.org by Feb. 12 to reserve your space! For more information about our group, visit our website at **www.CatholicMomsROC.org**.
The Faith Formation department thanks Dr. Jean Baric Parker for sharing her passion and great understanding of Catholic Bioethics with the young people of St. Louis 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation.

TODAY, February 10
6:15-7:30pm in Church

This event is open to the public, anyone grade 8 through Adult (but is required for 8th & 9th graders in Confirmation.) Please be mindful that as this presentation is part of our Confirmation requirement, Dr. Parker’s talk will include an activity component for the Confirmation students.

Catholic Bioethics is governed by three basic principles.
- All Human Life has Dignity
- All Humans have a Right to Life
- Human Life should be generated in the physical act of love within a marriage between a man and a woman.

This time of year tends to be when we buzz a little more about Bioethical issues in our culture. Several of our parishioners and young people joined thousands in Washington D.C. last week for the March for Life.

We want our young people to have a clear understanding of the Catholic Church’s position on many of these issues.

If you would like more information, please contact the Faith Formation office (585-586-5675) and we will be able to direct you to more information or to a good source for answers.

CYO Basketball - All of our CYO teams are participating in service projects to give back to the community during the 2018-2019 season. Check out a couple of their service projects:

St. Louis Boys JV, Coach Scherer
The St. Louis Boys JV team collected brand new hats, gloves, and scarfs (items they requested) from family members and players made donations themselves for the Pittsford Food Cupboard!

St. Louis Boys 3-4, Coach Kieffer
The St. Louis Boys 3-4 team brought birthday bags to the Pittsford Food Cupboard! All the families on the team contributed bags for the service project.
Success stories - MAC (Making a Connection), a division of OACES, which caters to young refugee men and women between the ages of 18-23, has sent Saint’s Place several recommendations for students wishing to achieve a higher education. Young adult refugees are faced with multiple challenges and decisions. Often, they are aged out of high school and take the first low-paying job offered to them. They did not have the opportunity to study with any regularity while in the refugee camps. When a refugee gets a job he/she is thrilled with securing a job but does not realize that the cycle of poverty continues unless better education is undertaken.

We are just receiving feedback from the first semester and our candidates have all succeeded in their chosen field. A lovely young woman, age 20, from the Ukraine, arrived in Rochester with her mother and did not speak a word of English. She did, however, have a fierce determination to learn English and help her mother financially. She studied English at MAC and within a year her ability to speak and comprehend English was amazing. It was recommended that she attend vocational school for culinary training at OACES. Saint’s Place Scholarship Fund paid for her tuition and she graduated in January with excellent grades. She applied to Wegman’s and was hired immediately in their Pre-Cooked Meals department in Brockport.

Saint’s Place was asked by Monroe Community College (one of our referring partners) to assist two refugee men. When you work part-time, Monroe Community College does not provide tuition aid. One of the men is from Nepal and he is studying Human Services. He took four classes earning three A’s and one B+. The other gentleman is from Ethiopia and he is enrolled in Pre-Nursing. He took three courses and received two A’s and one B+. We gave each of them a scholarship of $2,000.00 to help them through the first semester. The report back was so rewarding: excellent attendance, class participation, etc. Knowing that the “financial stress” was removed, the two men were able to focus on their classwork. They have already enrolled for the second semester.

This is all about making a significant difference in the lives of these brave people who want so much to be independent and eventually gainfully employed. Thank you all for your part in these heartwarming success stories.
**Coming Up!**

**Game On!**

Join us for Board Game Night!

You don’t have to be a kid to enjoy the strategy and excitement of playing board games. Join us as we launch this opportunity to come out for some fun, meet new friends, and feel more of a part of this parish family.

While this evening is geared for adults, parents are welcome to bring school-aged children as long as they bring an age-appropriate game with them and agree to spend some time at the kids’ game table supervising. **Absolutely NO DROP OFFS!**

**Bring a board game and a snack to share.**

We’ll put on a pot of coffee and have tables set up in the Parish Meeting Hall.

**When:** Friday, Feb. 15th 7:00-?

**Where:** Parish Meeting Hall

**Please Register:** Email Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or call 586-5675, ext. 224.

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**Praying With Art**

Join us for a unique session where we explore a different way of praying with images, called *visio divina* (Latin for “divine seeing”).

We will explore a way of praying with the painting:

**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - KAROLY FERENCZY**

Come and practice praying with “eyes of the heart”.

**When:** Monday, February 11th 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Where:** Manse library (the brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)

**Cost:** Free!

Meditations are provided by Geoff Wheaton SJ and the website “Pathways to God”.

For more info, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
Liturgical of the Hours

The St. Louis Knights of Columbus have invited Fr. Bob Kennedy to present an introduction to this great prayer of the Church.

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 12
7:15-8:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
For more information, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675 ext. 224.

Please Join Us!

Fruit of the Vine

Menu

Cheese & Charcuterie Board
Pork BBQ with Baked Beans & Coleslaw

Dessert
Chocolate Cake

BOOTS AND BARBEQUE

Bistro Night!

Saturday, February 23, 5:45 p.m.
Parish Meeting Hall

New Year/New Price
$15 per person
BYOB

Reservations Only Please
Payment Appreciated by
February 20 Deadline.

Please make reservations by
calling Suzanne at 586-5675,
no later than Wednesday, 2/20/19.
Living in Faith

2019 HABITAT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP) is happy to announce that it now has a building location and work schedule for 2019. HIP will be undertaking a “Rehab” of 356 Campbell St., and is to begin work in mid-March. HIP is conducting a Rehab this year, our first, because we have lost a couple members of our coalition and so, for the moment, we lack the funding required to build a totally new house. Nevertheless we are currently working to expand our coalition in time for our next build in Year 2022.

The Rehab has a number of benefits. It entails less and lighter duty work, most of which will be conducted within a heated structure and concluded before summer gets in full swing. Plus this project will enhance the immediate environs of 366 Campbell St., our 2010 construction project, which is virtually across the street. In doing so it further contributes to the overall rehabilitation of the JOSANNA area, HIP and Flower City Habitat for Humanity’s (FCHH) primary improvement target of the past couple decades.

Having helped to fund the building materials for this project, St. Louis now needs to staff it, providing volunteers for “hands-on help” with the rehabilitation. Those interested in volunteering can register and schedule their work on FCHH’s website: www.rochesterhabitat.org. We expect the website calendar will become available for scheduling work by mid-February. (At that time there will likewise be a new website address which will take one more directly to HIP’s specific construction activities and work calendar.)

St. Louis Habitat facilitators will be available after masses the weekend of Feb 16/17 in the Narthex to answer questions regarding the project, registration and volunteer scheduling.

Also for more information you may call Bob (472-5067) and Rosemary Scholl (472-5215).

Check out our Facebook page!

We are getting the word out about events happening at our church. It helps if you would like, comment on, and share our posts. Please visit our Facebook page at St. Louis Church, Pittsford.

Evangelization couldn’t get any easier!

The best decision I ever made was keeping my baby.
Maya Angelou

Regardless of the heinous laws that are being passed, we can still help women make heroic choices!

Save the Date!

Franciscan University of Steubenville is coming to Rochester! On Friday evening May 3, a worship team will lead us in a Night of Worship at Guardian Angels Church, Henrietta. The evening will include deeply moving praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration and an inspirational talk. Steubenville’s charism for worshiping the Lord from deep within produces unsurpassed peace and joy, even in troubled times; Scripture tells us that God actually dwells in His people's praises! (Psalm 22) Registration opens soon; more details to come.
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