Aiming High

On Valentine’s Day, we had a wonderful celebration of marriage: gathering, reflecting, renewing vows, sharing God’s blessing, a warm reception, more sharing – a great evening. Couples supporting one another in marriage is a beautiful thing! I have always found witnessing marriages to be one of the joys of priesthood. I can’t begin to count the number of times I have heard St. Paul’s words on love from First Corinthians. What advice do I often given to couples after those words are proclaimed?

“St. Paul gives us a powerful picture of what true love can be, and what it isn’t. He provides a great ideal to aim for. I hope you discover early in your marriage that, by yourselves, it is also impossible.” Sometimes I even ask for a show of hands, ‘How many here today are always patient?’ Why would I hope a couple finds the ideal impossible? So they will learn early on that a successful marriage requires prayer, God’s grace, and support of others. So that they will know we should never set our standards so low that we can always reach them. So they discover how failure, forgiveness, getting up and trying again with God’s help is an essential rhythm to Christian life.

The readings this weekend also give a powerful picture of the truly loving person. But never taking revenge, never cherishing a grudge (don’t you love that turn of phrase in our 1st reading?), always turning the other cheek, lending to those who borrow, loving our enemy … isn’t that impossible? Absolutely! Sainthood is not about being born perfect, or pushing ourselves until we somehow achieve perfection. Sainthood is about giving ourselves to God, letting God accomplish little things and great things through us, and through it all, learning more and more about our limitations, while discovering what amazing things are possible with God.

A great approach to Lent, don’t you think? Why do so many people come to Mass on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a Holy Day of obligation? I believe it has to do with that rhythm of knowing our limitations, wanting to move beyond them, wanting to acknowledge our imperfections and failures, and seeking God’s help to improve, to do better, to get closer to the ideal we so wish we could attain. Coming to church on Ash Wednesday? Perhaps deep down, even the most independent among us realize that we need each other. We can never continue aiming for the impossible expectations of Christian life without cheering one another on. We need folks running ahead of us, to help us believe more is possible. We need some behind us, who we are challenged to help move ahead, and who remind us we too were once far from the finish line. We need those beside us, who can help us up when we trip and fall. As we prepare to enter Lent, let’s be all of these things for one another, and keep aiming high!

God bless you all, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - February 24**
*Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29*

11:00 am  John Mahoney - Bob & Rebecca Housel

5:15 pm  Lu Ann Perham - (Anniversary) - Perham Family

**TUESDAY - February 25**
*Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37*

6:45 am  Jean Whelan - Robert

11:00 am  Michael Patrina - Bob & Linda Wayland Smith

**WEDNESDAY - February 26**
*Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40*

11:00 am  Cecil Delaney - Mary & Doug Baldy

5:15 pm  Ruth Honerkamp - Peter & Pat Spinelli

**THURSDAY - February 27**
*Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50*

6:45 am  Dr. Francis Regan & Eleanor Regan - Family

11:00 am  William Dennis - Family

**FRIDAY - February 28**
*Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12*

11:00 am  Sarah Stuhlmueller - Lada Family

5:15 pm  Deceased members of Trombetta Family - Family

**SATURDAY - March 1**
*Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16*

9:00 am  Stephen Hanna - Sharon & Bob Napier

4:30 pm  Mark & Frank Reichenbach - Family

**SUNDAY - March 2**
*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34*

7:30 am  Tom Decker - Mary Jane Decker & Family

9:00 am  James Murray - Hester Family

11:00 am  John Rubens - Jerry & Janice Rachfal

5:00 pm  Paul Ryan - Mattina Family

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.

To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One Sanctuary Lamp will burn In Memory of Ann Delano By Mary Sgabellone.

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**Requiem Aeternam**

*Thomas C. Ferraro*
*Steven Lewis*
*John Ricco*

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**Saturday & Sunday, March 1 & 2**

**Thank you, faithful servants!**

**Time**  | **Lectors**  | **Eucharistic Ministers**  | **Liturgical Assistants**  | **Cantor**  | **Altar Servers**
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5:00 pm  | TBD TBD  | M. Lessard, C. Hill, C. Potter, M. Hester, M. Murphy, C. Kress, K. Murphy, T. Kress  | K. Hester  | Teens  | R. Regan M. Dehn

**Sunday Communion Service - March 2**

The Highlands: Dick Lenio     Heather Heights: Richard Caruso
Holy Justice
Chapter 19 of Leviticus begins with the Lord saying: ‘Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.’ But for those who plan to glean ideas about prayer in this chapter, the material is limited. After brief instructions about sacrifice, this chapter on being holy moves immediately to how we treat others. Leave some food for the poor and the alien when you harvest your crops (or bring in food for the food cupboard). Be honest, do not steal, and treat those who work for you well. Judge with justice, don’t hold a grudge, and love your neighbor as yourself. What does signing petitions on Public Policy Sunday have to do with coming to Mass? Taking seriously what the Bible has to say about being holy!

How Holy?
During the ordinary time of the church year, we read sequentially through the epistles in the New Testament; the reading is not selected to match thematically with the 1st reading or Gospel (right now we are reading through 1 Corinthians.) However, this Sunday, St. Paul’s letter connects beautifully with Leviticus. After instructions about how to live, in order to be holy, St. Paul tells us that not only our actions, but our very body is holy, a temple of God, and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. How do we take care of this holy temple? Pray about that this week. And listen to where Jesus takes this idea in the Gospel.

Paul then moves on to caution about over-reliance on human wisdom. I wonder if he had the tower of Babel story in mind?

Being Perfect
No question, the Sermon on the Mount sets a high bar for us all. Last week we heard Jesus tell us that he came, not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. He began last week, and continues this week, with a series of contrasts, or antitheses. Yet using that form, he is not doing away with what ‘you have heard said’. Rather, he is sharpening the Torah, helping us understand the root of its teachings, leading us to look at the internal dispositions which lead to sin, and those that lead to grace. Perfectionists, PLEASE do not hear the last verse today (So be perfect, just as your

heavenly Father is perfect) as meaning that every day, we are tasked with meeting everyone’s unrealistic expectations of us (or our own unrealistic expectations of ourselves)! The Greek word telesios means brought to its end, complete, whole (mature). The previous instructions on what to do or not do provide the path to what we are to be. Does the inside match the outside? Does our loving God and neighbor lead to loving everyone, as God does? Perfect!

Mount of Beatitudes
A beautiful church, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, stained glass enshrining the Beatitudes…. The virtual pilgrimage on March 24 after the 11AM Mass will lead from the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth to Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, with the Mount of Beatitudes, Mount Tabor (Transfiguration) and many other stops in between!

Looking Ahead:
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15
I will never forget you
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
A steward of the mysteries of God
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34
Beyond worry

A GREAT Lenten Opportunity
Ok, you aren't ready to take the plunge into one of our existing Bible studies. How about a quick overview in 8 sessions that puts the whole Bible in perspective? What better way to make this Lent fruitful? At 9:30 a.m. on the Saturdays in Lent, after the 9AM Mass, come to the Manse to find out just how the pieces fit together. We’ll be using a well tested program by Jeff Cavins. Check it out!

Lenten Regulations
The following regulations for Lenten sacrifice are based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

• All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics over 14. Anyone with a chronic illness or in a weakened condition receives dispensation automatically.
• Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18) are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting means taking only one full meal and two smaller meals that, taken together, do not equal one full meal.
• Throughout Lent, Catholics are especially encouraged to perform voluntary acts of penance.
THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
NATIVITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
COMPASS CARE

Compass Care is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to erasing the need for abortion by transforming women’s fear into confidence. Everything Compass Care does is geared towards reaching and serving women at-risk for abortion, in such a way that they go on to have their babies. Nearly 95% of Compass Care’s patients are at risk for abortion. Compass Care is reaching the right women at the right time. Ninety-nine babies were saved in 2013. Compass Care is based in Rochester, N.Y. on White Spruce Blvd. and can be reached at (585) 232-3894 for more information.

The Angel Care Ministry of St. Marianne Cope Parish would like to thank the parishioners of St. Louis for your very generous tithe to our ministry. Your donations will help provide the necessary items a newborn needs upon their birth that their moms are unable to provide. It will also enable us to purchase many portable beds to ensure that their babies have a safe place to sleep. We feel privileged to have been selected by your tithing committee. Thank you for being a parish that is supportive of our ministry.

Gratefully,
Noreen Mancini, Angel Care Coordinator

YOU’RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CRS RICE BOWL!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available after all masses on March 1st & 2nd. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family’s Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

Last year St. Louis Parish was the diocesan leader in Rice Bowl collections, donating an incredible $7,342! We are such a generous group of people! Let’s join together again and make 2014 the best year yet!

BREAD FOR ALL – OPERATION RICE BOWL KICK-OFF!

Pick up your Rice Bowl, participate in a special Rice Bowl Blessing with Fr. Bob, and enjoy prayerful Lenten reflections with friends and family! The event will serve homemade bread from St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality community supported bakery - Bread for All. Come and support this wonderful organization that features a bakers-in-training program allowing men and women in recovery learn skills to help them secure full-time employment. A perfect way to begin your Lenten journey!
**CATHOLICISM 101**

**Is he really infallible?**

Catholicism maintains that the pope is infallible, incapable of error, when he teaches a doctrine on faith or morals to the universal Church. The pope is infallible when he teaches from the *chair of Peter*. These conditions exist when:

- he teaches as pastor of all the faithful
- he intends to use his full authority in an unchangeable decision
- the subject is a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals.

Infallible teaching is rare. One example of an infallible papal statement is the declaration of Mary’s assumption into heaven. Papal infallibility refers solely to the pope’s power or gift as successor of Peter to teach correctly Christ’s revelation, especially when that revelation is being attacked or denied, which could lead the faithful to be confused. (CCC 891)

Papal infallibility doesn’t mean that the pope can’t make *any* mistakes. He is not infallible in scientific, historical, political, philosophical, geographic or any other matters – just faith and morals. It boils down to trust. Catholics trust that the Holy Spirit protects them from being taught or forced to believe erroneous doctrines by preventing the pope from issuing them.

**The Hands Of Christ Awards**

Each year the Rochester Diocese recognizes exceptional high school seniors for their faith and action in their parish and community. The criteria for the Hands of Christ recognition are the following:

- Has *consistently* demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
- Has been *actively involved* in the parish as well as in their school or community.
- Has been a *positive role model* to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a *practicing Roman Catholic* and currently a *high school senior*.

We at St. Louis are proud and grateful for the outstanding young adults listed below. They have contributed their time, treasure and talents in many ways. They are active in their schools, in scouts, in our youth group and in the parish. They help at Saint’s Place, at Sunday School, at Beth- any House, and at St. Michael’s Church. They serve in leadership roles and mentor younger teens. They lector, sing, teach, plant, clean, pray, promote, celebrate and share their faith with others. They are the young church and we appreciate the enthusiasm they bring to our community.

*Congratulations to: Patrick Huntress, Mitchell Hester, Christopher Hanna, Kathryn Tirabassi, Killian Bestram, Elizabeth Scheuerman and Christine Molinari.* Their award ceremony is on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00PM at St. John of Rochester in Fairport. Thank you all for encouraging our young people.

**“Love Your Enemies”**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus teaches us to share generously with others, giving even more than what is asked instead of trying to get even with those who have wronged us.

What Jesus asks his disciples to do may sound hard. However, he wants them to know that to be his followers, they must not try to get even or take revenge. Instead, they are to give more than what is asked for.

Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. What are some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home? We also learn about caring at home. Have you learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home?

How is love the most important thing a family can share with one another? This is the same in God’s family. Jesus tried to teach his disciples how to love others beyond those who were closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God’s family, we are called to do the same thing. What are some concrete ways you can “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”?

Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. What Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like.

**Act of Love**

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.
**WARM SOUP AND NOURISHING PRAYER**

Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5 is just around the corner and it is time to mark your calendars for our “Fridays in Lent” gatherings. The following are the prayer formats for each evening:

**Friday, March 7** ~ Mary Van Houten  
Musical prayer and reflection (7:00 pm)

**Friday, March 14** ~ Father Bob Ring  
Taize Prayer (7:00 pm)

**Friday, March 21** ~ St. Louis School 5th Grade  
Stations of the Cross (7:00 pm)

**Friday, March 28** ~ Musica Spei  
Musical Stations of the Cross (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 4** ~ St. Louis Faith Formation  
Living Stations of the Cross (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 11** ~ Father Bob Ring  
Evening Prayer (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 18** ~ St. Louis Parish Family  
Tenebrae (7:30 pm)

**On Friday, March 7 and Friday, April 11 a simple soup supper will be held beginning at 6:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall.** The soup suppers will be a pot-luck style meal. Please RSVP on the Wednesdays of these two weeks by calling Elizabeth (586-5675) at the Ministry Center. Let Elizabeth know if you will be bringing a crockpot of your favorite soup (remember meatless) to share and/or a loaf of bread. If you will be attending the prayer portion of the evening only you don’t need to RSVP.

The prayer portion of these evenings will begin at 7:00 pm in the church with the exception of April 18, Tenebrae, which will begin at 7:30 pm.

We know through Scripture that Jesus can be found in the breaking of the bread. Come and break bread and pray with other disciples who share our faith. Let’s get to know one another in these opportunities of a shared meal and prayer this Lent.

**Little Black Books** – It isn’t just the content, it is also the method. Little Black books in Lent are an invitation to make prayer and reflecting on Scripture a part of every day; an invitation to ponder a spiritual question and ‘spend some time with the Lord’, at home, at work, or whenever you have 6 minutes to spare. Pick one up the 1st weekend of March.

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**Little Rock Scripture Study “The Women of the Old Testament”**

**Discover their Strength Courage Wisdom**

Bold and decisive, also meek and faithful, they are always compelled to act in ways that bring about change. God’s saving deeds often came through the mind and will of amazing women using limited resources. Their stories are remarkable in that they arise from historical eras that cramped their options in influencing or changing the flow of history.

**10-week Study Begins Tuesday, February 25 1:15 p.m. in Parish Meeting Hall**

**$10 Cost of materials includes study guide, scripture, and commentary. Please RSVP to Birdie (586-5675) by February 17**

Peer-led, informal, faith-sharing, join us! (Additional session days & times available if enough people are interested. Email Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org)

**Life! in Focus**

“You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people.”  
*Bishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Suggested Action: Look through your possessions and try to find one thing to give away to someone to give them joy.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY AT ST. LOUIS**

6:45 am  Mass/ distribution of Ashes
9:10 am  School Liturgy/ distribution of Ashes  
(everyone welcome)
11:00 am  Mass/ distribution of Ashes
5:15 pm  Mass/ distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm  Mass/ distribution of Ashes
Tri-Parish Lenten Retreat

“Be Still & Know that I am God”

These Lenten Reflections (each morning OR evening) will attempt to help you to slow down and deepen your relationship with God. Give yourself a Lenten gift and set aside the time to be with us for this special presentation.

St. Louis
64 S. Main St., Pittsford
Be STILL…
How can we learn to quiet our hearts in this busy time and take time to listen to God?

Church of the Transfiguration
50 W. Bloomfield Rd., Pittsford
… and KNOW…
How is it possible to really experience God in a meaningful way?

St. Catherine of Siena
26 Mendon-Ionia Rd., Mendon
that I am GOD…
How can we benefit more deeply from the richness of believing in a Triune God?

Monday March 10
11:30 – 12:15 noon
(following 11:00 a.m. Mass)
OR
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
(following 9:00 a.m. Mass)
OR
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
(following 9:00 a.m. Mass)
OR
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Joseph Kelly
After teaching Scripture at St. Bernard’s Seminary for 11 years, Dr. Joseph Kelly joined the faculty at Nazareth College where he taught in the Religious Studies Department for 27 years. He now devotes his time to teaching Adult Education courses in scripture and theology in parishes and congregations throughout the Diocese of Rochester. He is also very active in ecumenical and interfaith work in Monroe County. Look for his article regarding Pope Francis’ idea that the Church is a Field Hospital in America Magazine this Spring. He and his wife, Pat, will soon celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary.

AN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also."

“...this Gospel is rightly considered the “magna carta” of Christian nonviolence; it does not consist in surrendering to evil—as claims a false interpretation of ‘turn the other cheek’, but in responding to evil with good, and thus breaking the chain of injustice. It is thus understood that nonviolence, for Christians, is not mere tactical behavior but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is convinced of God’s love and power, who is not afraid to confront evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. Loving the enemy is the nucleus of the ‘Christian revolution,’ a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power. The revolution of love, a love that does not base itself definitively in human resources, but in the gift of God, that is obtained only and unreservedly in his merciful goodness.” Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican City, 18 February 2007

Jesus asks us to resist evil with good, to avoid grudges and revenge. This is an attitude of patience and self-control, worthy of the praise of Christ: "Blessed are the meek ... those who mourn..." But today Jesus goes further in his explanation. He asks of us a generosity that goes beyond the broad precept of love of neighbor. Even if one does not "support" offering the other cheek, we are required to return good. Even when there is no human reason to give more, Jesus again and again asks us that we need to give "more". It seems that the only way to stop evil is to add more good actions into our lives. It is like one who had to bury something unpleasant, and the solution is to bury it with a good layer of "sand".

So good, when an "excess" of love, forces the evil to not reproduce and eventually extinguishes it. This is not a request only for heroes. We are all asked this, if we want to imitate him and his followers. We know that only with His grace, and strength that comes from the Spirit, can we accomplish this transformation. Let us not hesitate to ask in our prayer today.

Jesus, give me grace for the kingdom of heaven. Help me in my life to know how to respond to aggression with understanding. Don’t let concern for ensuring economic well-being take me to meanness, and above all, help me become tireless a disciple and missionary of your love, because the world needs you and I must take you to the world.

Victor Sanchez – victor13_64@hotmail.com
BIG NEWS AT SAINT’S PLACE

As you know, after founding Saint’s Place, and growing the ministry for 15 years, Colleen Knauf will be retiring as Director this May. Knowing the passion and many gifts Colleen brought to this wonderful ministry, finding a person to succeed her was a daunting task. However, I am very pleased to announce that our search has been successful, and Isabel Miller will become the new Executive Director, effective May 1, 2014. Isabel needs no introduction to those who work and volunteer at Saint’s Place, as she has been a long time and passionate fellow volunteer.

Mrs. Miller and her husband, Dick, moved to Rochester after careers in the NYC area. She was the Executive Vice President for Worldwide Licensing & Merchandising for The Jim Henson Company (The Muppets). She has been a member of the Saint’s Place Advisory Board, a tutor for refugees and has played a key role at the ministry’s clothing closet maintained at St. John of Rochester. Isabel has a strong background in volunteer service, which includes tutoring teens in Harlem, running a weekly meal program for seniors and working at a medical clinic in Bogotá, Colombia. She was named a Woman of Distinction in 1991 by the NY Women’s Foundation and was Adjunct Professor of the Year at Marymount Manhattan College, her Alma Mater, in 2006.

To quote Colleen, “Isabel brings all the skills necessary to continue the success of our vibrant ministry. More importantly, Isabel has the passion and energy, along with a strong desire to help the less fortunate, which will help inspire our over 200 volunteers.” Let me add, having a Director come who already has a deep knowledge of the mission and the people who are Saint’s Place will be invaluable in this next chapter of Saint’s Place history. Isabel brings both, plus exactly the passion needed for her demanding new role. I look forward to how this ministry will continue to flourish under her care. I am also very pleased that Colleen can retire, confident that Saint’s Place is in good hands. God bless Colleen for all that she has given to establish this vital ministry, and God bless Isabel as she prepares to take over the reins. Peace, Fr. Bob

Saint’s Place Wish List:

HANGERS are our NUMBER #1 need. We are experiencing a severe shortage of hangers. If you have any metal or plastic hangers that you don’t need, please consider dropping them off at the clothing closet. No wooden hangers, please. Thank You!

♦ Warm winter clothing, especially for men
♦ Size 2 and 3 children’s’ clothing (boys and girls)
♦ Pots and pans, especially large cooking pots and sauce pans
♦ Strollers
♦ Kitchen tables and chairs
♦ Small appliances (rice cookers, coffee makers, toasters, mixers, etc.)
♦ Blankets (all sizes)
♦ Sheets (twin and double)
♦ Laundry baskets
♦ Electric alarm clocks
♦ Pot holders
♦ Telephones
♦ Irons and ironing boards
♦ Toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant.

Thank You FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Saints Place has a deal for you: Help us at Saints Place, NOW -- February and March, while our veteran volunteers are off to Florida and warmer places ... It's a short-term commitment, that's very convenient, and very flexible -- mornings -- any day --- Monday through Thursday, at either location -- St. Louis Church – 46 South Main Street or here at St. John of Rochester. Bring a friend. Perhaps you could think of it as your "Lenten" almsgiving. or maybe just come for the fun of it. Either way, your assistance to incoming refugees will be PRICE-LESS! A chance to make a real difference for someone newly arrived in Rochester. No experience needed, on the job training!

Whatever your reasons for volunteering may be, someone’s quality of life is benefiting. Call Michele at 385-6860 or email michele@saintsplace.org
DEACON INFORMATION SESSIONS
7:00 PM Tuesday March 4, Bishop Hickey Conference Center, 1150 Buffalo Road (Pastoral Center rear entrance and parking) OR
10:00 AM Saturday March 8, St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry, 120 French Road. 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. 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.

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
The Most Reverend Salvatore Matano will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. To register, please send your name and complete mailing address to Sylvia Mancuso at smancuso@dor.org or call her at 1-800-388-7177 x1295, or 585-328-3228 x1295. Many married couples spend the winter in warmer climates – so their families are encouraged to register them!

INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY
When we begin to reflect on the meaning of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we are doing theology. This four session certificate course presents a brief overview of the basic components of theology – method, revelation, use of scripture, and the roles they play in the Church today. Wednesdays March 5, 19, April 2, 23 from 1:30-4pm. Cost is $100. Register at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657 x 289 for more information.

A St. Valentine’s Marriage Celebration
St. Louis sponsored a St. Valentine’s evening with a special Mass for married couples. It was an opportunity to renew marriage vows whether couples had been married 6 months or 60 years! It was also an opportunity to reflect on the joys and struggles of marriage and the gift each spouse is to each other. Following Mass, a reception was held in the Parish Meeting Hall.

The Brennan Goldman Institute and St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, With St. Mary’s Church, 15 St. Mary’s Place, Downtown Rochester

Presents the 2014 Joseph P. Brennan Memorial Lecture
End of Life Issues: a Jewish and Catholic Perspective
Sunday, March 2 at 7:00 PM

Our two speakers, Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard and Sr. Pat Schoelles, SSJ, will reflect on the common concerns and differences shared by the Jewish and Catholic communities surrounding end of life issues. The lecture free and open to the public, no pre-registration is required.
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