The Real Last Rites

How do you get 1.2 billion people to adjust how they understand a sacrament? Many still think Last Rites refers to calling the priest just before someone dies, to anoint them with the Oil of the Sick. Right? No! Here is a clue: the blessed olive oil isn’t ‘Oil of the Dying’! It’s Oil of the Sick! The 2nd Vatican Council clarified our understanding of the Sacrament of the Sick, and of Last Rites. For starters? Anointing of the Sick is NOT last rites! Viaticum is the Last Rite. Namely, Eucharist, communion received for the last time, is the Last Rite, food for the journey. From the Catechism: 1524 In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist viaticum. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of “passing over” to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection, according to the words of the Lord: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

Anointing of the Sick is for those seriously ill, to help them with the grace of the Holy Spirit, strengthen their faith and trust in God, help them join their suffering with that of Christ, and to promote healing (physical and spiritual). The church teaches that this sacrament brings forgiveness of venial sins as well. To quote the hymn text on page 3: through Anointing of the Sick, Christ, in the sacrament, “makes us faithful, true and whole.”

Here is the sequence. When a person becomes seriously ill, they or their relatives should seek the sacrament of Anointing the Sick. Confession is also good, though actually the Rite suggests that Confession take place earlier than the Sacrament of Anointing. Through Christ’s presence in the sacrament, the person who is ill can be more aware of Christ’s, and the church’s, loving presence with them in the journey of illness. Should it benefit their salvation to recover, then the end of the process can be thanking God for the return to health. If the journey is toward a return home to God, then viaticum would be the next step in the journey.

Next Sunday we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing at each Mass for those seriously ill. All of us will pray for these sisters and brothers. If you know anyone struggling with ill health, consider bringing them next weekend. Peace, Fr. Bob   (More on page 6.)
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 5**  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
11:00 am For the People of the Parish  
5:15 pm Arlene Alwill - Young Family

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 6**  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
6:45 am For all First Responders  
11:00 am John Sullivan - Housel Belmont Family

**WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 7**  
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands Living Ctr for Residents and Staff  
11:00 am Marcella Schaarschmidt - Jim & Linda McCauley  
5:15 pm Samuel & Geraldine DiPalma - Kristin Valentine

**THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 8**  
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
6:45 am For Victims of Violence  
11:00 am Jim Kaufer - St Louis Pastoral Care

**FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 9**  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
11:00 am Edward & Irene Shutts - Mary  
5:15 pm Lillian Jabbour - Friend  
7:00 pm Renewal of Vows Prayer Service

**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 10**  
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10  
9:00 am Sammy Joe Schnell - Great Aunt & Uncle, Linda & Joe Mulcahy  
4:30 pm Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 11**  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45  
7:30 am 1st Anniversary Greg Barr - CFM Group  
9:00 am Anthony J. Costello - Family & Greg Barr - Family  
11:15 am Donna Rose - Bill Conklin  
5:00 pm Mary Randall - Mary Ann & Jim Hendricks

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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 In Memory of Sammy Joe Schnall by Great Aunt & Uncle, Joe & Linda Mulcahy

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**Requiem Aeternam**

Lori Warden  
Margaret Mawn

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**Saturday & Sunday, February 10 & 11**

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Sunday Communion Service - February 11  
The Highlands - Diane Salipante  
Heather Heights - Darlene Huver
**God’s Healing Word**

### Our Weekend Scriptures: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Job: 7:1-4, 6-7  
*The face of illness*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
*Living the Gospel*

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39  
*Jesus the healer*

### Looking Ahead: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
*Unclean! Unclean!*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1  
*Do everything for the glory of God*

**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45  
*I do will it. Be clean!*

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**Suffering 101**

The book of Job comes from the section of the Hebrew Scriptures (Tanakh) called ‘The Writings’ (Ketuvim). This literary masterpiece, wrestling with the question of human suffering, includes elements of lawsuit, lament, controversy dialogue, and even more. Why do good people suffer? The passage we hear today is early in the dialogue. Job is responding to the unhelpful counsel of his supposed friends. Clearly a lament, Job pours out his sorrow, overwhelmed by how meaningless life can seem in the face of unexplainable suffering. A take home? Naming the experience of suffering, pouring out one’s heart can be part of the healing process. Pour it all out, and in the emptiness that remains, God can whisper a word of hope, and plant a seed of healing.

**Entrusted with a Stewardship**

Seriously? Yes, 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 fires back. He does have the right to demand a fee. But Just as Jesus freely offered salvation, so Paul delivers the message freely. In fact, he is compelled 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. He offers a powerful message about 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. The same is true for every disciple, including you and me!

**Be Quiet! Come Out!**

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’, the term given to this feature in Mark’s gospel. Here is a start.

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"Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit,"  
Cried God's healing, Holy One.  
"Cased your ranting! Flesh can't bear it.  
Flee as night before the sun."  
A Christ's voice the demon trembled,  
From its victim madly rushed,  
While the crowd that was assembled  
Stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving  
In the grey cells of the mind:  
Tyrant voices, shrill and driving,  
Twisted thoughts that grip and bind,  
Doubts that stir the heart to panic,  
fears distorting reason's sight,  
Guilt that makes our loving frantic,  
Dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit,  
In our mind and in our heart.  
Speak your word that when we hear it  
All our demons shall depart.  
Clear our thought and calm our feeling.  
Still the fractured, warring soul.  
By the power of your healing  
Make us faithful, true, and whole.

Text: Mk. 1:23-28; Thomas Troeger, b. 1945  
Tune: AUTHORITY, 8 7 8 7 D; Carol Doran, b. 1936;  
(Suggested alternate tune: GENEVA)  
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God’s Good People
Thank you for celebrating Eucharist with us last week. You may not know for whom, but I’m pretty certain your presence touched someone. Your choosing to come, your praying was food for someone’s soul. You helped someone realize this is important! Thank you too for supporting our parish through Sunday offerings. Your contributions keep the doors open, our programs well-staffed, and make it possible for us to send a tithe from our Sunday collection to a variety of very worthwhile ministries, spreading the blessings.

Our Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) has done very well this year, and your generosity has brought us to almost 97% of our goal. Thank you, every single donor! While ever so close to the list of parishes that have reached or exceeded their goal, we need just a little bigger push to get there. If you have not yet contributed, but could, your gift could help put us over the top. If you are new to the area, or have any questions about the CMA, please give Fr. Bob a call.

Feeding the Hungry
Every month we have a food collection, alternating among our local food cupboard and food cupboards in the city. Thank you to all who help to stock the food cupboards, and a special thanks to those who get the food from our sanctuary to where it is needed! Let’s offer a prayer too for the volunteers who take the food we send, organize it, and caringly distribute it to those who are so grateful for help when hit by hard times.

**Our Offering of Time & Treasure**

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**This Week’s Tithing**

**ROCHESTER INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (RAIHN)**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Catholic Charities USA for Puerto Rico Disaster Relief**

Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. Catholic Charities supports disaster response and recovery efforts with direct assistance, home repair, home rebuilding, health care services and other programs that enable long-term disaster recovery.

CCUSA continues to assist with ongoing relief and recovery efforts from the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. Widespread damage, power outages and isolated communities still confront the majority of Puerto Rico’s residents. Caritas de Puerto Rico has identified four main objectives as the initial steps toward long-term recovery: manage the distribution of supplies from port to local warehouses to neighborhoods; set-up disaster case management teams; provide mental health counselors; and establish a health clinic.

Since Catholic Charities has a presence in each of the 50 states and five U.S. territories, it is able to be present quickly and effectively to local communities experiencing a disaster. Catholic Charities USA, as the national office of 165 member agencies throughout the United States and its territories, with the professional experience of its disaster operations team and the local knowledge and expertise of its agencies, is able to be present quickly and effectively to communities recovering from a disaster.

To date, CCUSA has raised $7.7M in relief for USVI and Puerto Rico.

For more details, visit: [https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/efforts/disaster-relief](https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/efforts/disaster-relief)

Folks know that Saint's Place is very important to the volunteers and to their families. Recently, memorial contributions honoring these beautiful witnesses to faith in action have amounted to $2,290.00. Make sure your family knows the good works that are important to you. Our ability to do good after we die includes not only interceding for those we have left behind. We can also make a difference in the financial future of those ministries close to us through the generosity of our loved ones!
A Good Read

Book Study:
Praying the Rosary Like Never Before:
Encounter the Wonder of Heaven and Earth

When: Tuesdays
Time: 1:00-2:30 pm or 7:15-8:45 pm
Dates: Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: $12 for the paperback (or bring your own)

Please register by contacting Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, online at stlouischurch.org, or calling the ministry center at 586-5675.

Little Black Books

Yes, Lent is upon us. Once again the parish offers you a Lenten gift, a Little Black Book. These are great prayer starters, convenient to carry, and with a wealth of interesting and inspiring facts, 6 minute scripture reflections, and the invitation to spend some quiet time with the Lord every day.

Library Update

Our beautiful parish library is getting plenty of use for meetings. Now, with the Christmas season behind us, the library committee has resumed the task of organizing and shelving remaining books. We have more books than space, so duplicates and some other books are in the parish meeting room, free for the taking! Check out the book cart and help yourself! Would you be interested in becoming part of the library committee? Please call the parish office or e-mail Fr. Bob.

Commemorative Books for the Diocese of Rochester's 150th Anniversary are available for purchase at the Ministry Center for $35.
Learn More About the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Check out FORMED.org and view Symbolon: Living the Faith, episode 4, Penance and Anointing of the Sick: God’s Mercy Revealed.

Once you log into Formed.org, click on “Study”, then “Faith Formation”.

Haven’t registered yet? Use our parish code: KMFHWV

Anointing of the Sick

“Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1500). “The Church believes and confesses that among the seven Sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick…” (CCC, no. 1511).

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick both comforts the sick and purifies them from sin and its consequences. “Those who are seriously ill need the special help of God’s grace in this time of anxiety, lest they be broken in spirit and, under the pressure of temptation, perhaps weakened in their faith.” (PCS: Ritual for the Anointing of the Sick, Introduction, 5).

“This Sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick; by this grace the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God, and strengthened against the temptations of the Evil One and against anxiety over death. Thus the sick person is able not only to bear suffering bravely, but also to fight against it. A return to physical health may follow the reception of this Sacrament if it will be beneficial to the sick person’s salvation.” (PCS: Ritual for the Anointing of the Sick, Introduction, 6).

“If the Eucharist shows how Christ’s suffering and death have been transformed into love, the Anointing of the Sick, for its part, unites the sick with Christ’s self-offering for the salvation of all, so that they too, within the mystery of the communion of saints, can participate in the redemption of the world.” (Sacramentum Caritatis, 22).

“The celebration of the Sacrament includes the following principal elements: the ‘priests of the Church’ - in silence - lay hands on the sick; they pray over them in the faith of the Church - this is the epiclesis proper to this Sacrament; they then anoint them with oil blessed, if possible, by the Bishop.” (CCC, no. 1519).

Finally, the real Last Rite:

“As the Sacrament of Christ’s Passover the Eucharist should always be the last Sacrament of the earthly journey, the ‘viaticum’ for ‘passing over’ to eternal life.” (CCC, no. 1517).
Public Policy Weekend—Support Dreamers

Bishop Matano and the Diocese of Rochester Public Policy Committee are asking us to join them and the U.S. Catholic Bishops to advocate for passage of The Dream Act. During this coming weekend of February 10-11, St. Louis Parish will provide an opportunity for parishioners to advocate on behalf of these young people.

As a nation we suffer many divisions including opinions about who we will accept as legal residents of our country. The DREAM Act has strong bi-partisan support because those who are eligible have already fulfilled certain conditions. They have been educated in our schools and earned a college degree or its equivalent in a two year training program or have served honorably in our military. Persons who qualify got through a step by step process including eight years of conditional residence to apply for legal permanent residence. Applying for citizenship status may require up to another five years of residence.

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group.”

(Froming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

You took me in when no one else would.

2018 Lenten Theology on Tap Four Pack

March 5
It all Hangs on Consubstantiality
Mike Sauter
Retreat House Manager
Abbey of the Genesee

March 12
Answering the Call: A Year of Service in a Philadelphia Soup Kitchen
Jessica Tette
Coordinator of Children Ministries, St. Kateri

March 19
Career, Calling, and Christian Vocation
Dcn. Ed Giblin
Director of Deacon Personnel, Diocese of Rochester

March 26
My Life with the Saints
Fr. Kevin Mannara, CSB
Director of Campus Ministry, St. John Fisher College

Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
186 Atlantic Avenue . Rochester, NY . 14607
Be My Valentine
Saturday, February 17, after the 4:30 pm Mass
$12/person

BISTRO

Cheese & Charcuterie Board
Chicken & Rice
Fr. Bob’s Roasted Tahitian Squash
Chocolate Ganache & Fresh Fruit Tart
RSVP by Tuesday, February 13 to Sue or Shannon at 586-5675

Renew Your Marriage Vows!
Come to a prayer service to celebrate your vows.
This Friday, February 9th at 7 P.M.
Reception following in the Parish Meeting Hall
Please bring a dessert to share. You may drop it off in the Parish Meeting Hall before proceeding to the service in church at 7:00 pm.
Register by contacting Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or call the ministry center at 586-5675.
Would you like to support marriage but are currently widowed, divorced, or single? You are invited to help set up this gift for others. Contact Kathryn.

GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE!
The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference proudly presents The Power of the Eucharist, Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World, Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:00 am at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester.

This is a wonderful gift idea for your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt or best friend! She will appreciate the opportunity to be refreshed spending the day with other Catholic women.

Her day will include Mass with our Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, national speakers Dr. Edward Si and Danielle Bean. Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch.

Please visit the website at Rochestercwc.org/ for complete details.
On-line registration now open!
Fr. Juan and Don Murray are hosting a reflection group called “Word of Life”, which is part of the Focolare spirituality. You are most welcome to join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm in the O’Connor Library in the Manse. (This is the brick building to the right of the main church entrance.) Meets next on Mon. Feb 19.

The Word of Life, a sentence of Scripture, is offered monthly as a guide and inspiration for daily life. We read that sentence and the commentary (which is translated into 96 different languages and dialects and reaches more than 14 million people worldwide), and then offer our thoughts about how it applies to our lives. At the start of the next session, we share how we applied that verse in our lives as we encourage each other to imitate Christ.

For more information please email Fr. Juan at Fr.Juan.Benitez@dor.org or Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
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