Out Of The Water, Into The World

The Liturgical Year … what exactly should we know about it? Perhaps this. It is the way we journey through the life of Christ and the central mysteries of our faith year after year, hopefully going deeper and deeper each year as we make the journey. We begin in Advent, reflecting on the coming of Christ. We celebrate the Annunciation; at Christmas we celebrate his birth. We celebrate his early family life, his Baptism, then the beginnings of his ministry. We move into Lent, with events in Jesus’ ministry offered to prepare those who will be baptized, and all of us, for Easter. Lent closes with his entry into Jerusalem, Holy Week and the Triduum (our highest holy days), when we commemorate the Last Supper; we mourn his crucifixion on Good Friday, then celebrate the Resurrection on Easter, continuing to celebrate for 50 days. Pentecost shifts us to celebrating the beginnings of the church, a post resurrection event. After two special feasts, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi, we enter ordinary time, again walking week by week through Jesus’ earthly ministry.

So what? First, seeing how it all connects makes it easier to understand the steps along the way. Worshipping in this way also means that each week’s readings and prayers are not stand-alone. Looking at where we were the week before, and where we head next can be very fruitful. That brings me to ‘out of the water, into the world.’ In cycle A (Matthew’s Gospel) and cycle B (Gospel of Mark), the Baptism of the Lord leads into his calling of the disciples. (While the temptation in the desert actually precedes the calling of the disciples in the actual chronology, the temptation is saved for a Gospel to lead us into Lent). This year (cycle C, Luke) we will go from celebrating Jesus’ baptism to the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus’ 1st sign in John’s Gospel, to his early ministry, to calling the disciples. Bottom line: baptism is for a purpose. It leads to action. Christ modeled that. Just as his baptism set the stage for his ministry, so our baptism ultimately should lead us to a life of serving in some fashion.

Out of the water into the world doesn’t mean we all need to enter consecrated religious life, priesthood, or professional ministry in the church. But it does mean that through our life, service, proclaiming the Gospel in the way we live and love is where our baptism is intended to lead. Listen to the prayers at the next baptism, like the blessing of the water and the anointing with Chrism. You will hear words about mission, even if we know infants need to do some growing up first (but young children can certainly have and live a mission!).

Taking the liturgical year as a clue, let’s each pray about our baptism, where it has led, and what might be next if we are truly walking with Jesus. Peace to you all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - JANUARY 11**
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
11:00 am Pat & Nelly O’Connor - Paul & Geri Dolan
5:15 pm Roland Schindler - Tom & Sue Davin

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 12**
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
6:45 am John McAlarney - Wife
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish
11:00 am Roland Schindler - Terry Meng

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 13**
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
11:00 am Nelly O’Connor - Mike & Carol Duffy
5:15 pm Capt. Luke Wullenwaber - Ryan & Molly Hickey

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 14**
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
6:45 am Leon Katzen - VFW Chili Post
11:00 am Nelly & Pat O’Connor - Dory Braun

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 15**
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
11:00 am Nelly O’Connor - Joan & Gary Eisenhart
5:15 pm Bela Mersich - Claire & David Hall

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 16**
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
9:00 am Special Intention for Gerard Rooney - Marie Wilhere
4:30 pm Margaret Fee - Ruth Tracy

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 17**
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am James Newell - Joan Fama
9:00 am Patricia J. Fritschler - Family
11:00 am Janice Maxwell - Surgical ICU PA’s
5:00 pm Special Intention for those Struggling with Addiction & Depression - Parishioner

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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 lamp will burn for a Special Intention for Hailey Fuller By Grandma.

One lamp will burn In memory of Harold Barnes By Babette.

One lamp will burn In memory of Christopher Penzner By Family.

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**Requiem Aeternam**

Alissa Amalfi

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**Saturday & Sunday, January 16 and 17**

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**Sunday Communion Service - January 17**
The Highlands: Mary Ann Monley        Heather Heights: Gerry & Pete Shea
Who is the Herald?
In our first reading today, it is clear someone is brimming with excitement, and has a vision of the amazing redemption God wills for the wayward. Speaking to the exiles, Isaiah experienced in his heart the love God had for His people. He could foresee the return to the land, new hope and promise for the people, God’s offer of redemption. When the Maccabees ousted the Greek ruler Antiochus, with his hated efforts to destroy Judaism, it is likely someone used this same message to herald the restoration of home rule, and of the faith. John the Baptist was another ‘voice crying out in the desert’, bringing hope to the people who went out to hear his message. But it doesn’t end there. This is an excellent passage for lectors to bring to prayer. Comfort, give comfort to my people … cry out at the top of your voice … say… Here is your God. Not a lector? Think you are off the hook? Not in this Year of Mercy! (Not ever!) One of the spiritual works of mercy is to comfort the afflicted. How can I bring comfort to someone who is afflicted this week? How can you?

Another Mercy Connection
Central to our second reading today is the message at the heart of our faith: we are not saved by our own righteousness, but by God’s mercy. But then, through our rebirth in baptism, and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, we become eager to do good. The eagerness may at times get lost in distractions, hurts, burdens or disappointments. But the spark remains, just as, beneath the cool ashes, there are live embers long after a fire has gone out. “Lord, how do I best fan that spark into flame?”

Stepping Aside
Today’s Gospel is a watershed moment, no pun intended. It marks the beginning of Jesus stepping on to the public stage. At the same time, it marks the beginning of the focus shifting from John the Baptist to Jesus. It is a point of reference in each of our baptisms. We’ve read the book, and know the end of the story. John didn’t. He was beheaded at least a year before Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection. Yet he somehow could discern that God’s plan required stepping out of center stage, and pointing his disciples to Jesus. But an easy thing to do? Think twice! As we pray with this Gospel, might John have anything to teach us?

Best Lent Ever
Did you sign up for Best Advent Ever e-mails? Then you are ready for Best Lent Ever! If this is new to you, we are talking about a great program that sends you a reflection for each day of the season, with a brief video clip as well. It is a great way to turn Lent into a 40 day retreat for the busy person who only has a few minutes to spare each day. Have you enjoyed using Little Black Books during Lent? Take the next step, dive a little deeper with Best Lent Ever. This year, it will be based on the book Rediscover Jesus which we distributed at Christmas. Watch for details!
In March of 1998, the Pittsford Clergy Association opened a food cupboard in the Old Pickle Factory on Grove Street. The Pittsford Food Cupboard is now an independently incorporated agency. In April 1998, our St. Louis Deacon Tom Driscoll became the director and the food cupboard served 10 households a week with food and with referrals to agencies that help folks get back on their feet. Since then, the PFC has grown to serve over 400 families each month totaling over 800 people seeking food for their families. From its operation in the Old Pickle Factory, the cupboard serves people from six ZIP codes, including Rochester, East Rochester, Brighton and Pittsford.

Anita Conlin, a St. Louis Parishioner, is the current executive director of the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Clients come from all walks of life, many just needing a little help to get through a period of unemployment or illness. Others need assistance because of inadequate fixed incomes, a disability or uninsured medical bills, single parenthood or an increase in household size, unexpected unemployment or an end to benefits. In the last two years, the food cupboard has seen a 45 percent increase in family needs.

PFC has also introduced a variety of flexible volunteer programs that make it easy for members of the community, adults or students, to get involved and volunteer at group or individual levels. Besides collecting food, assisting clients, helping with office work, stocking shelves or picking up food, volunteers can “Adopt-A-Shelf”, hold can and bottle drives, or be a sponsor and coordinate food drives at their organization. Students who get involved with “Dare to Care” can run their own food drive earning community service hours. For details, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net. Thank you for your prayers, your food donations, and your critical financial support.

**Peace is not won by those who fiercely guard their differences, but by those who, with open minds and hearts, seek out connections.**

~ Katherine Patterson, Author
ST. LOUIS COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEXT MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 18
IN THE PARISH MEETING HALL

Our meeting begins with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by a business meeting at 7:00 PM. The meeting agenda includes a report on the Children's Poster contest, the Holy Family Prayer Service, the Chocolate Rose Sale for Project Rachel and Elizabeth Ministry, our involvement with Saint's Place, and Parish Recruitment. Our Council has also sponsored a shelf at the Pittsford Food Cupboard for another year under the direction of our Warden, Walt McCanna.

2015-Our Council’s Parish and Community Endeavors
Brother Joe DiPrima’s recruitment drive added 5 new Knights to our Council. Sadly, 3 of our Council Knights passed away in this past 6 months. Two were Trustees. We sold 106 C&B Books that raised $424.00 for our Council. In February we will receive a check from the C&B Drive for $56.00 that is an additional $1.00 per book over our 50 book minimum. Our generous Brother Knights raised $245.00 for the Thanksgiving program, a $50.00 increase over last year. St Louis School received a check for $85.00 for their Villa of Hope program, and the food baskets for St. Michael’s Church totaled $160.00. We helped with the annual sale of Christmas ornaments for the benefit of

St. Damian Children’s Hospital. Over $3,000 was raised. Mrs. Mendola has been selling the ornaments for the past 34 years and was very grateful for our help. Our first Knights of Columbus I-CON for the Holy Family Prayer Service was on Sunday, December 27, the Feast of the Holy Family. 40 parishioners and Knights prayed as Fr. Bob lead us in this very solemn event.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St Louis Council can pick up one of the applications at our bulletin board in the hallway adjacent to the Narthex or contact one of our members. Any Questions? Please contact the Grand Knight, Rick Whelehan at 585-442-6257 or via e-mail: wheels282@frontier.com.

CHOCOLATE ROSE SALE
NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 16 & 17
SPONSORED BY THE ST. LOUIS COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Proceeds raised to be split between Elizabeth Ministry and Project Rachel. Deacon Dave is in charge of Project Rachel for the Rochester Diocese. Please help give these two organizations your much needed support.

Good Luck in the New Year Begins with the Bistro!

Join us in the Parish Meeting Hall
Saturday, January 30, 5:45 pm
$15.00 per person
BYOB

Traditional Lentil Sausage Soup
Stuffed Pork Loin
Herbed Mashed Potatoes
Pear Gallette

Be sure to reserve your spot!
RSVP by January 23rd
by calling 586-5675
WISH YOU WERE HERE!

Academics Beyond Common Core
You’ll love St. Louis School. But don’t take our word for it—come see for yourself! You’ll discover that we give each child a complete academic experience that prepares them for success in the 21st century. From religious education to STEM, we teach it all and provide the best.

STEM-Based Curriculum
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are integrated in virtually everything we teach via hands-on and project-based lessons.

Science Lab
Students have a unique opportunity to engage in scientific exploration and experiments that encourage critical thinking and problem solving in a collaborative classroom.

Technology-Rich Classrooms
All classrooms are equipped with computers and interactive white boards to create an engaging learning environment. And, computer literacy starts in kindergarten.

Small Class Size
Small class size allows for greater personal attention, allowing us to provide experiences that encourage individuality and the development of mind, body and spirit.

JOIN US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE
January 19 & February 2, 2016
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
To learn more, call us at 585-586-5200 or visit SLSPittsford.org

St. Louis School
FOR CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 5
MEET OUR TEACHERS, VISIT OUR CLASSROOMS, AND TOUR OUR CAMPUS!
2016 Deacon Information Sessions for the Diocese of Rochester

- Jan. 14 7:00 PM  Holy Spirit, Penfield
- Jan. 28 7:00 PM  St. Mark, Greece
- Feb. 11 7:00 PM  St. Mary, Bath (O’Malley Hall)
- Feb. 17 7:00 PM  Assumption, Fairport (Parish Living Room)
- Mar. 3 7:00 PM  St. Pius Tenth, Chili (School)
- Mar. 5 1:00 PM  All Saints, Lansing
- Mar. 10 7:00 PM  St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen
- Apr. 6 7:00PM  Transfiguration, Pittsford

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.
March for Life in DC
Friday, January 22, 2016

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese at the annual March for Life in DC. Gather for a Diocese of Rochester March for Life photo on the steps of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, then join Bishop Matano for Mass at the Basilica and march with him and others from the Diocese.

Buses are leaving from around the Diocese Thursday night, January 21 and returning Friday night, January 22. They are filling up fast – reserve your seat now!

Holy Spirit, Webster
commiteeforlife@yahoo.com • 585-503-3256
Seat Cost: $40 • Departure 10:00 PM

St. John of Rochester, Fairport
janene_loughran@yahoo.com • 585-329-1974
Seat Cost: $60 Adult, $30 Student
Departure 10:00 PM

St. Pius X, Chili
dolejar1@gmail.com • 585-305-2058
Seat Cost: $65 Adult, $45 Student
Departure: 10:00 PM

Contact: Suzanne Stack, Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator • For Questions: 585-328-3210, ext. 1304 or sstack@dor.org
GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE!

Love One Another, the third annual Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference is coming on March 12, 2016 to the Aquinas Institute in Rochester. This year’s theme invites us to share God’s love and mercy with everyone. Speakers include Sr. Clare Matthias of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Kelly Wahlquist, founder of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, and Marcus Grodi of the Coming Home Network International.

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 also include Mass with our Bishop, Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch. Registration is open now at www.Rochestercwc.org. Contact Christine DiNovo at edinovo@rochester.rr.com for more information.

LEARNING TO SAY GOODBYE AND HEAL

Beginning Experience of Rochester will be sponsoring a 10-week hope and healing program for the separated, divorced and widowed. Weekly sessions will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena, 26 Mendon-Iona Road, Mendon, NY 14546 (Route 64) beginning January 14. The course will follow the book, “Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends” by Dr. Bruce Fisher. For more information or to register call Sue (585-749-8827). Or, for more information or to register on-line visit the BE website at www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

The St. Louis Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Thursday, January 21 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall to discuss upcoming Year of Mercy activities as they impact Pastoral Care including the spring flower delivery, the annual Red Cross Blood Drive held on Good Friday, March 25, our Lenten book discussion for A Year of Mercy: Inspiring Words from Pope Francis, the annual Sunshine Luncheon in May, our visitation ministries, and the ongoing Bereavement Ministry. We will also review our activities for Advent including the December 15 prayer service. Please consider sharing your gifts by joining Pastoral Care. For additional information, please contact Cris Wensel at 586-5675 ext. 224 or cwensel@dor.org, or Peggy O’Neil Midgley at 383-8879 or pomidlge@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! JANUARY 16 & 17

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

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Catholic ~ Jewish Relations

On Tuesday, January 19, St. Catherine’s Church in Mendon will host a discussion of Catholic-Jewish relations in the Greater Rochester area. The discussion starts at 7:00pm and will be held in St. Catherine’s Chapel. Dr. Joseph Kelly retired Professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth College and Hebrew Scriptures at St. Bernard’ Seminary and Larry Fine, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester will lead the discussion. In September, 2015, Dr. Kelly published his book, Behold How Good It Is, which traces the amazing cordial history of Jewish-Catholic relations in the Diocese of Rochester. The publication will be on sale at the discussion for $15. Larry Fine, has been the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester for 27 years. He actively participates in Rochester’s unique inter-faith community, working closely with Christian, Islamic and other faith leaders, in various forums which have helped to build open and strong relationships across religions in the region. For more information contact Jack Clarq (jclarq@rochester.rr.com) or Ruth Maier SSJ (rmaier@dor.org).
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