The Beginning, the Middle, and the End

I happen to relish the writings of John, who offers a style much more poetic than, say, Mark. Granted, John’s Gospel and letters are deep, not always easy to grasp through speed reading. John’s writings are perfect for lectio divina, or divine reading, where we pray, and read a passage once, pause, let it sink in, then read again slowly. We further reflect, and then read yet a third time, delving ever deeper into all that a Bible text can hold, when it is given the chance to truly interact with our experience, internal and external. But that way of praying with the Bible doesn’t suit everyone equally well. Given our personality differences, many people prefer a more straightforward approach. In last week’s ‘Looking ahead’ on the scripture page, I commented a bit about our second reading, namely the idea of the testimony of the water, blood and Spirit. Here is another angle, especially as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

Jesus coming through water is pretty straightforward: at the beginning of his ministry, he was baptized by John; the heavens opened, and God affirmed his Son. One of the prayers for blessing the font: ‘…you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptized in you.” We begin our journey with Christ, and our life of discipleship and service in the same way. Again quoting the Rite: “… make holy this water… so that all who are baptized in it may be washed clean of sin, and be born again to live as your children. May …become more perfectly like your Son. May …. Announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.” Like Jesus, we come through water to begin our journey with him.

Life’s journey, after baptism (the middle, if you will), is all about Spirit. In the Spirit, Jesus taught, preached, healed, forgave, and freed people from all that held them bound. From the baptism to the passion, we see the Spirit at work in Jesus’ ministry. Empowered by the Spirit, we become more perfectly like him as we love God and our neighbor. In the Spirit, we share our faith, care for the ill, forgive, and bring others to the Lord of all forgiveness; by witness and prayer we help the Lord to set people free.

The end of the journey in this life is symbolized by blood. Here John is referencing the passion, Jesus offering his life for us, the final gift of his earthly ministry. While not all are called to be martyrs, we are called to give our life in love for others. Just as water, Spirit and blood all testified on behalf of Jesus, so our living our baptism (water), allowing our life to be guided by the Spirit, and giving ourselves on behalf of others (blood) testify that we are God’s own, disciples of his Son.

Peace to you and your household, Fr. Bob
Come to the Water

A beautiful invitation in the poetry of Isaiah, turned into a beautiful song; a message we can offer to all who are seeking the wellspring of life: *Come to the water.* Read Isaiah’s words; picture Jesus standing at the front of church, inviting us all in before Mass, pointing to the font, and then to the altar. He longs to slake our thirst and satisfy our hunger. Why stay out in the cold?! (For more thoughts on this week’s readings, go to our parish website and check last week’s bulletin.)

Thank You, Eli!

Next week, Chapter 3 of 1 Samuel will tell us the word of the Lord was rare in those days. Visions were not widespread. The old priest Eli’s eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. But none of that precluded Eli being a good mentor. When the Lord called to Samuel just before dawn, once Eli understood what was happening, he offered advice that still works today. “If He calls you, say: ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” What can we take home? We might be wise to pay attention in the hour before dawn. In that liminal place, when we have greater access to the unconscious, and our conscious filters are less likely to be an obstacle, God may very well send us a message, a mission, or guidance. Instead of shaking off sleep, we would do well to respond just as Samuel did, following the wisdom of Eli: “Speak Lord, your servant is listening!”

Preparing for Next Weekend

Looking Ahead: Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
*Speak Lord, your servant is listening*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
*Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit*

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42
*Come, and you will see*

Selling a Church

As populations shift, and other economic realities settle in, it becomes inevitable. Painful as it may be, sometimes churches need to merge, combine resources, and even close particular church buildings. But to whom does one sell a church? What uses could be considered compatible with it former use, and what would be considered sacrilegious? Ponder various possible buyers. Having worked through that, go back to St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. In our second reading next week, Paul is trying to combat sexual immorality, and an attitude: ‘what difference does it make?’ Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, that’s what! God shaped and formed us, wedding spirit and flesh. We are called to glorify God in our life, in our body. Now there is a principle to apply when doing an examination of conscience!

Come and See!

John has some deep things going on in next week’s Gospel. The gospel of Christmas day told us that the Word made his dwelling among us. No accident then that the call of the disciples begins with “Rabbi, where are you dwelling?” Throughout the Gospel, the answer will be the same – the Word dwells among us. But there is another dynamic one can see here as well. How does Jesus form us into disciples? He invites us to come, see what he does, see how he loves, forgives, heals, and finally offers his life. Come and see. Now, go and do the same!

What Is Bible Study?

Not sure just what it means to ‘study the Bible’? There are many ways to engage the scriptures, becoming more *At Home with the Word.* Here at St. Louis we have a variety of options. For those more comfortable with self-study, we provide *At Home with the Word* (we still have a few copies available). The bulletin each week gives a few thoughts, and in the Narthex, you can often find CD’s about the scriptures. The Monday morning men’s group reflects on the coming Sunday’s readings, as does the Tuesday morning bible study. There is the more formal Great Adventure Bible Study with DVD lectures; in Lent, the ‘Short Journey through the Bible’ will be offered again. Then of course there are homilies, talking with friends after Mass, and reading the Bible prayerfully on your own (after asking the Holy Spirit for guidance). Certainly one of the options can work for you!

Mark your calendar now for the Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, January 31, 6:00 pm at Mario’s on Monroe Avenue.

(Please RSVP by Monday, January 26 to efinn@dor.org)
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - JANUARY 12**  
Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20  
11:00 am Stephen Siegl - Ann Ryan  
5:15 pm Tony Morley - The Holland Family

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 13**  
St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28  
6:45 am Thomas Farrell - Bill Conklin  
11:00 am Victor Merkel - Ellen Tuohy  
11:00 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of Our Parish

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 14**  
Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39  
11:00 am Catherine Aquavella - Linda Lord  
5:15 pm John Dunn - Beverly Dunn

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 15**  
Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45  
6:45 am Christopher Penzimer - Family  
11:00 am Terry Himmler - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 16**  
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12  
11:00 am Patrick Appleford - Eileen Ramos  
5:15 pm Emil Pelcak - Bill Conklin

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 17**  
St. Anthony, Abbot  
Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17  
9:00 am William Wilmot - DeJoy Family  
4:30 pm John Hryniv - Joe Pocious

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 18**  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
7:30 am Arthur McGill - Don & Carol Sheehan  
9:00 am Judy & James Kenrick - Joan Kenrick & Family  
11:00 am Jack Kodweis - Gene & Gloria Ulterino  
5:00 pm Joan Burns - The 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 Lamp will burn for Christopher Penzimer by Family.
- One Lamp will burn for Judy Kenrick by the Abel’s.
- One Lamp will burn for Helen Bauer by the Abel’s.

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**Requiem Aeternam**  
Ginny Krieg  
Ann Marie Russell  
Mary Rose Hogan

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**Saturday & Sunday, January 17 & 18. Thank you, faithful servants!**

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**Sunday Communion Service - January 18**

The Highlands: Mary Ann Monley  
Heather Heights: Darlene Huver
THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT DAYSTAR

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT NOTRE DAME LEARNING CENTER

Education renders a huge strike at the root causes of poverty. Next week, St. Louis will share our collection basket with the Notre Dame Learning Center located at 71 Parkway, Rochester 14608 in the Charles Settlement Building. This ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame established 10 years ago here (and educators in Rochester since 1854) teaches basic computer and life skills, English as a second Language and TASC (formerly called GED) preparation tutoring for 15 adults; and math, reading and ELA skills for 30 children in grades K through 9 at no cost. There is a waiting list because of the lack of 1 on 1 tutors. To volunteer as a tutor or mentor or for other information, please call Sr. Evelyn Breslin at 254-5110 or email her at ndlc@frontiernet.net. Prayers are always appreciated. The Center's web site is: www.ndlcenter.org

To all who have already generously responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you!! Our diocesan family as a whole is at over 86% percent of the goal. Nineteen parishes have already exceeded their goal. With well under half (559) of our parish responding so far, we are over 84% of our share of the goal. Even if those who have not responded were to give a modest contribution, we could make our goal! Please remember, the CMA is our fair share of the budget for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide HR, IT, Faith Formation, and many other services to each parish are funded through CMA contributions. Remember too, any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! Especially if you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge to this year’s campaign. If you are moved to take an envelope and give a bit more than you already have, bless you!!

Dear St. Louis Church of Pittsford,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Judicial Process Commission. Through donations ($2,369) like yours, we are able to provide support services to men and women exiting the criminal justice system. Three times a month, about a dozen clients enjoy a free hot meal and attend a Monday Night Workshop which links them to educational and employment opportunities. Every Tuesday we hold a “walk-in” day on which anyone in need of re-entry services can see a counselor without an appointment. Each year we train about 60 men and women who serve as mentors who help ex-offenders re-enter society and become productive citizens. JPC staff members help clients obtain their rap sheet and apply for certificates that help them become employed. Through New Journey, a continuation of the Women's Re-entry Program, mothers (pregnant and/or with children age 12 and under) exiting the county jail attend a bi-monthly support group led by experienced professional social workers. Students host social events for their children and their moms. About 25 women are enrolled in our program. We are grateful for your donation. Sincerely, Suzanne Schnittman, JPC Board President emeritus and Fund Raising Chair

Would you like to make it easier this year? Consider shifting to electronic giving. EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) means that your monthly contribution is automatically transferred from your checking or savings account to St. Louis Church. Benefits of giving through EFT: You control the amount and timing of your monthly offering to St. Louis Church, plus related Diocesan/National appeals as well as Holy Days. You can spread your contributions evenly over the entire year, and the Church can count on an even flow of contributions. You receive an annual statement by e-mail or regular mail. These statements also document Diocesan/National and Holy Day collection amounts. This page serves as a record for those who itemize contributions on their tax returns. To use EFT, you need to complete the Authorization Form and return it with a voided personal check. EFT forms are available in church; or you can call the Ministry Center (585-586-5675) for us to mail the form to you; to download a form go to www.stlouischurch.org/parish-support.
LEARNING TO SAY GOODBYE AND HEAL

The sessions will take place at Good Shepherd School, St. Marianne Cope, R.C. Parish 3288 East Henrietta Road. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning January 29, 2015.

The sessions will follow Dr. Bruce Fisher’s book, “Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends.” Participants can receive hope, encouragement and support knowing they are not alone in their journey.

The cost for the ten week session is $50 and includes Dr. Fisher’s book. A Rebuilding brochure with an overview and outline of the program, and application can be found at http://www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org/Activities-Calendar.html.

For more information or to register call:
Patti (585-425-8079) or
Lynn (585-349-3091) or
E-mail beofrochester@gmail.com

ON YOUR CALENDAR

A TRANSFORMING WEEKEND!
God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Western New York area is on Feb. 6-8, 2015 in Canandaigua, NY; for more information visit our website at: www.wwme-wny.org, email Applications@wwme-wny.org or call (877) 697-9963.

Understanding Forgiveness; Finding Peace
Make a New Year's resolution: I am going to do what it takes to find more peace in my life! No path to peace can detour seeking, finding, or offering forgiveness. On this Tuesday evening, January 13 at 7PM in the church, please join the parents of those preparing for 1st Penance in an adult session on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be a rich opportunity to learn a bit more about the sacrament (perhaps a nice refresher): a chance to share experience, as well as to take a step forward on a New Year’s Resolution. Bring a friend too!

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MEN: MARK THAT NEW CALENDAR!
The Rochester Catholic Men’s Conference (RCMC) will offer its first-ever conference, Put Out Into the Deep, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, at St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618. The event will feature nationally known speakers, Tim Staples, Danny Abramowicz and Hector Molina. Included in the event are the Celebration of the Eucharist at 8:00 AM, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at 3:45 PM, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be offered to participants from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. A great opportunity, just down the street this Spring!

Pray with Me
We have a prayer intention book at the main entrance to church. While prayer requests written there are not all individually read at Mass, others do pray for these intentions regularly, and at times we include an intercession for all of the requests in our prayer intention book.

Silence: Shall We Talk About It?
That sounds like an oxymoron, doesn’t it? Maybe we should just come together for an hour and experience it as Quakers do in their worship. Maybe we will do that in part, but not all silence is equally life-giving, so it’s worth talking about, and learning to “do” better.

Silence either helps or it hinders us in life. It is used as emphasis and sometimes a source of abuse. It enriches or drags down a relationship. It is one of the time-honored ways we enter into God and God into us.

On this evening, we will honor one another’s insights into this powerful gift shared by human beings throughout history but not necessarily relished by today’s culture.

Tuesday, January 20, 7 pm
St. Catherine of Siena Church
Guide for the Evening: Sister Joan Sobala

Joan Sobala is a Sister of Saint Joseph who has spent much of her life working in pastoral settings where issues of faith and life so often reveal the yearnings of the human heart for God.

SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference is coming back on March 28, 2015. This year’s theme “Body, Mind and Soul” emphasizes God’s complete love for us and our joyful response to Him. Speakers will include Jeanette Demelo, Editor-in-Chief of the National Catholic Register, and Sister Mary Gabriel of the Sisters of Life in New York City. Registration is now open online at RochesterCWC.org.

Be My Valentine Mark your calendar now for a special night for couples, Friday, February 13, Valentine’s Day Eve. A special Mass, renewal of vows, and reception.

St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
January 11, 2015
JOIN US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE:
Tuesday, Jan. 27, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
OR
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
Contact us for more information at 585-586-5200 or visit slspittsford.org

We Believe in Giving!

Luke 6:38
Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Members of the Family Faith group believe in giving! As a Christmas Service Project, 45 families collected basic living essentials for our brothers and sisters in need at St. Michael’s Church downtown. Their kindness made for a literally overflowing SUV of gifts, delivered to the campus gym on December 22nd. Their staff really appreciated the generosity, and was very moved by this offering from our parish. Peggy Lynge, Leader of Family Faith shares these sentiments:

“Our parish is so blessed to have this wonderful group of families, who consistently share their good fortune, and set such a fine example of carrying out our Gospel calling to care for our brothers and sisters in need!” It was a very busy time of year to add another “to do” item on the list, but they all joyfully embraced the project and involved their children in the process, showing us the true spirit of Christmas. Abundant Blessings to all of you!

Yes, the CD rack in the Narthex has been refilled with lots of great titles, including:
“Light in the Darkness:
Living a Christian Life in a Secular World”
“Meet Your Mother: An Introduction to Mary”
“Encountering the Poor:
Biblical Roots for Catholic Social Teaching”

Catholic Schools Week

Our St. Louis School Mass for Catholic Schools Week will be Monday, January 26, at 9:10 AM.

YOU are warmly invited to join the celebration!
Hi Teens,

January is a great time to start new projects, develop new habits, and set goals for the future. You are all so busy pursuing academic goals, athletic achievements and social activities. Sometimes it’s hard to find time to work on your spiritual growth! Strive to make a New Year’s Resolution that centers on growing closer to Christ. Your goal could be becoming more involved with our St. Louis Youth Group. Youth Group is an opportunity to pray, learn about your faith, connect with other like-minded people, and have some fun!

We’d love to see you at some of our upcoming events!

Have a great week,
Mr. McBride and Molly

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, January 11, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.**
- **Sunday, January 18, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.**
- **Wednesday, January 21-23, March for Life in Washington, D.C. Leave Wednesday after school and return late Friday night**
- **Saturday, January 24, at 1:00 pm until Sunday at 4:00 pm, Diocesan Retreat at Camp Stella Maris**
- **Saturday, January 31, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Ice Skating Party at Manhattan Square Park**

UPCOMING - DETAILS TBA
- **Wednesday, March 4, Hands of Christ Awards**
- **Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat**

THE HANDS OF CHRIST AWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Each year the Rochester Diocese recognizes exceptional high school seniors for their faith and action in their parish and community. We will be accepting nominations for seniors from our parish for this award until Friday, January 23, 2015. Parish staff, school and community leaders, or friends and family may submit nominations. 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 their school or community.
- Has been a *positive role model* to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a *practicing Roman Catholic* in a parish in the diocese of Rochester and attends Mass.
- Is currently a *high school senior*.

If you know of a deserving senior from our parish, contact Dan McBride at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com, and let us know about the contribution they are making. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 23, and the award ceremony is on Wednesday, March 4 at St. John of Rochester, Fairport at 7:00 P.M. Please pick up nomination forms at the Ministry Center or contact Dan McBride at stlouisyg@gmail.com to receive one via e-mail. Completed forms can be returned to the Ministry Center or mailed to: Dan McBride; 142 Greenaway Rd.; Rochester, NY 14610. Thank you for encouraging our young people.

Winter Skating Party

Come join us at downtown’s Manhattan Square Park (next to the Strong Museum) for the St. Louis Church Family Skating Party

**Saturday, January 31**
5:30 – 7:00 pm

The parish has rented the rink for the evening. Bring your own skates or rent them for $3.

We’ll provide the hot chocolate, bring some cookies if you like. Stop on down and bring some friends. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Any questions, contact Dan McBride at stlouisyg@gmail.com.

LIFE! in Focus

Kindness will bring us a happiness that will outshine the pleasure of self-indulgence every time.

*Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly
How Does the Christmas Season End for You?

In the story of Jesus' baptism, we hear the report of a significant moment in Jesus' life. By accepting baptism from John the Baptist, Jesus shows himself to accept solidarity with sinners. In the voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit, we know that God received this offering from Jesus and found it pleasing. Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

Although many of us may have already taken down our Christmas decorations, liturgically speaking, the Christmas season hasn't ended yet; today is the last day. Holidays like Christmas are highlights of our year, moments of great grace. This grace renews us and prepares us for our return to the season of Ordinary Time, to the continuing work of discipleship.

John the Baptist contrasts his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.

How does it feel to take down the Christmas decorations? Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we end the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship?

Thank You Anthony's!
Some New Year's gratitude goes out to Anthony Funeral & Cremation Chapels, for providing our Catholic Family Appointment Calendars. Many thanks!

March for Life Buses

Please join Bishop Matano and hundreds of people from the Diocese of Rochester who will gather with people from across the country to pray for and peacefully witness to the sanctity of all human life at the 41st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 22, 2014.

Buses are leaving from various points in the Diocese on the night of Wednesday, January 21 and returning the night of Thursday, January 22.

Bishop Matano and the faithful from the Diocese of Rochester will attend the 10 AM Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, where Archbishop Chaput will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, the March for Life will begin on the Mall and conclude at the Supreme Court. For details check the diocesan website at www.dor.org. For more information, contact Suzanne Stack, Life Issues Coordinator at 585-328-3210, ext.1304 or sstack@dor.org.
WE STILL KEEP LEARNING

Diocesan Public Policy Priority: Women’s Equality Act

For two years, passage of the 9 life-affirming points of the Women’s Equality Act has been held up by the controversial 10th point, which would expand abortion provisions in New York State. The Diocesan Public Policy Committee advocates passage of the 9 points, supporting every woman’s inherent human dignity, while opposing the 10th point, which would expand late term abortions and allow non-physicians to perform abortions, endangering women. Diocesan Public Policy weekend, February 7-8, will be our opportunity to let our state legislators know we support passage of the nine points of the Women’s Equality Act that will truly benefit women, but oppose the 10th. For more information, contact Suzanne Stack, Life Issues Coordinator, at sstack@dor.org or 585-328-3210, ext. 1304.

Our Lady of Guadalupe “She was great with child.…”

If you or someone you know is in need of healing from an abortion, please have them contact: Project Rachel at 1-888-972-2435. Help is free, confidential, and loving, and is offered to anyone affected by an abortion in any way. God’s gift of peace is waiting for you.

CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY
FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! JANUARY 17 & 18

- 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

Recycle bags are always welcome & appreciated!

Respect Life Coffee Hour

Join us for a fun night of lively discussion, great coffee and delicious snacks

Women’s Equality Act and the Diocese of Rochester Public Policy

Our guest will be Suzanne Stack, Life Issues Coordinator for The Diocese of Rochester

Wednesday, January 14, 2015
7 to 8 pm in the Living Room
Church of the Assumption

ST. BERNARD’S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Deepening Faith Through Knowledge – Liturgy and Catechesis –

The relationship between worship and belief or liturgy and catechesis is expressed in the ancient Christian principle: Lex orandi, lex credenda (As the church prays, so it believes). This hybrid course, offered at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, will explore the relationship between liturgy and faith formation, as well as the conversion and faith development of adults, adolescents, and children in our contemporary context. Face-to-face sessions on Saturdays, January 17 & April 18, 9am-4pm. 12 weeks of online work in between. Scholarships & financial aid are available to new students. Register at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289 for more information.

Picturing Mary

The National Museum of Women in the Arts (www.nmwa.org) has an exhibit running through April 12th. Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea showcases images of Mary from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, some paintings making their debut in the US. Not going to be in the DC area, but art helps you pray? Have you every visited Artchive? It is a wonderful virtual museum of classic and contemporary art.

Women of St. Louis

Have you ever wondered if you have a problem with alcohol? Has anyone ever told you that you should seek help? There is a Women’s group at St. Louis who meet once a month to deal with this issue and offer support. Call Fr. Bob (586-5675) for a meeting time and place.
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