The Basic Call

Once the Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we launch immediately into readings about prophets being called to a mission, and disciples being called to follow Jesus. At first glance, we might think this is about taking on new responsibilities, the vocation of prophet, or life of discipleship. But the full story of Jonah illustrates vividly and concisely an aspect of being called that unfolds more gradually in the Gospels. God calls everyone, first and foremost to a change of heart, which includes changing our attitudes. Read page 2 inside about Jonah’s call to conversion. While the excerpt we hear today focuses on the conversion of the people of Nineveh, the most important conversion in the Book of Jonah is the conversion God was calling Jonah and the people of Israel to undergo.

Just as Jonah (representing the people of Israel) was called to see the sinful people of an enemy city as children of God, and within God’s care, so the disciples, as the Gospels unfold, were called to see tax collectors, sinners, lepers and others often treated as outcasts, even Gentiles, as children of God, whose salvation was of deep interest to Jesus, and his Father.

Last week was National Migration week; this week we celebrated Martin Luther King Day. Both are invitations to examine our heart and our attitudes. Do inherited prejudices blind us as Jonah was blinded? He could only see a hated enemy, not families, individuals, lost perhaps, but children of God none the less. Do we have any attitudes that allow us to see some others and even groups only as sinners, and not as children of God needing mercy and forgiveness? A powerful message of our faith is that we all need ongoing conversion. The time between New Year’s resolutions and the discipline of Lent is a fine time to remember not only the big call to a given vocation, but the underlying foundation, the call to ongoing of conversion, that our attitudes may be more conformed to Christ’s.

The Call to Serve

Perhaps you’ve noticed how effectively Fr. Juan has recruited altar servers (we have over 100 now!). We schedule quite a few at each Mass, so that they can all have plenty of experience. In addition, some of the older servers graduate to serve as masters of ceremony, with cassock and surplice. This encourages them to continue service at the altar. Are they seminarians, no. But who knows? Perhaps some of them will hear the call to a vocation in priesthood! By all means please pray that we do have some vocations from St. Louis, and feel free to offer encouragement as well!

Finally, with all this about conversion, call and service, I know for sure that our Stewardship team would love to have everyone bring to prayer a simple question. Lord, is there some place my gifts and the needs of the community should come together? Speak, your servant is listening. Peace, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - January 22**
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
11:00 am - Linus Wegman - Eileen Morris
5:15 pm - Carol Darby - Family

**Tuesday - January 23**
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
6:45 am - John McAlarney - By Katherine
11:00 am - Betty Simmons - Don & Carol Sheehan

**Wednesday - January 24**
2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
11:00 am - Jim Kaufer - Margaret Payne
5:15 pm - Nora Bartlett - Cusker Family

**Thursday - January 25**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
6:45 am - Harold Barnes - Babbette
11:00 am - Wanda Daminski (Birthday Anniversary) - Family

**Friday - January 26**
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34
11:00 am - Matthew Shapiro - Family
5:15 pm - Wendy Kavanagh - Patsy Beers

**Saturday - January 27**
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
9:00 am - Harland Thayer, Jr. - Wife Carol & Family
4:30 pm - William Dennis - Family

**Sunday - January 28**
Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
7:30 am - Raymond D. Ryan - Family
9:00 am - Kay Frank - The Eilertsen Family
11:15 am - Betty Michalko - Dr. & Mrs. Martin Gingras
5:00 pm - John Dunn - Wife, Beverly

**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.

Three Lamps will burn In Memory of John Housel, Sr.

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**Saturday & Sunday, January 27 & 28**

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**Sunday Communion Service - January 28**
The Highlands - Darlene Huver      Heather Heights - Jim Haefner
Our Weekend Scriptures:
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1 – 5, 10
They turned from their evil way

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29 – 31
This world is passing away

Gospel: Mark 1:14 – 20
They dropped their nets and followed him

When Fiction is Truth
Have you ever read a novel, and thought, “I learned so much from that story!”? Of course! The author created a story as a means to lead readers to face important truth. Ever see a comedy, but through the laughter and humor discover truth, like how foolish we can sometimes be? Editorial cartoons often caricature outlandishly, but reveal a truth. The book of Jonah is unlike any other prophetic book in the Bible. Reading it literally, as if the events happened, can lead one to question the Bible itself, which is why understanding the different ways truth can be conveyed (in Bible study we call it Form Criticism) is so important.

The story of Jonah skillfully uses humor and outlandish situations to confront sinful ways of thinking. When it was written, the people of Israel, after the exile, had turned inward, becoming very nationalistic. Read the whole book (its short). This imaginary prophet represented leaders and people of the day who didn’t care about any place but Israel. Why go on a mission to save people in Nineveh, city of an enemy? The storm at sea: trying to escape God’s will can create chaos. Swallowed by a fish – of course it makes the reader laugh. Jonah being spit up on the shore, humbling, something the people needed. People AND animals putting on sackcloth? More humor. But at the end of the book, when Jonah is upset about a plant dying, but didn’t care how many people in Nineveh might have died? That hits those worried only about their own nation like a ton of bricks. Read the whole book. It is far more relevant once we see the real message.

Detachment
As it turns out, the world of the Roman Empire in which the people of Corinth lived did pass away. The world, just as it is right now in 2018 will also pass away. St. Paul’s counsel in our second reading points to an essential requirement of being a disciple that Jesus preached in parables about Kingdom. Being too attached to the things of this world is an obstacle to embracing the Kingdom, following Jesus, and journeying on the path to eternity that the Lord lays before us. Great spiritual writers all speak of the importance of detachment. Paul is inviting us to consider: are there things I am too attached to, keeping me from being free to follow the Lord?

Drop Those Nets
Simon and Andrew, James and John dropping their nets to follow Jesus will provide a great image in our Gospel this week. What does becoming a disciple require? We may not need to abandon our occupation, and drop our nets in the way that those disciples did, but there are definitely things one needs to leave behind if we are to truly follow Jesus. Talk with the Lord in prayer about things you have already left behind, and ask if perhaps there are one or two more items you might need to drop. Pray too for those who struggle to take the first step.

It doesn’t always happen, but this week all three readings connect. The first reading warns about collective attachment, to nation to the exclusion of others (represented by Jonah) or to sin (the Ninevites all need to repent); the second reading calls to detachment in our personal life; the Gospel gives the example of disciples letting go of their current way of life to embrace following Jesus.

Looking Ahead:
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15 – 20
I will raise up for them a prophet

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32 – 35
I should like you to be free from anxieties

Gospel: Mark 1:21 – 28
A new teaching with authority

Baby, It’s Cold Outside!
Winter is a great time to stay inside and check out FORMED.org. Why not stay inside where it’s warm and look through the videos, audios, and ebooks available on this site? If you haven’t registered yet, use our parish code: KMFHWV and set up an account using your email and a password you make up. Grow your faith with these excellent resources.

Would you like to be a reviewer for our parish? We would love to have a team of folks who try out some of the hundreds of resources and write a brief review for our bulletin or website. Please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org if interested.
Good Stewards for Life

Our Offering of Time & Treasure

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Next Week’s Tithing

Pittsford Food Cupboard

Next Week’s Tithing will Support

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a 501(c)(3) program that provides Catholic outreach of healing and reconciliation to women and men who are experiencing the emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion. It involves a sensitive, confidential process for post-abortion healing that enables the person to find forgiveness and a sense of hope again. Project Rachel trained personnel, including many priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople throughout the diocese, desire to be the instruments to enable those who are hurting and wounded to experience the mercy and peace of Christ.

It is estimated that there are over 5,000 abortions each year in our diocese. Nationally, about 1/3 of women that undergo an abortion list themselves as Catholic. Since abortion has been legal in New York State for over 40 years, there are potentially many, many thousands of women (and men) in our area that are wounded and hurting because of their abortion act. Yet this tremendous grace-filled healing process of Project Rachel is still not widely known to many people even after 20 years of existence in the diocese. It is the hope of this program that the funds be used to further publicize the program and its services, especially via modern communication means (think social media, for example), and continue to train individuals in our diocese to share this process of healing. Most dioceses in the country have 5 or 6 people trained, whereas over 200 people have taken the 6 hour training day in our diocese. Coordination of Project Rachel activities in the Rochester diocese is through a team of volunteers, led by Deacon Dave Snyder. The overall program depends on the generosity of parishes and individuals within the diocese. Team volunteers and others willing to be trained are also being sought.

Welcome!

Are you visiting with us today? Welcome! We love to have you with us, and hope that you felt warmly welcomed, at home even. Our home is your home! We pray your experience of liturgy here was uplifting, and helped you experience God’s presence in the Word proclaimed, the prayers prayed, music sung, the Eucharist, offered and shared. If you were able to contribute to the collection, we are very grateful! Have you ever formally registered to be a member of our parish? If not, please consider picking up a registration form, or calling the office. We would love to welcome you into the St. Louis parish family!

A Huge Thank You!

To all who have so generously supported our diocesan family of faith by supporting the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal, THANK YOU!! We are ahead of where we were this time last year, well over 95% of the way to our goal. That connection to and support of our wider church is truly part of what it means to be Catholic. We are hoping though for an increase in the participation rate, at any level. If you have not contributed previously, or haven’t this year, could you please consider making even a modest contribution? Even if you can only afford to pledge to the CMA the amount you contribute to the parish weekly, it would do wonders in encouraging our CMA team! Again, to those who have brought us so close to our goal, God bless you!

FORMED

To register for these FREE resources, go to FORMED.org and use the parish code: KMFHWV. To find this resource at FORMED.org, click on “STUDY” and scroll down to “CURRENT TOPICS”.

This week, our FORMED Pick of the Week is a video documentary called 40. This powerful film explores the 40+ years that have passed since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. With compassion, love, and hope, this film features interviews and stories that will change hearts and inspire us all to seek an end to abortion. This week, as we approach the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, watch 40 and use the study guide for discussion of this important topic with family or friends.
**Sneaker Collection 2018**

During the month of February, St. Louis Parish's Haiti Team in conjunction with St. Louis School is collecting gently used sneakers to cushion little Haitian feet as they walk the debris strewn streets of Port-au-Prince and stony paths around the NPH (Little Brothers and Sisters) Orphanage in Haiti.

Collection boxes can be found in the back of the church and in the school. Please secure the sneakers in pairs. Gena Heraty in Haiti said the disabled children in her care were delighted with our previous shipments. Last year's collection was well over 250 pairs!

On behalf of parish friend, priest and physician Fr. Rick Frechette, Gena and disabled Haitian orphans, God bless you for sharing.

**Pastoral Care Team Mtg., Thursday, January 25, 9:30 AM, Parish Meeting Hall**

We will review our Advent cards for the homebound and to plan our Lenten flower delivery to our shut-in parishioners. Our chief agenda item is to secure a volunteer to serve as overall coordinator for the May 17th Sunshine Luncheon which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Please consider this as a stewardship opportunity to work with a superb committee of experienced volunteers.

We will also discuss the next 6 week session of the bereavement program set to begin on Saturday, April 14. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are brief, usually about an hour.

For additional information, please contact either Cathy Malik at Catherine.Malik@dor.org or Peggy O'Neil Midgley at 585 383-8879 or pomidgley@yahoo.com.
GROWING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 5 ARE INVITED TO THE ST. LOUIS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES BEGINS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

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Are You Curious About What Catholics Believe?
Have You Thought About Becoming Catholic?
Do you want to brush up on your faith?
All are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings to explore the Catholic faith.

If you are seeking something more, come and see!

Dates: Wednesdays
Time: 7:15-8:30 p.m.
Where: The Manse
Please register!
kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org
586-5675, ext. 224

St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY

January 21, 2018

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 Rochestercw.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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Manger Moments:
This Advent and Christmas Season we asked those, both young and old, in our parish to fill our manger with hay of good deeds. Jesus had a soft place for his head with all the wonderful acts of kindness in His name. Please see some of what was shared:

- Donated food to the Pittsford Food Pantry
- Held my dying mother in my arms as she died
- Shoveled my neighbor’s driveway
- I gave my friend the confidence to do a back flip on the highest bar
- I’m thankful for getting into America and having a lot of friends
- Give compliments, help the sick, feed the poor and follow Jesus
- Last week my sister was supposed to walk the dog but I noticed she didn’t, so I did
  - Gave money and toys to the poor
  - Helped my parents unload the groceries
  - I used my money to get my brother a toy
- I built a fort with my sister and didn’t not get mad at her
- Gave money for forest fires in California
- I lit a candle and said a prayer at my Grandpa’s funeral
- I go to Church every week on Sunday because it’s nice to see Jesus
  - Working in a soup kitchen
  - Helped my sister through a difficult time
- Visiting and taking care of the elderly home bound and in the hospital
  - I didn’t eat all the bacon at the buffet
  - I helped my Grandpa when he had hip surgery
- I let someone borrow my gloves at recess when it was snowing
  - I shoveled my Grandma’s driveway

The CYO Program at St. Louis is consistently one of the largest across the Diocese, and the 2017-2018 season is no exception. This year, St. Louis has 18 teams who are all coached by an outstanding group of volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for the time, talent, and dedication shared with our young athletes. These men and women are true role models of the central message of CYO which is “Faith through Sports”.

This season’s coaches and assistant coaches are:

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A Gift for You

Unwrapping the Gift

There are two Christmas season gifts you should definitely open: At Home with the Word, and our Christmas Book gift, Resisting Happiness. Many folks have already reported reading Matthew Kelly’s book and loving it. But truly unwrapping it may require picking it up again, and spending some time with each chapter, one at a time, especially the action steps! Let’s see, reading through the book in a few days is like watching a video on how to play football, or how to play the piano. Entertaining, but neither would make one a football player or a musician, or necessarily a happier person or better version of our self. But take time with each chapter, establish some new habits, and amazing things can happen! Similarly, in using At Home with the Word each week experience the gift it is meant to be. One more suggestion - discover more of how the sacrament of marriage is a precious gift on Friday, February 9th at 7 PM. Blessings for the New Year, all! Fr. Bob

A Gift for You: Please take a copy of At Home with the Word. Read the introduction to the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of John, and to St. Paul and his letters. Use At Home with the Word to prepare for the bible readings you will hear at Mass, increasing your ability to really engage those passages. In time, you will have stepped into every part of the Bible. Each week At Home with the Word offers a section, Scripture Insights, which provides just enough background to open up readings, while helping the beginner get their feet wet.

Renew Your Marriage Vows!
Come to a prayer service to celebrate your vows.
Friday, February 9th at 7 P.M.
Reception following in the Parish Meeting Hall

Each couple is asked to bring a dessert to share. Please drop it off in the Parish Meeting Hall before proceeding to the service in church at 7:00 pm.

Please Register by contacting Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or call the ministry center 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.

Lectio: Peter
Session 7: Discipleship at a Distance

Explore the True Meaning of Discipleship

This Sunday, the Gospel reading called each of us to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the virtue and witness of Saint Peter, learn the difference between following Jesus closely and following him at a distance. In this powerful study, Dr. Tim Gray shows us what it truly means to follow Christ and to seek forgiveness.

“...This is a very good presentation of the life of Peter and the apostles which helps me to reflect on my own life as a follower of Jesus.”
—Peter W. Terengganu, Malaysia

Join Us for Our Book Chat!
Sunday, Jan 21 and Feb 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Parish Meeting Hall

Bring a bag lunch. We’ll put on a pot of soup!

Drop ins are welcome, but please register by contacting Kathryn at 586-5675, Ext. 224, or Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org

The positive response to this year’s book has been overwhelming! Now let’s get together and share our reactions. Ready for some good conversation with fellow parishioners as we talk about your favorite parts and what resonated with you? We reordered more books — pick one up at the entrances or call Kathryn for a copy! Thank you again to our sponsors!!!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

This image contains a list of events and activities related to the Christmas season, including the gift of reading Matthew Kelly’s book, Resisting Happiness. It also mentions a book chat event and a prayer service to renew marriage vows. The text encourages participants to engage with the Bible and reflect on their own lives as followers of Jesus. The event is open to all, and interested individuals are invited to contact Kathryn for more information. The positive response to the book is highlighted, and the organizers thank the sponsors for their support.
Each year in ordinary time between Christmas and Lent, our Diocesan community focuses its attention on an issue that impacts human life and human dignity. This year on February 10/11 we will join with our United States Catholic Bishops to advocate for passage of The Dream Act—federal legislation now before the Congress that would offer a ‘second chance’ to 700,000 young adults ("dreamers") who were brought here as children and grew up in the United States. The Dream Act will provide an opportunity for legal permanent residence with a pathway to citizenship for those who can fulfill specific conditions.

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.

The Catholic Charities Justice and Peace staff in your county stand ready to assist you and provide hard copies of the resource packet.

_The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ_ (Gaudium et Spes, Pope Paul VI). Thank you for your compassion for the "dreamers".

Sincerely,

Rev. Brian Cool, chair person
Public Policy Committee
Diocese of Rochester

This weekend, in the first reading from the Book of Jonah, the people of Ninevah get a second chance to turn from their sinful ways and God relents. Pope Francis continually reminds us of the compassion of God who gives us a second chance. DREAMERS are young people who were brought to the United States as children by their parents. The DREAM Act offers a ‘second chance’ by providing an opportunity for legal permanent residence with a pathway to citizenship for those who can fulfill specific conditions.

Does USCCB/MRS support the Dream Act?

Yes. USCCB's Committee on Migration issued a letter in support of the bill, which you can read in full here. Bishop Vasquez, Chairman of the Committee, stated: "The Catholic Bishops have long supported these immigrant youths and their families who are contributors to our economy, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes. These youths have grown up in our country, some even choosing to put their lives on the line to serve in our armed forces. They truly exemplify the extraordinary contributions that immigrants can provide to our nation."

How is the Dream Act different than the BRIDGE Act?

While both bills seek to protect a similar population of immigrant youth, the "Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy (BRIDGE) Act," S. 3542, would only provide DACA eligible youth with temporary relief from deportation through "provisional protected presence." This status would last from the date granted until three years after the BRIDGE Act is enacted. The bill is a stop-gap measure to protect DACA youth, but it does not provide long-term protection or the ability to eventually seek citizenship.
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