**WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REJOICE.**

**January 7, 2018**

**THIS WEEKEND:**
The Epiphany of the Lord
National Migration Week
Faith Formation Classes Kdg to 5th Grade

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)**

**MONDAY - JANUARY 8**
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Parish Meeting Hall
6:30 pm - First Penance Parent Kick-off, Church
7:00 pm - Parish Council, Manse

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 9**
9:45 am - Mass at Heather Heights
4:30 pm - Faith Formation Classes Kdg to 5th Grade

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 10**
7:00 pm - Stewardship Team, Ministry Center
7:15 pm - Why Be Catholic, Manse
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Rectory
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 12**
6:00 pm - Parish Appreciation Party, Locust Hill CC, p. 6

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 13**
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 14**
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Children’s Choir
10:00 am - No Faith Formation Classes
11:15 am - Mass, No Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass
6:15 pm - No Middle & High School Youth Groups

Ministry Center Closed Monday, January 15
For Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

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We celebrate the visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation. The Magi recognize that God has taken human flesh – has been born as this child.
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - JANUARY 8
Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11
11:00 am  John Joe O’Flaherty - Mary & Doug Baldy
5:15 pm  Andrew Elertsen - Family

TUESDAY - JANUARY 9
1 Sm 1:9-20/ Mk 1:21-28
6:45 am  Michael Locurto - Therese Lynch
9:45 am  Mass at Heather Heights for the Residents and Staff
11:00 am  Mary Randall - Pittsford Town Court

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 10
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1:29-39
11:00 am  Lucia Connick - Cathy & Paul Shapiro
5:15 pm  Margaret O’Leary - Therese Lynch

THURSDAY - JANUARY 11
1 Sm 4:1-11/ Mk 1:40-45
6:45 am  For Those in Hospice
11:00 am  Marie Mahar - Son, Dick

FRIDAY - JANUARY 12
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
11:00 am  Special Intention for Mackenzie Baker - Grandma
5:15 pm  Refugees Served by Saint’s Place

SATURDAY - JANUARY 13
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
9:00 am  For the People of the Parish
4:30 pm  Vincenzo Leonardo - Daughter

SUNDAY - JANUARY 14
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
7:30 am  Thomas Schwan - Family
9:00 am  Joseph Salipante - Elaine Columbo
11:15 am  Donna Rose - Stan & Margaret Smith

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
For Ellie Hockenbrock
By Maureen & Gary Killeen.

Two lamps will burn for a Special Intention for Mackenzie Baker by Grandma.

Requiem Aeternam
Mary Baric

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14

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Sunday Communion Service - January 14
The Highlands - Pete & Gerry Shea   Heather Heights - Diane Salipante

Page Two       St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY       January 7, 2018
Even in Death
Including St. Louis church, school or Saints Place in our will is a wonderful way to support ministries that we value even after God calls us home. Another way to extend the blessing: let our family know that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be offered to St. Louis church, school or Saints Place. Upon the death of a loved one, think prayerfully – where would my dear one want contributions to be made in his or her memory? A beautiful way to let folks know what we believe is truly important!

We are also part of a diocesan family, which we support through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To all who have already generously responded to the CMA, thank you!! Our diocesan family is at over 84% percent of goal. Our goal for participation is 700 donors. Please remember, the CMA is our fair share 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. Any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! If you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge to this year’s campaign. Please go to (www.dor.org), click on Catholic Ministries Appeal, and donate whatever you can to the CMA. God bless you! St. Louis, Pittsford, parish # 300.

Daystar for Medically Fragile Children, Inc, is New York State’s first -and-only Pediatric Day-Respite Center for children up to age six who are braving serious, and often life-threatening healthcare complexities and developmental challenges. Daystar’s one-of-a-kind program incorporates a coordinated, case-management approach to ensure that each child receives the expert care they need to successfully support their developmental, healthcare, and family goals. Daystar's core services model incorporates expert pediatric nursing and respite care, therapeutic and educational enrichment programs, and family training, support, and advocacy services, including care coordination and transitional services for children leaving early intervention programs and entering school-based systems of care.

Daystar provides seamless coordination of each child’s required therapies and partners closely with Monroe County’s Early Intervention program and area school districts. Daystar also offers weekly music therapy and special education services for all enrollees, through its own adaptive early intervention curriculum, Special Early Education Developmental Strategies (SEEDS). Operating year-round, Daystar is the only center-based program available offering full-day learning opportunities for children as young as six months of age through age five across its three dedicated classrooms.

Founded in 1988 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester, Daystar’s inclusive, encouraging learning environment and nurturing, social atmosphere recognizes each child’s individuality beyond the limits of their medical diagnosis. Its innovative program has won accolades from New York State Office of Children and Family Services as a Best Practices Program & Environment. Learn more at www.daystarkids.org.

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What About Those Gifts?

Isaiah’s glorious vision/oracle in our first reading painted a picture for the returned exiles with images of the splendor, radiance, glory and light. They had returned home by God’s mercy and powerful intervention. It was time for restoration and rebuilding the temple. But this grace would not be just for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. God’s divine intervention would be a light to other nations and their leaders. Some would even send goods for the Temple worship, to replace what had been plundered by the Babylonians. This would be a fulfillment of earlier prophecies in Isaiah. For us, it is in Jesus’ coming into the world that those earlier prophecies are truly fulfilled. The abundant offerings from the nations speak for us of the magi coming to Nazareth.

Finally Worked Out

The letter to the Ephesians was written significantly after the first letters of Paul, like Galatians, Thessalonians and Corinthians. One of Paul’s dreams was a church where believers in Christ, whether of Gentile origin or Jewish, could live, pray, and share the Eucharist side by side. It was a long hard battle working out how Gentiles would fit into the faith. But by the time the passage we hear this week was penned, the matter had been largely resolved. Ephesians tells the story be announcing that ‘Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise.’ Matthew brings home this message with magi (Gentiles) coming from the East to worship Christ at his birth.

Dreaming

Messages in dreams play a role in Matthew’s Gospel, especially in the opening cadences. It is in a dream that Joseph was reassured about taking Mary as his wife. The magi, in contrast, received a warning in a dream about avoiding Herod on their way home. This tradition, that dreams are worth paying attention to, is well attested in the Old Testament. Joseph, Mary’s intended, was not the first Joseph to have dreams, or to be able to interpret them.

As for the magi’s dream, the facts on the ground gave little reason to second guess the message. Herod was well known for violence, fits of jealous rage, unpredictability, especially in the later years of his rule.

About Those Gifts

You may have heard the joke or have seen the card: if it had been three Wise Women instead of three Wise Men — They would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought practical gifts. But remember, Christian thinking often mined the Old Testament as a source document, (ever hear of Midrash?), and often details are of value primarily as a way to communicate through powerful symbols. Gold and frankincense connect with the vision of Isaiah. The hymn We Three Kings connects Gold with kingship, Frankincense with worship of God, and Myrrh with Christ’s death. But there is a symbolic meaning that is quite practical for the ordinary every-day believer like you and me. What gifts should we offer? Good deeds (gold), prayer (frankincense) and sacrifice (myrrh). May the coffers we bring be full!

CELIAC DISEASE

If you have celiac disease, are gluten intolerant, and cannot receive the Eucharist in the ordinary form of the host that we use, there are two options available. You could choose to receive Christ only as the precious blood, from the chalice, or we can consecrate special hosts that are gluten free.

If you would like to receive a gluten free host, please contact the Liturgical Assistant prior to Mass so that they can be certain a gluten free host will be consecrated. One of the communion ministers in the center aisle will then have a ciboria with a small container on the side with your host.

We ask the rest of the community to refrain from dipping the consecrated host into the cup as even that small action can make the cup a concern for a person who suffers from Celiac Disease, and as intinction (as dipping is called) should be a rare practice, according to church directives.
Parent like the Holy Family

The Bible doesn’t tell us much about the parenting styles of Mary and Joseph, but we can guess by what we know of the adult Jesus. Learn from the Holy Family how to raise one, too.

Nurture virtue. While interacting with people during his public ministry, Jesus demonstrated the virtues of patience, persistence, hard work, self-control, and compassion. Encouraging these virtues in children will help prepare them for their own unique vocations.

Nudge when necessary. At the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus was reluctant to perform his first public miracle, but his mother knew that he was ready and capable. After a gentle push from her, he created something amazing. Sometimes children need a nudge to demonstrate their God-given talents.

Trust God’s plan. When the angel revealed the plan God had for her life, Mary gave God her whole self to his purposes. Following her example, Jesus did the same. Teach children through modelling, prayer and sacrifice, to let God control the direction of their lives.

Tend to your own faith. When Jesus was young, how his parents lived, how they practiced their faith, and how they answered his questions helped to form Jesus’ early understanding of God. Be sure your own knowledge and practice of your faith is strong so you can properly influence that of your children.
Bless Our Home

There is an ancient tradition of blessing one’s home on the Feast of the Epiphany, connected to the magi coming to the home in Nazareth. Here is one approach:

Leader: Peace be to this house.
All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.
All: Pray: the Our Father

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar) may be inscribed upon the doors with the chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house"). Example: 20 + C + M + B + 15

A Gift to 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. Happy New Year!

That’s My Favorite

If members of your family or a good friend were asked to name your favorite scripture passage, or Gospel story, your favorite psalm, or song, would they know what it is? Or would they have to just guess? Sharing things, like particular scripture passages that move us the most, and why, is a very good thing. It helps us to get to know one another better. It can deepen our faith, and it is a way to share faith. Having a number of passages we know and love can be a resource when someone we love needs help praying, or needs encouragement, or hope – we can share a psalm, a bible prayer or a Gospel that helped us through a hard time, and it could be just what the spiritual doctor ordered. When you are feeling really grateful, are there any psalms that help you center the feeling in prayer and words? What are your favorites? If none come to mind, why not start a list in your Bible or prayer journal?

Peace after Trauma

God offers love, mercy and a return to a serenity of mind and soul to anyone who has been affected by an abortion. Free, confidential and compassionate help in understanding and receiving what God offers is only a phone call away. Please call Project Rachel today - at 888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435) to begin this journey of renewed hope and peace. hopeafterabortion.org

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Friday, January 12
6:00 pm
Locust Hill Country Club
Cash Bar, Grazing Stations
Please RSVP to Shannon or Sue, 586-5675 by Tuesday, January 9

Thank You!
Joy in Making a Difference

To: All Saint’s Place Volunteers (Past and Present)
Colleen Knauft, founder of Saint’s Place
Cordially invites you to
Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Saint’s Place and the Volunteers who make it possible.

Date: Wednesday, January 24th
Time: 10 am Mass
11 am Brunch
Place: St. John of Rochester
RSVP: 385-6860 or email michele@saintsplace.org
Reservation must be made by January 17th

Often we set out to make a difference in the lives of others, only to discover we have made a difference to our own.
St. Louis School Legacy Walkway

Parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and supporters of the St. Louis School family can now be a permanent part of St. Louis School. If you have a current student in the school, a family member that you would like to remember, are interested in honoring a teacher, past alum or just want to leave a footprint on SLS, consider ordering a commemorative brick.

With a brick in the SLS Legacy Walkway, your personal inscription will live forever at the school that shapes the lives of thousands of children.

For additional information, please contact Dawn Schnell at dschnell@rochester.rr.com.

Adonai, Lord and Master,

Many are the journeys your people have taken: Abraham’s journey led from fear to understanding; Moses’ journey led from bondage to liberty; the disciples’ journey led from death to new life.

Even today, your people journey — immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and nomads, searching for hope, searching for opportunity, searching for peace, searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to journey. Yet too many times, I have heard your call, and my feet have remained unmoved.

Continue to call me beyond my comfort and into encounter.

And when I meet a companion on the road, may we find you in each other’s embrace.

Let us share the journey.

Amen

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!
Our Parish has purchased a gift for you! We are pleased to give you a free subscription to FORMED.org. Entertaining movies, enlightening studies, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular ebooks—all just a click away. Go to FORMED.org and register using our parish code: KMFHWV and start exploring this handy resource!

**Come to Our Book Chat!**

We hope you’re enjoying the book we gave out at each Christmas Mass this year! 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?

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, Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org

**St. Louis Knights of Columbus**

**Next Council Meeting,**  
Monday, January 15, 2018 in the  
Parish Meeting Hall

We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 pm and a business meeting at 7:00 pm.

It is great to be a part of an organization that is strong in our church and community. The St. Louis Council was involved with the Ornament Sale during the December 2nd & 3rd masses for the St. Louis Haiti Team.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St Louis Council or who have any questions, please contact our Membership Director, Joseph DiPrima at drdiprima@gmail.com. or Grand Knight Michael DeCocq, 585-314-8835, or e-mail: depepsi@twc.com. Thank you, and God Bless you, Michael DeCocq, GK
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