Who Is My Neighbor?

In the Gospel this week, the scholar of the law asked Jesus, ‘to justify himself,’ who is my neighbor? Can you see the problem? ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ is not about someone trying to justify themselves, it’s about the neighbor in need! We should be concerned for them not so that we get a reward, or we look good, or we are justified. The Samaritan traveling down the road who saw the man beaten and left for dead didn’t think ‘I wonder if this one counts as my neighbor?’ He saw a need, it stirred up compassion, and he responded, as much from the heart as from the head. It seems perhaps the scholar of the law was stuck in his head, and centered on himself. We should pray for eyes that saw as the Samaritan did, a heart that will be just as moved, and a readiness to respond because deep inside we know it is the right thing to do.

Beginning in Lent and through the Easter season, the bulletin board in the back of church gave us many examples of neighbors we could love through corporal works of mercy. Thank you to everyone who, like the good Samaritan, didn’t just walk by the bulletin board, but stopped, checked it out, took a tag and did something. Or even if it just inspired you to look around more closely and discover someone in need of mercy on your own, the bulletin board did its work – God bless you!

The spiritual works of mercy are a bit more challenging, often taking us out of our comfort zone. Many are not nearly as measurable. We can see food we bring to someone in need, and know they were fed for the day. Counseling the doubtful? More subtle, harder to measure. Bearing wrongs patiently? Seems a challenge to get a tag and measure that. The best measure might be doing an examination of conscience at the end of the day. Review the day, consider opportunities that presented themselves, and reflect on how we responded. Were there opportunities for spiritual works of mercy that could have been taken? In the case of bearing wrongs patiently, were there times we were tempted to respond in a negative way, but we prayed for the person instead, and prayed for patience as well?

Not sure what an examination of conscience at the end of the day looks like? Fr. James Martin covers it very well in his book The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything. It’s a terrific book for summer reading. Or google about an examination of conscience. If that isn’t part of your spiritual growth plan, consider learning more. Give it a try. You can’t go wrong – Christians have been making an examination of conscience a key part of their spiritual growth for centuries!

Meanwhile, check out the bulletin board for spiritual works of mercy. Have ideas we could post? Let Dcn. Dave know! God bless you always, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - JULY 11**  
Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1  
11:00 am Special Intention for Chelsea Lennert - Ed & Joan Lennert  
5:15 pm Kevin Buchanan - Cecilia DeJoy

**TUESDAY - JULY 12**  
Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24  
6:45 am For Pope Francis  
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights For the People of the Parish  
11:00 am For Our Armed Forces

**WEDNESDAY - JULY 13**  
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27  
11:00 am Gaven Dohr - Paul & Geri Dolan  
5:15 pm John & Margaret Menihan - Family

**THURSDAY - JULY 14**  
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30  
6:45 am For All Parishioners  
11:00 am Agnes Lamberton - Mary Shultz

**FRIDAY - JULY 15**  
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8  
11:00 am Special Birthday Intention for Katherine Burke - Susan Burke  
5:15 pm Robert Hanss - Karen & Tom Hanss

**SATURDAY - JULY 16**  
Mi 2:1-15/Mt 12:14-21  
9:00 am Charlie Ramos - Family  
4:30 pm Joseph Mollen - Gerrie Newcomb

**SUNDAY - JULY 17**  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
7:30 am K.C.C. Paul - Asha Paul  
9:00 am Catherine Ambrosini - Jeanne & Rich Leasure  
11:00 am Teresa O’Leary - Martin O’Neill Family  
5:00 pm Ann Ring - Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department

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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  
By the Banas Family

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

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S. Schrecker | C. Herdklotz |
| 7:30 am       | G. Lane, K. Revekant  
D. Wagner | M. Hilliard |
| 9:00 am       | P. Dykens  
H. Wagner | D. & D. Infantino |
| 11:00 am      | K. Mor, R. Mor  
M. Cargill, M. Stekloff, J. Rachfal, C. DeJoy, P. Lynge, M. Murphy, M. McGrath, A. Roberts, N. Roberts, M. Wanberg | J. Walsh  
P. Mallon | R. Willison |
| 5:00 pm       | E. Sciortino, E. VanDusen  
C. Quandt | B & K Woodward |

Sunday Communion Service - July 17  
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley  
Heather Heights - Richard Caruso
**Very Near To You**

“The command…. is very near to you, already in your mouths and on your hearts.” How does that work? First, the commandments aren’t mysterious, incomprehensible or arbitrary. There is a logic … how people can live together in peace, with one another, with the created world, and with our own consciences. The commandments help to shape our consciences, but also resonate with the best in human nature. Most important, hearing the passage in conjunction with the Gospel highlights the last point in the 1st reading: knowing the commandments is one thing, the real point is to carry out them out.

**Meditating on Christ**

Our second reading from Colossians is a poetic meditation, reflecting upon the deeper meaning of Christ. How to express the incarnation in poetry rather than prose? “Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

**What Does Mercy Look Like?**

Who was neighbor to the man who fell victim to robbers on the road to Jerico? The one who showed mercy! And what did mercy look like? Seeing the man’s dire straits, the Samaritan went to him, bandaged his wounds, carried him to help, and even agreed to pay for his care. That was mercy in action. The opposite of mercy? Crossing to the other side of the road. Take some time to think of examples of mercy in action you have experienced or witnessed, and offer a prayer of gratitude.

**Try It This Summer**

Always wondered about Bible study? 7:30 Tuesday mornings are a beautiful time of day in the summer. Suns up, the day is off to a good start if you come for Bible study. Check it out, your will be warmly welcomed!
**Supporting Our Parish**

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**On-line Collection**

| Month-to-Date | $55,060.20 |

The Collection and Attendance data for July 3rd was unavailable at press time.

**You Are the Best!**

Thank you for joining us for Mass today! We appreciate having you pray with us. If you were visiting, know that you are always welcome. If you come with some regularity, consider making St. Louis your parish; call the office to register, or register online. Thank you too if you chose to contribute to the support of our parish. Your Sunday offering makes our parish the great place it is, while also making it possible for us to support various ministries beyond the parish through our tithing. You help us have effective faith formation and youth ministry for our young people. Your contribution supports pastoral care for those in the hospital, services in local senior residences, lively and inspiring worship, great facilities, a fantastic school, and a tremendous ministry to refugees that is an inspiration to others throughout the diocese. Your contribution makes it possible for us to tithe 10% each week for outreach. And your contribution also keeps the air conditioning running! For taking support of St. Louis seriously, thank you, and God bless you!

“**And who is my neighbor?**
...He answered, The one who treated him with mercy. Jesus said to him, **Go and do likewise.**”

~ Luke 10:29, 36-37

**This Week’s Tithing Will Support Sojourn House at Pathstone**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Pittsford Food Cupboard**

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is a food pantry serving more than 4,000 households in Monroe County “Feeding Hope One Family at a Time”.

Suzy Ward, a St. Louis Parishioner, is the current Executive Director. The Pittsford Food Cupboard’s mission is to help alleviate hunger for families in need who live in a six zip code area between the City of Rochester, Pittsford, Brighton and East Rochester by supplementing 10 days of food supplies, ultimately contributing towards clients’ independence. 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.

In 2015, the cupboard served 9,476 people through the tireless work of over 100 volunteers. The cupboard has 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. This is a great opportunity for our scouts to assist and they have done an outstanding job in providing resources.

For details, visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net) or contact Suzy Ward directly at 585-746-5676.

Thank you for your prayers, your food donations, and your critical financial support.

We are in need of adults to serve as volunteer money counters on teams that count, record, and prepare reports for weekend and other collections. The time commitment is Monday mornings for 2 or 3 hours, every other week. If interested, please contact Laurie Martin at lmartin@dor.org or 585-586-5675, ext. 222.

**Emerging Churches**

This week, we take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help **restore the Church and build the future** in the region. Please give generously to the collection this week. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccce](http://www.usccb.org/ccce).
The Results are In!
New time for Seasons of Faith!

Thank you to all of the families who responded to our request for input on the required change to our Seasons of Faith program. Based on the response of 35 families, the program will take place from 9:55am – 11am. Children will be dismissed from Mass before the Final Blessing and go directly to their classrooms. In doing so, the program will now align with the Diocesan mandate of 30 hours of catechetical instruction per calendar year. We very much appreciate those who stepped forward to weigh-in on this important topic.

How can I help with my Child’s Faith Formation? It’s easy!!! We need your help to make the upcoming Faith Formation year a huge success. Check out our wonderful opportunities to be a part of our ministry.

- Classroom aides in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. Aides can be adults or High School aged teens
- Drop-off and pick-up coordinators for Living Faith on Tuesday nights
- Special event helpers for large group events for Seasons of Faith, Living Faith and Family Faith
- Sacramental preparation assistants for set-up and take down
- Helpers for Family Fun evenings i.e. movie nights

Faith Formation Online Registration now Open!

Great news to share! We have worked hard over the past few months to make the registration process simple, quick and painless for our families. No more trips to the Ministry Center to drop off forms and checks! Starting on July 5th, ALL registration for Religious Education and Sacraments can be completed and PAID for online – then sent to us with the click of a button!

The link for registration can be found on our website www.stlouischurch.org under the Faith Formation tab. 2016/2017 Seasons of Faith and Living Faith Class schedules will also be available for download.

We are certain you will find this process much easier! In return, all we ask is that you comply with our sign-up deadline of August 26th. In doing so, you will allow us to be fiscally responsible in ordering teaching materials with lower shipping fees and deeper discounts. Late sign-ups will be assessed additional fees to cover individual shipments.
Michele Quinn – Saint’s Place

When an organization, company, or ministry succeeds in its mission year after year, two questions are posed: Who is responsible for this undertaking? Who else is responsible? The answer to the second question is easy. It is Michele Quinn. For twelve years she has ensured that the care of legal refugees coming to the Rochester area is the top priority on everyone’s agenda.

I met Michele seven years ago. She greeted me professionally and then turned to another volunteer: “Train her”. She was gone in a flash. Over the years and in particular at our Annual Sale (which she ran like a four star General), all you heard was: “Michele, Michele, Michele.” It was the mantra of the volunteers. Under her guidance, the Annual Sale grew in earnings every year and last year netted $78,000!!

She is an amazing woman, a superb organizer, a detail driven individual who always gave her best to any project, any undertaking. Her energy levels surpassed those of “Wonder Woman”. On top of all she did for Saint’s Place, she ran seven miles a day. Michele loved to play practical jokes on people. She told people at one agency that I could not read and that was the reason I did not sign in at the reception area. I didn’t quite understand why people smiled so sweetly at me each time I returned.

Michele never wanted to share in the limelight. She never wanted any recognition. She truly believed what she was doing was in the realm of her duties. She loved the refugees with all of her heart. At the Clothing Closet, she would fly down the hall to give a young boy a new soccer ball or delve into a gigantic bin to find a pink skirt for a frightened three year old. She never stopped giving. She went to the Clothing Closet every day.

Michele, all of us at Saint’s Place wish you joy and a few hours each day to yourself. Your departure leaves a major void in our hearts.

God Bless you always for what you did for the refugees!
Isabel Miller
Executive Director of Saint’s Place
**{ KEY } to Campus Map - St. Louis Catholic Church and School**

1. The white building, an 1890s home at 46 South Main St. provides space for Saint’s Place. This ministry, unique to St. Louis, serves legal refugees being resettled in the Rochester community. This ministry is supported by our neighboring parishes, both Catholic and Ecumenical, and helps to welcome and to settle immigrants into their new homes.

2. **St. Louis Catholic School**, for Grade 1 to 5, uses the Elementary Building facing Rand Place; Preschool and Kindergarten use Reddington Hall. The School office is at 11 Rand Place.

3. The brick building to the north of the Church is the **Manse** (Hargous-Briggs House built circa 1810 - 1812) at 52-54 South Main St. This historic building houses many school programs during the day and offers needed meeting space at other times. The entrance to the Manse meeting room is at the southeast corner of this building facing the Church.

4. **The Church**: Our worship space provides a sanctuary with God for any who wish to pray in the presence of other people of faith as well as those who wish a quiet moment or time to be with their God. The Church provides a special Chapel on the south side of the building where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. The stained glass windows tell the story of faith and the Stations of the Cross allow anyone to ‘walk with the Lord.’ The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated in the Reconciliation Room on the north side of the Church. The church was built in 1957 and renovated in the 1970s, 1990s and extensively in 2001.

5. **The Parish Meeting Hall** is a street level meeting room in the West Annex of Reddington Hall. Below the Parish Meeting Hall in the lower level of the Annex, there is an additional meeting room (Learning Center). The entrance is by elevator or staircase by the south end of the Parish Meeting Hall. Entrances to the Parish Meeting Hall are from both the east and west entrances to the Nartex, and the west entrance of the Annex.

6. **The Residence** at 21 Rand Place was purchased in 2006 and is occupied by the Sisters of Mercy.

7. **Reddington Hall**, is named after one of the former pastors, Fr. John Reddington, who purchased this property and oversaw the construction of the newer buildings. Reddington Hall is used by the School for Preschool and Kindergarten grades and also provides a gym and kitchen for Church and School use. The upper level of the West Annex provides Art and Music Rooms for the School. These two rooms are also used for meeting space. The street level of the West Annex connects Reddington Hall to the Nartex of the Church.

8. The white house built in 1850 at 60 South Main St., just south of the Church, is the **Rectory**. It is the residence for our pastor and the two retired priests who serve our Parish.

9. **The Playground** and Basketball Court, south of Reddington Hall, provide a recess area for the School. This area also provides space for seasonal Parish activities.

10. **The Ministry Center** is the yellow house, built in 1868, at 64 South Main St., south of the Rectory. This Center, also referred to as the Parish Office, is both the administrative hub for our ministries and the place where parishioners can meet with pastoral staff about their needs.

Go to [http://www.stlouischurch.org/history](http://www.stlouischurch.org/history) to learn about Catholicism in Pittsford in the mid-1800’s and St. Louis’ early days as a mission church in the 1870’s.  

http://www.facebook.com/stlouischurchpittsford  
Campus Map - St. Louis Catholic Church and School  
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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF ROCHESTER (BE) will be sponsoring a 10-week hope and healing program for the widowed, separated and divorced. Weekly sessions will be held from 7-9 p.m. in Pittsford, NY beginning July 19th. The course will follow the book, "Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends" by Dr. Bruce Fisher. For more information or to register please call BE at 585-987-1750, or send an email to beofrochester@gmail.com, or visit the BE website at www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Join Us, and the Lord
You have heard of Eucharistic Adoration, but aren’t quite sure what it means? To adore means to love, cherish, venerate. In Eucharistic Adoration, one spends time in a spirit of prayerful presence before the Blessed Sacrament, in devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ. It is hard to find better words than those of Pope Paul VI:

Therefore, the devotion prompting the faithful to visit the blessed sacrament draws them into an ever deeper share in the paschal mystery and leads them to respond gratefully to the gift of him who through his humanity constantly pours divine life into the members of his Body. Abiding with Christ the Lord, they enjoy his intimate friendship and pour out their hearts before him for themselves and for those dear to them and they pray for the peace and salvation of the world. Offering their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, they derive from this sublime colloquy an increase of faith, hope, and charity. Thus they foster those right dispositions that enable them with due devotion to celebrate the memorial of the Lord and receive frequently the bread given us by the Father. Eucharisticum Mysterium

We partner with St. John of Rochester in Perpetual Adoration. Want to know more? Ask Deacon Dave!

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has released a free online version of the “United States Catholic Catechism for Adults” available in English and Spanish. The USCCA online resource is searchable, printable, and shareable. The table of contents provides easy access to each chapter, and the glossary is included as well as the appendices. “The USCCA illuminates Church teaching with stories of Catholics who lived out their faith throughout our country’s history and provides reflections, discussion questions, and prayers to lead readers to a deepening faith.” The free online USCCA is available in English at http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca/index.html and in Spanish at http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca-spanish/index.html. Printed versions can be purchased.

Elderberry Express Needs Additional Volunteer Drivers. Can You Help?
Drivers are needed to transport seniors to and from medical appointments, banking activities, visits to friends, prescription pickup, hairdressers, grocery shopping, etc. Drivers would make themselves available two or three times a month. This would be a great service to the Pittsford community. Contact Gil Landry at 248-6237.

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.
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