**We Believe. We Belong. We Rejoice in God’s Mercy.**

**July 17, 2016**

**This Weekend:**
Food Collection Pittsford Food Cupboard

**This Week at St. Louis - Daily Mass Schedule p.2**

**Monday - July 18**
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse

**Tuesday - July 19**
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse

**Wednesday - July 20**
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Group, PMH

**Thursday - July 21**
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church (Use entrance at Sacristy. Park at Rectory Driveway.)

**Friday - July 22**

**Saturday - July 23**
Second Collection for Missions of the Basilian Fathers
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

**Sunday - July 24**
Second Collection for Missions of the Basilian Fathers
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Baptism
11:00 am - Mass, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass

**Ministry Center Summer Hours are:**
**Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**
**Friday, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

![The Trinity - Andrei Rublev](image)
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - JULY 18
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
11:00 am For the People of the Parish
5:15 pm For Intentions of Pope Francis

TUESDAY - JULY 19
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
6:45 am For Our Deceased Benefactors
11:00 am For Victims of Terrorist Attacks

WEDNESDAY - JULY 20
Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
11:00 am For Those in Hospice Care
5:15 pm Margie Schmitt - Maureen & John Menehan

THURSDAY - JULY 21
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
6:45 am For the Deceased of Our Parish
11:00 am For Police Killed in the Line of Duty

FRIDAY - JULY 22
FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE
Jer 3:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
11:00 am For the St. Louis School Community
5:15 pm For Women in Ministry

SATURDAY - JULY 23
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
9:00 am For Refugees Served by Saint’s Place
4:30 pm Pat & Nelly O’Connor - Paul & Geri Dolan

SUNDAY - JULY 24
Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
7:30 am Neil Trama - Coan Family
9:00 am Anthony J. Costello - Minelis Family
11:00 am Laura L. Perham Anniv. - Perham Family
5:00 pm Larry Wheeler - Stan & Chris

Saturday & Sunday, July 23 and 24

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Sunday Communion Service - July 24
The Highlands - Carol Duffy  Heather Heights - Ann Murty
A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words
While various artists have painted depictions of the visit in our first reading, few have achieved the sublime insight of Andrei Rublev, in his icon the Holy Trinity. One of the most famous of Russian icons, or of any icons, it depicts the Lord’s appearance to Abraham in the form of three visitors as the Holy Trinity gathered around a table. Check out the Wikipedia article Trinity (Andrei Rublev). Find out who is who, and much, much more! If you are not familiar with iconography, this icon is not a bad place to start!

Rejoicing in Suffering
Taken out of context, hearing St. Paul say that he rejoices in suffering may sound like someone with psychological issues. But read all that Paul wrote, and you will quickly realize something different. The joy was not in the suffering itself, the joy came from union with Christ, experienced through the suffering on behalf of Christ, the Gospel, and the community of believers. It was the love that infused joy into suffering. The other piece of our second reading that may seem odd is when Paul speaks of “filling up what is lack in the afflictions of Christ”. In this very letter Paul makes clear that Christ’s suffering is all sufficient for the salvation of the world. It is not more suffering that is lacking, it is our participation in the suffering, with Christ, on behalf of others. The task is not just Paul’s, it is a calling we all share. (Bible study is a great place to dig into these things and gain a richer understanding!)

Scripture Insights
Remember where your copy of At Home with the Word got to? Check out the scripture insights this week for some good insight into the Martha/Mary story. Our first reading today should make it clear, hospitality is a very holy thing. Getting water for his visitors to bathe their feet, letting them rest, and then moving quickly to prepare an exceptional repast: Abraham’s example not only tells us hospitality is a good thing. We can be entertaining angels. Or as St. Benedict would have it in his rule: “let all guests who arrive be received like Christ.” So where did Martha go wrong? Asking a guest to take sides in a family squabble: not so good. Getting so uptight that the joy of attending to a guest is lost …. Therein lies a problem. Disciples listen. They also serve. They do both with the Joy of the Gospel. Come on Martha, put on a smile!

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, you will be warmly welcomed!
Supporting Our Parish

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Pittsford Food Cupboard

Coffee Connection will support
Local Mission: We empower women in recovery from drug addiction, trauma, and homelessness, providing important skills for employment and education while supporting long term sustainable recovery. We have created 20 new jobs which benefits both our women and the local economy. Additional initiatives include buying from local businesses and farmers whenever possible, cooperating with community partners, renewing neighborhoods, and implementing environmentally friendly operations.

Global Mission: Our fair trade, organically grown, and sustainably farmed coffee enables farmers around the world to grow coffee instead of drug crops. Fair prices ensure education and health care for coffee farmers’ children and protect the environment as well.

Visit www.ourcoffeeconnection.org for more details.

Welcome, Sisters!

A warm welcome to our newest residents, Sister Diane Erskine and Sister Nancy Whitely. They are moving into our Rand Place house along with Sister Jody. We are so excited to have them here!

Thank You and God Bless You!

Marty Foti has been heading up our teams of counters for many years. We thank her for her faithful service, and wish her all the best as she moves to Florida to be near her son.
Faith Formation FAQ’s

Q: What year should my child begin Faith Formation?
A: Your child should be enrolled in Kindergarten, and attend consistently, year-to-year until 6th grade – although we encourage participation through 12th grade! Our Seasons of Faith program on Sunday mornings offers a Pre-K class, which is wonderful introduction to our faith, and a good fit for those young children who are comfortable being left alone for one hour.

Q: I’m a new parishioner, or I’m a current parishioner making a program switch – where can I find the most detailed information about your faith formation programs, including days & times offered and yearly calendars?
A: Our website offers detailed descriptions of every program. Go to www.stlouischurch.org, Faith Formation tab, or call Peggy at the Ministry Center (585)586-5675 to walk you through the choices.

Q: What does the $45 fee for Faith Formation programs cover?
A: Grade-level Finding God workbooks are purchased for each child enrolled in the program. Additionally, the fees provide a budget for additional materials and special events that catechists plan in their classrooms. Two-time yearly group events, i.e. Pizza parties and community service projects are also funded from the registration fees.

Q: My son or daughter is in 8th grade. Where can I find all the information about the “new” Confirmation Program?
A: Go to our website www.stlouischurch.org, click the Faith Formation tab on the drop down menu. Click School-Age Sacraments, then open up Sacraments-at-a Glance. You may access this same information by clicking on the Sacraments tab. Also available for download is the Diocesan Confirmation Parent Brochure.

Q: Are Faith Formation and Sacrament requirements different for Catholic School students?
A: Yes! Youth and teens in Catholic School are not required to enroll in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry programs, although we encourage and invite them to attend! They must, however, enroll in Sacramental Preparation programs for 1st Penance, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration can be done on our website under the Sacraments tab.

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.
Dear Fr. Ring and Members of St. Louis Church,

We wish to thank you for sharing the resources of your generous community with us in support of the Catholic Newman community’s 2016 Alternative Spring Break program. Because of your help, both Catholic and non-Catholic University of Rochester students traveled to Frenchville, PA over their spring break and returned with the most positive ASB reviews out of the past several years.

Our group stayed with the Anawim Religious Community’s Bethany Retreat Center (part of Young People Who Care) and lived simply for a week, praying and working together. We volunteered alongside fellow students from Misericordia University in the homes of local individuals who have difficulty caring for themselves or accessing necessary resources. The experience brought us a deeper understanding of the ways in which people can become incredibly vulnerable in our society, and the effects that can have on their daily lives.

Your generous support helped make a unique and truly life-changing experience possible for us. Thank you so much for your gift.

God bless, Sr. Leandra Kosmoski, SSJ
Campus Minister
Catholic Newman Community
University of Rochester

Saint’s Place will not be accepting or collecting donations until after July 19.

All volunteers will be working on the Super Sale, and unavailable to sort and organize donations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dear Fr. Ring and St. Louis Parishioners,

Words cannot express my gratitude to you and your wonderful people for their most generous gift to the Propagation of the Faith on the occasion of World Mission Sunday. We acknowledge your check in the amount of $3,228.00.

“Mission is part of the ‘grammar’ of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers ‘Come’ and ‘Go forth.’ Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries…”

~ Pope Francis

Your people through their prayers and generous response to World Mission Sunday are missionaries themselves by supporting the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe.

“Today, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.”

~ Pope Francis

Your people have brought that hope, for which I am truly grateful.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Robert C. Bradler
Diocesan Director
Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Apostle to the Apostles

Pope Francis recently elevated the celebration of St. Mary Magdalene from a memorial to a feast day (July 22). Although Catholics may talk about a favorite saint’s feast day, the official celebrations noted on the Roman Calendar are primarily “memorials”; with few exceptions, official feast days are reserved for apostles and events in the life of Jesus and his mother Mary. According to Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship, this decision “seeks to reflect more deeply upon the dignity of women, on the new evangelization and on the greatness of the mystery of God’s mercy.” As the “first messenger who announced the Lord’s resurrection to the Apostles….Saint Mary Magdalene is an example of a true and authentic evangelizer, that is an evangelist who announces the central joyful message of Easter.”

Through the years there has been much confusion over Mary Magdalene’s identity in relation to a number of women mentioned in the Gospels. Archbishop Roche tells us that “What is certain is that Mary Magdalene was part of the group of Jesus’ disciples, she accompanied him to the foot of the cross and, in the garden where she met him at the tomb, was the first ‘witness of Divine Mercy…. she is witness to the risen Christ and announces the message of the Lord’s resurrection just like the rest of the apostles. For this reason it is right that the liturgical celebration of this woman should have the same rank of feast as that given to the celebration of the Apostles in the General Roman Calendar and that special mission of this woman should be underlined, she who is an example and model for all women in the Church.”


Graduate Course Registration Now Open!
St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry is offering a wide array of engaging courses this Fall. Whether you’re considering a Master’s Degree or just looking to enrich your faith, there’s something for you!
Courses include:

- Sacrifice, Obedience and Offering
- American Catholicism
- Moral and Social Teachings
- Ministering in Difficult Deaths and Complicated Losses

There is generous tuition assistance available for new graduate students and course auditors (auditing fee required) are always welcome!

Did you know St. Bernard’s has the ability to live stream classes to Auburn, Apalachin, Elmira and Hornell? Ask us how!

For more information and to register, visit us online at:
http://www.stbernards.edu
Or contact Jonathan Schott,
Director of Admissions
585-271-3657
or
admissions@stbernards.edu

Learning by Doing

Have you checked out the bulletin board in the back of church? Just looking at it can help you remember the 7 spiritual works of mercy. Taking one of the tags and doing what it recommends is a great way to learn more about spiritual works of mercy by doing one. The heart shaped tags can help children learn about doing works of mercy. This summer, try learning by doing!
St. Louis Knights of Columbus
Next Meeting, Monday, July 18
Parish Meeting Hall

St. Louis Council would like to welcome our new Associate Pastor Rev. Father Peter Mottola.

Our meeting begins with a Prayer Service at 6:45 PM and a business meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Our agenda includes discussing our volunteers for Saint’s Place, The Men's Conference at St. Jude’s Church, our volunteering for the Corn Sales, and future meeting dates and times.

Congratulations to our new Council Officers who were installed on June 12th by our Worthy State Program Director Michael Flanagan, and also given the Blessing by our Worthy Council Chaplain Father Bob Ring.

We also welcome the newest members to our Council who took the 1st and 2nd Degrees in the Webster Council on June 9th. We had 4 for the 1st Degree and 7 for the 2nd Degree.

The C & B Drive sales was kicked off at our June meeting and all members are asked to help this worthy cause. We will have our sales at Church in the coming months.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a member of St. Louis Council can pick up one of the applications in the hallway by the Narthex or contact one of our members. Any questions? Please contact the Membership Director Joseph Diprima - drdiprima@gmail.com or Grand Knight Dick Hilliard - Cell: 585-943-1106, e-mail: bwgolf@hotmail.com

Message from Bishop Matano requesting prayers for victims and an end to violence
Bishop Matano has asked that prayers continue to be offered for an end to the violence now plaguing our country and our world. While renewing our prayers for the victims of the horrific violent tragedy in Orlando and united in prayer with the families of all who mourn their loss, we also pray for the victims and families of the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Bangladesh and Baghdad, and throughout the world where the family of God is being torn apart because we do not acknowledge that all life is sacred and we are all God’s children.

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.

Q&A WITH:
FATHER RICK FRECHETTE, CP, DD
Director of NPH Haiti, Opus Prize Winner and Hollywood Film Festival Humanitarian Award Winner
Saturday, August 27, 2016 @ 7:00PM
St. Louis Church, Pittsford
More Information at 585-381-6072
If you’ve been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic or are interested in becoming fully initiated into Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Father Bob, Father Peter, Cris Wensel, and our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team invite you to join them for an inquiry gathering this summer, to answer your questions and explore the truths of the Catholic faith. Learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. Ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. The gathering will take place on August 7th after the 11am Mass.

If you would like to remember your loved ones with the celebration of the Eucharist, stop by the Ministry Center and schedule a Mass time that is convenient for you. You may wish to have a Mass offered on the anniversary of death, a person's birthday or a significant date in the person's and your life. You can also arrange this by calling Birdie at 586-5675.

Mercy Spirituality Center Directed Retreat (two offerings)

This week provides an opportunity for a time of quiet and solitude in a contemplative space beginning and ending with group prayer services. Spiritual direction and Eucharistic Liturgy is offered each day. Come! Rest, pray and reflect on your life in relationship to God, yourself and others. We are adjacent to the spacious Highland Park offering a wonderful place to connect with the beauty of nature.

**Facilitators:** Mercy Spirituality Center Team

**Dates:** Monday, July 25, 7 pm - Saturday, July 30, 2016 after brunch
or Monday, August 8, 7 pm - Saturday, August 13, 2016 after brunch

**Fee:** $400

**Register:** http://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org/program-registration/

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 Beginning Experience at 585-987-1750, or send an email to beofrochester@gmail.com, or visit the BE website at www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Grief Share Support Group Church of the Transfiguration

Our Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, 9/07/16. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this fourteen week program on **Wednesdays** from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - $25.00.

Please stop by the parish office to register, mail your registration to Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, NY 14534 or contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or margie4@frontiernet.net. Registrations are due by 8/31/16.
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