A Second Look

Oh, to truly appreciate St. Martha! All too often, folks who aren’t so industrious, detail oriented or responsible hear the Gospel of this weekend, take Mary as the shining example, and Martha as the one who misses the boat. Not only that, have you ever heard anyone say disparagingly ‘you are such a Martha’? Worse yet, folks who embody the virtues of Martha can see themselves as second class citizens, ‘just a Martha’, not as worthy as Mary, who ‘chose the better part.’ While on this one occasion Martha may have been a bit overwrought, anxious that everything be perfect, since she was entertaining Jesus, lets look at the rest of the story.

The first readings from the Old Testament were selected to shed light on or connect in some way to the Gospel. Genesis today highlights the importance of showing hospitality, preparing a good meal, being gracious to strangers. Did you notice, Abraham and Sarah worked together in preparing the spread? Perhaps Martha was thinking ‘if Abraham wasn’t above helping Sarah, selecting the entrée, getting some curds and milk, and serving his guests, what is my sister’s problem?’ Regardless, hospitality, and the labor it requires, is a virtue. Recall St. Paul’s words? ‘Those who don’t work shouldn’t eat?’ Ok, perhaps that is over the top. Mary was focused on Jesus, at his feet, listening, all very good. But more on St. Martha ….

When Lazarus, Martha and Mary’s brother died, it was Martha who went out to greet Jesus. She also engaged a conversation, and in it became one of the few people in the Gospels who expresses true understanding of who Jesus is: ‘Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.’ (John 11:27) Despite different personalities, both of these great women were very important in the early church, and we can draw important lessons from both. Wrapping up, St. Martha’s feast day is right around the corner, July 29th. The prayers for Mass that day may help to keep things in focus.

Opening Collect: Almighty ever-living God, whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in St. Martha’s house as a guest, grant, we pray, that through her intercession, serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters, we may merit to be received by you in the halls of heaven.…

Prayer over the Offerings: As we proclaim your wonders in St. Martha, O Lord, we humbly implore your majesty, that as her homage of love was pleasing to you, so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.…

Prayer after Communion: May the holy reception of the Body and Blood of your only begotten Son, O Lord, turn us away from the cares of a fallen world, so that, following the example of Saint Martha, we may grow in sincere love for you on earth and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven.…

St. Martha, pray for us! Peace to all Marthas and Marys! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Ex 14:5-18/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
11:00 am Memorial Mass for Richard Knox
5:15 pm Paul Spinelli - Joe and Lucy Nunn

TUESDAY - July 23
St. Bridget
Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
6:45 am Paul Spinelli - Perham Family
11:00 am Laura L. Perham - Perham Family

WEDNESDAY - July 24
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
11:00 am Carlo DeSantis - Wife, Irene
5:15 pm Mary Ellen Harkness - Family

THURSDAY - July 25
Feast of St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
6:45 am Paul Spinelli - St. Louis Pastoral Care
11:00 am John H. Ryan, Jr. - Family

FRIDAY - July 26
St. Joachim & St. Anne
Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
11:00 am Margaret Serio - Jeanette Fisher
5:15 pm Paul B. Rombaut - Son, Paul

SATURDAY - July 27
Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
9:00 am John Donohue - Dan and Carrie Check
4:30 pm Harold Barnes - Daughters

SUNDAY - July 28
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
7:30 am Thomas Schwan - Family
9:00 am Dolores Rose - Rachel, John & Bernie Eilertsen
11:00 am Charlie Gribbon - The Regan Family
5:00 pm Thomas Puleo - Michele Piraino

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.

Two Sanctuary Lamps will Burn
In Memory of Martha Serio
by Husband and Family

One Sanctuary Lamp will Burn for a Special Intention
by Mary Lou Radford

REQUIEM AETERNAM

Bernie Fine
Richard Knox

Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28
Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - July 28
The Highlands: Jim Haefner        Heather Heights: Mary Ann Monley

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Strangers and Angels

Do you always picture angels with wings? That is probably because in the Middle Ages, artistic depictions of angels began to always include wings. Genesis and Hebrews provide a different perspective. Who were Abraham’s three visitors? Hebrews 13:1-2 refer to our first reading: ‘Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.’ Inviting a stranger in not only shows the biblical virtue of hospitality; it lead to unexpected blessing – just ask Sarah!

Rejoice in Sufferings?

Yes, that is what St. Paul said. He could rejoice in his suffering because it was out of love, for the sake of others. More importantly, Paul’s sufferings were part of his identifying with Christ, and drew him closer to Christ. His phrase ‘in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church’ may sound strange, as if Christ’s death on the cross wasn’t enough. No … the point is that in anyone’s suffering for the body, the church, it is Christ’s paschal mystery, death to new life, working itself out in time. We can enter the eternal now, while Christ becomes real for us in time and space.

Don’t Put Me in the Middle

Taking care of the details of hospitality is a biblical value. Annoyed that your sister isn’t helping is only human. Drawing a guest (Jesus) into the middle of a sibling squabble --- not such a good thing. But do you hear the gentleness in Jesus’ voice: ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.’ Remember how the embolism (the prayer the priest does between the first part of the Our Father and the doxology) used to be translated? ‘Protect us from all anxiety.’ While now the priest says ‘safe from all distress’, the idea is still the same. Anxiety and distress hits us all, and we pray that the Lord protects us from the damage it can cause!

Problems with a Pericope

A pericope is a passage or selection from a book, most often used on passages chosen from scripture for public proclamation. The word itself comes from the Greek, for the act of cutting. Having three ‘pericopes’ every Sunday at Mass makes it possible to be nourished by God’s word in the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Gospels. That’s great! Unfortunately, some passages don’t ‘cut’ so well, and it can be hard to understand what’s going on in the passage you hear at Mass. A simple way to get more? Look up the reading in your Bible, and read what comes before the part that was read at Mass, and what comes after. If you have a Study Bible with footnotes, there is even more help to a better understanding!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

New day and new time, morning Bible study with Fr. Bob began last week, Wednesday morning, 8:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall. No prior experience of Bible study needed. We’ll be looking at the coming Sunday’s readings, exploring what they mean, and what they can mean for us. Bring a Bible, or At Home With the Word, bring your questions, bring a desire to learn and share faith together … plan on a good time!

PRAYER FOR SELECTING A BISHOP

Lord, God, you are our Eternal Shepherd and Guide. In your mercy, grant to the Diocese of Rochester a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. Inspire our Holy Father, Pope Francis with wisdom, knowledge, discernment and right judgment. In Your love for us, give us the joy of receiving a shepherd who will be an example of goodness to your people and who will fill our hearts and minds with the truth of the gospel. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Dear Friends of Mt. Carmel House:

The big church with the big heart has gifted our home for the terminally ill with a magnificent sum of $2278.00 for its work of caring for those who come to us to spend the last days of their lives in an ambiance of loving care and spiritual solace.

From the earliest days (1984) when we met many times with Fr. Schwartz for various reasons, we have been blessed by your gracious support. We have admitted our 445th patient and all have left this world better prepared for the next. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has recently favored us with an authenticated relic of St. Teresa of Avila, making this the 2nd Carmelite relic, along with our one for St. Therese the Little Flower, that we have at Mt. Carmel House.

You probably know we have the Blessed Sacrament reserved in our chapel and it brings us all a bit more humble for our good fortune.

May the good Lord bring abundant blessings on the good people of St. Louis Church. They are special!

Sincerely,
Raul C. Grossi, President

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God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Psalm 46:2

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**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

**July 14**

*Attendance ………. 1,413  
Collection …………… $16,068.00*

God bless you! Your regular contributions support all that we do here at St. Louis. Thank you for giving what you can.

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**REACHING OUT - MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT**

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August 14th marks the 60th Birthday of our parish friend Fr. Rick Frechette. Fr. Rick has spent almost half of those years mending the bodies and spirits of tens of thousands of Haitians. From pre-craddle to post-mortem, this passionate Passionist priest and medical doctor protects human dignity. In the process, a piece of Haiti has hope as does Haiti itself as a country – located so close to Florida. When personal and large-scale catastrophes strike us in America, we can turn to our government resources or private not-for-profits for food, shelter, medical help, etc. This is not the case in Haiti with no government organizations and very few effective non-government organizations.

Imagine how it must be to have St. Damien Pediatric Hospital there outside of Port-au-Prince to care for your hurt or sick child free-of-charge. Today with aging supporters and weakened global economies, funding for St. Damien has slowed – forcing layoffs of native Haitian hospital employees and thereby cuts in some services. Let us pray that other caring people step forward so that none of Fr. Rick’s effective programs slide backwards due to lack of funds. Could there be some “Fortune 500-type” company or person who would consider making Fr. Rick’s lifetime works in Haiti their very own flagship philanthropic endeavor???

Because of a promised matching million dollars from two $500,000 grants, we are focusing on St. Damien Pediatric Hospital to be the recipient of our parish’s July tithing. (Fr. Rick also founded and directs simultaneously other medical missions around Cite Soleil. This hospital is linked to the Mayo Clinic as St. Damien is to St. Jude’s Hospital. Fr. Rick is a master at networking to bring more suffering to Haiti as Hurricane Sandy did last year. Our parish gift of 10% of our July tithings wrapped in our prayers will make a difference in the struggles of God’s family. The July page of our St. Louis Calendar, tells us “stewardship is a way of life” and to “give aid especially to those most in need”. And, so we do! At the time of this writing, Hurricane Chantal is positioning to bring more suffering to Haiti as Hurricane Sandy did last year. Our parish gift of 10% of our July tithings wrapped in our prayers will make a wonderful Birthday gift! Fr. Rick will truly appreciate our generosity and thoughtfulness. Learn more at: www.friendsoftheorphans.org/Father Rick.

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Dear Work of Our Hands People,

Thank you very much for the handmade items that you dropped off at Benincasa from the Work of Our Hands group from St. Louis and Transfiguration Churches in Pittsford. They are lovely and we appreciate you thoughtfulness and support.

Thanks again,
Sincerely, Lori and All at Benincasa

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**Thank you!**

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July 21, 2013

St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
St. Louis Church of Pittsford Sponsors Another Employment Network Class!
Employment Network is a set of three sessions designed to help people who are out of work, wanting to change positions, or reentering the work force. The EN Team of experienced trainers will provide support and guidance in the areas of planning a work search, preparing a resume, networking, interviewing, and offering other direction. Our remaining sessions are on Tuesday evenings, July 23 and 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at St. Louis Church in the Parish Meeting Hall. For additional information contact Gary Stekloff at (585) 737-6213 or at gstekloff@rochester.rr.com. The Employment Network is open to all who want to attend regardless of religious affiliation or church attended.

Don’t Just Walk By!
Now is the time to follow through on your commitment and schedule yourself for a work assignment on a day of your choice. Your help is needed. You can register and schedule yourself by going to: www.habitatinterfaithpartnership.org. You can also contact one of our HIP volunteer coordinators who can assist you with registering and scheduling. Contact:
- Kathleen Anderson: call 385-7601;
  email kanderson51@rochester.rr.com.
- Brain McMahon: call 383-6005;
  email bjm@rochester.rr.com, or
- Delaina Infantino: call 586-1115.

You can make a difference and also enjoy the experience! Are you thinking about working on this 200th Rochester Habitat house? Sign-up, register and get scheduled now!

Please scan the QR code to view our latest Diversity E-newsletter for July 2013 or visit www.dor.org and click on Parish and Clergy Services at the top of the page, then Cultural Diversity in the left margin. You can also subscribe to receive this monthly newsletter!

ST. ANNE CHURCH NOVENA, 1600 MT. HOPE AVENUE
JULY 17-26, 2013, 7:30PM-9:00PM

Each evening we will gather at 7:30 pm in St. Anne Church for evening prayer featuring speakers through St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry with the reflection as part of evening prayer. Please plan to join us for all or as many of the Novena evenings as you can.

In the context of this Year of Faith and the 50th anniversary of Vatican II, join us for The Year of Faith: Living out the Second Vatican Council:

SUNDAY, JULY 21, FR. JOHN COLACINO
“Gaudium et Spes: the Church in the World”
Eph 3:14-21; 4:11-16; and Rom 12:1-2

MONDAY, JULY 22, FR. ROBERT KENNEDY
“Are We There Yet? The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy at 50 Years” Jer 29:12-14

TUESDAY, JULY 23, SR. MARY LOU MITCHELL, SSJ
“The Gift of Vows for Everyone in the 21st Century”
Lk 10:27; Gal 5:6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, FR. JAMES SCHWARTZ
“Spirituality in Our Everyday Lives” Rom. 8:26

THURSDAY, JULY 25, MS. CATHY KAMP

FRIDAY, JULY 26, MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SS ANNE & JOACHIM, FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Attention Volunteers! Do you work with families? Are you a catechist? Coach? RCIA team member? Sacramental prep team? Be sure to sign up for the Households of Faith Catechetical Congress on the Family. Join us on August 2-3 at Aquinas Institute for workshops and keynotes designed to help you in your outreach. You can purchase only those workshops that interest you - go to homelinks.dor.org/summer for more information and to register. Online registration closes July 29th.

Attention CYO Coaches: Would you like to learn how to connect the dots between faith, sports and families? Come to the Households of Faith Catechetical Congress on the Family. Join us on August 2-3 at Aquinas Institute for workshops and keynotes designed to help you in your outreach. You can purchase only those workshops that interest you - go to homelinks.dor.org/summer for more information and to register. Online registration closes July 29th.
VBS Thank You!!!

We have concluded our 2013 VBS program. We shared a fabulous week with laughing, playing, singing, and praying our hearts out for Jesus!! A program this large and so successful would not happen if it were not for the many dedicated volunteers that give their time and energy for the young of our parish. Our many thanks to all of you!!!

VBS Coordinator: Lisa Creary
Prayer Leader: Deacon John
Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers: Samantha Holvey, Mimi Bogdan and Carol Vallese
First and Second Grade Teachers: Andrea DiLiberto, Chris Howland, Laura Magguilli and Annette Laveck
Third Grade Teachers: Molly Hickey, Beth Woodward and Mike Drew
Fourth and Fifth Grade Teachers: Mary Stachowski and Claire Novak
Music Teacher: Susan Gividen
T-shirts: Steve and Kelly Dunnigan
Publicity: Kelly Dunnigan
Decorations: Emma, Sara and Peggy Lynge
Nurse: Rebecca Gordon
Snacks Coordinators: Dawn Schnell and Elizabeth Shaw
Button Makers: Martine, Madeline and Elizabeth Kenneally, and Abby and Katie Creary
Sally Schrecker and our Parish Operations Staff: Darryl Russell, Jose Rivera and Claudio Gambacorta
Sound System: Jeff Stid

And All our Teens: Josh Aldred, Jessica Aldred, Julia Andreach, Abby Aroesty, Carly Aroesty, Jack Bailey, Drew Bailey, Will Bailey, Isabella Barbagallo, Ana Bausch, William Bergin, Alexandra Best, Matthew Biggs, Nate Biggs, Joseph Blake, Julianna Blake, Ben Bogdan, Kitty Bogdan, Alexa Bosco, Christian Bosco, Sophie Browne, Eliza Browne, Ashley Buch, Connor Buch, Paige Burrito, Michael Caims, Alice Camaione, Maggie Casey, Chase Cederquist, Abby Creary, Katie Creary, Katie Curley, Caroline DeJoy, Caroline DePaolis, Tyler DePaolis, Jack DiGiovanni, Joe Doerr, Sarah Dunnigan, Lily Engebrecth, Charlotte Engebrecth, Olivia Engebrecth, Rebecca Flisnik, Owen Flisnik, Marlena Formuto, Francesa Formuto, Jack Fox, Hanna Fox, Amy Frankovich, Nick Frankovich, Isabella Gomez, Colin Gottko, Emma Gottko, Chris Hanna, Isabel Hartzell, Joseph Heinle, Anna High, Isabella High, Danyon Hobbs, Delaneyey Hobbs, Matthew Holvey, Liza Huber, Kate Huntress, Maddie Kammholz, Brennan Kammholz, Libby Kenneally, Annie Kenneally, Annie Kesselring, Mae Kesselring, Anne Kosanke, Katie Krowl, Laura Kunz, Erin LaMar, Brooke LaMar, Maxfield Lawther, Mackenzie Lill, Sean Magguilli, Victoria Mauro, Jamie McCarthy, Sydney McCarthy, Morgan McGrath, Elizabeth Mengucci, Madelynne Mike, Dean Miller, Casey Miller, Andrew Molinari, Katherine Novak, Ella Paris, Jake Petrone, Emily Piccirilli, Amanda Piccirilli, Eilis Regan, Eibhlin Regan, Ian Richards, Madison Ricketts, Alicia Rittler, CJ Robertson, Daniel Rooney, Mario Scherer, John Scherer, Erika Sobol, Julia Stachowski, Quinn Strassburg, Mackenzie Sweet, Quinn Tata, James Walter, Meaghan Whelan, Emily Whelan, Emily Wilborn, Haley Wilmot, Jessica Winters, Casey Woodward, Kylie Woodward, Mabel Zawacki, and Ella Rose Zombek.
Martha Or Mary???

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which is—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

In our families and homes, we have boundaries. Some are geographical; we may have our own room or part of a room that we want others to stay out of. Parents may have home offices that are off-limits to children. Some boundaries are behavioral; children may speak one way to their friends, but they are not allowed to speak the same way to their parents or other adults. A Curfew is another type of boundary, whose purpose is to protect children's safety.

We all have boundaries in our family. For the most part, these boundaries are good. Sometimes we set up boundaries for the wrong reasons. For example, if we are angry with a sibling, we may draw a line and tell him or her to stay on his or her side. When we use boundaries to exclude others, we are being hurtful. In Jesus' time, some boundaries were used to unfairly exclude people. One example was from last week's Gospel: Samaritans. This Sunday's Gospel has another example: women. The role of women has changed in our lifetime. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus breaks down a barrier that kept women from being disciples.

Martha is conditioned by the existing boundaries of her society, but her sister, Mary, breaks through that boundary and becomes a disciple of Jesus. How you can work as a family to break down boundaries that separate people?

The Traveling Pontiff — His Final Journey? (And He’s Bringing Along A Companion)

Often called “the traveling pope” because of the many countries he visited over his 27 year tenure (104 trips outside Italy), Pope John Paul II was indeed the most widely traveled pope in history. In fact, he traveled more miles as pope than all his predecessors combined, and is said to have been seen—in person—by more people than anyone else throughout history. He is now on a journey that some might call his final one—the recognition of his journey home to his eternal reward in heaven. And, his companion on that journey? Pope John XXIII—who called the Second Vatican Council in 1962, thus ushering in a sea of changes affecting every Church member.

Pope Francis cleared Pope John Paul II for sainthood a few weeks ago (July 5), only eight years after his death. This set up an extraordinary dual canonization along with Pope John XXIII, who was pope from 1958 to 1963. The latter was a much-loved populist who strongly connected to the Church faithful and is the pope most often compared to Pope Francis by many. Popes John Paul II and John XXIII are expected to be officially named saints within a year.

Do you live your life in preparation for your final journey? After all, we are all called to be saints.

Information for the above was taken from several websites. In particular, www.vatican.va provides news, free downloads of numerous publications pertaining to this Year of Faith (encyclicals and documents of Vatican II, for example), and other information of possible interest. No computer or internet access? As always, see me after Mass sometime, or contact me at Ideacondave@gmail.com.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

Rochester’s Catholic Radio
In keeping with the year of faith, consider listening to Rochester’s Catholic Radio. The programming is varied and 24/7 - something for everyone! Questions about the Catholic Faith? Misconceptions that you don’t know how to explain to others? Family dilemmas? They cover it all. Just tune in to 140 AM or 92.9 FM.
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Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 pm
Living and Sustaining our Witness as Disciples
With Dominic Marini, Seminarian, Diocese of Rochester and Fr. Michael Costik, Newly Ordained Priest of the Diocese @ Elmwood Inn, 1256 Mount Hope Ave, Rochester, NY 14620

Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 pm
Spirituality and the New Evangelization: Can we be Spiritual but not Religious?
With Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark @ The Old Toad, 277 Alexander St Rochester, NY 14607

Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 pm
Stirring up the World: An Evening on Pope Francis
With Fr. Bob Kennedy, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface
@ The Firehouse Saloon, 814 Clinton Ave S, Rochester, NY 14620

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 pm
Being a Christian in Everyday Life: Living the Good News in the World
With Dr. Damian Zynda, Th.D., Christian Formation Director, Church of the Transfiguration
@ Johnny’s Irish Pub, 1382 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14609

For more information call 328-3228x1218
Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith. Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface, and the Office of Vocations.

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Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Compline

Offered by the Sisters of St. Joseph
In their Motherhouse Chapel
150 French Road, Rochester, NY

Sunday, August 4, 2013, 7 - 8 PM
Check the St. Louis bulletin boards at side exits for additional information about these rich traditions of our Church.
**Statement on Supreme Court Rulings Today (6/26/2013)**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester reiterates and is in accord with the following statement by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"Today is a tragic day for marriage and our nation. The Supreme Court has dealt a profound injustice to the American people by striking down in part the federal Defense of Marriage Act. The Court got it wrong. The federal government ought to respect the truth that marriage is the union of one man and one woman, even where states fail to do so. The preservation of liberty and justice requires that all laws, federal and state, respect the truth, including the truth about marriage. It is also unfortunate that the Court did not take the opportunity to uphold California’s Proposition 8 but instead decided not to rule on the matter. The common good of all, especially our children, depends upon a society that strives to uphold the truth of marriage. Now is the time to redouble our efforts in witness to this truth. These decisions are part of a public debate of great consequence. The future of marriage and the well-being of our society hang in the balance.

Marriage is the only institution that brings together a man and a woman for life, providing any child who comes from their union with the secure foundation of a mother and a father.

Our culture has taken for granted for far too long what human nature, experience, common sense, and God’s wise design all confirm: the difference between a man and a woman matters, and the difference between a mom and a dad matters. While the culture has failed in many ways to be marriage-strengthening, this is no reason to give up. Now is the time to strengthen marriage, not redefine it.

When Jesus taught about the meaning of marriage – the lifelong, exclusive union of husband and wife – he pointed back to “the beginning” of God’s creation of the human person as male and female (see Matthew 19). In the face of the customs and laws of his time, Jesus taught an unpopular truth that everyone could understand. The truth of marriage endures, and we will continue to boldly proclaim it with confidence and charity.

Now that the Supreme Court has issued its decisions, with renewed purpose we call upon all of our leaders and the people of this good nation to stand steadfastly together in promoting and defending the unique meaning of marriage: one man, one woman, for life. We also ask for prayers as the Court’s decisions are reviewed and their implications further clarified."

**Rescue Rochester - Pro-Life Rally**

July 24 - July 31
Each Evening: Prayer Service at 6:30 pm
Bethal Christian Fellowship Church
321 East Avenue, Rochester

Each Day: Peaceful Prayer Vigil - Area Abortion Sites
With Rev. Mike Warren and Mr. Jerry Crawford of Spencerport. For additional information, contact kensusan@rochester.rr.com.

**Making the Task Easier**

Are you a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server, Cantor? PLEASE be sure to sign in before Mass, in the East sacristy, so that our faithful Liturgical Assistants will know if they need to do any recruiting. It also helps to let them know if you are a substitute. Consider it a gift to make their task easier.

**Prayer Request**

This week, 7 women from our parish will be making their Cursillo weekend, and two special people from St. Louis will be part of the team leading the weekend, Msgr. Krieg and Bibi Silvera-Portacio. Please pray for the team and all the candidates this week. Thank you!

**Trip to Germany**

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