Dear Parishioners,

Wow! Almost four weeks have passed since Fr. Hoan “John” Dinh and I arrived at St. Louis, and we are almost settled in. What a joy to be with you all, as well as with Msgr. Gerard Krieg and Fr. Juan Benitez. As I knelt before you at each Mass on the 29th and 30th of June and asked for your prayers, I’m feeling the results of your blessings already. This weekend I’d like to report and reflect on some past events:

1. I would like to express my appreciation for the very warm welcome and your dedication to our Community.

2. Congratulations to the Eight Magneteers (a First LEGO League team made up of 4th and 5th graders) from St. Louis who were chosen out of 40,000 to be one of among 20 teams in the Global Innovation competition in San Jose. I was told that just participation in this competition is an AWARD!

3. A big THANK YOU VERY MUCH to ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, who prepared and ran the Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale from July 9-13. Through the donation of all the items for sale and monetary donations this year’s income with donation is $120,000, which will allow us to directly assist refugees and needy, and help our operation throughout the year.

4. I would ask everyone to be patient, as we started on Tuesday the 16th of July a six-week project to repair the Manse’s roof beams, add insulation, and replace roofing and gutters.

5. Thanks and Farewell to our Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care, Cathy Malik, who left to go to San Diego, CA to take care of her elderly mother. We will miss her wonderful ministry.

6. Please follow all other summer activities which you can find in our bulletin.

7. Be assured of my daily prayers and please pray for each other while you are on your vacation or at home, hospitals or Nursing Homes.

Yours truly in Christ,
Fr. Mitch
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Mondays - July 22**
- Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- 11:00 am: Stanley Smith - Margaret Smith
- 5:15 pm: Lynn McGranahan - Eric & Leanne Bohannon

**Tuesdays - July 23**
- Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
- 6:45 am: Carl Schaarschmidt - Linda McCauley
- 11:00 am: Shirley Ray - Bill & Marge Mancine & Family
- 5:15 pm: John & Bernice Wilmot - Maribeth

**Wednesdays - July 24**
- Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
- 11:00 am: Jim McCauley - Marcy and Jose Mijangos - Family
- 5:15 pm: John Ryan, Jr. - Family

**Thursdays - July 25**
- 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- 6:45 am: For the People of the Parish
- 11:00 am: Stanley Smith - Margaret Smith

**Fridays - July 26**
- Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- 11:00 am: For All Deceased Parishioners
- 5:15 pm: Laurie Kaleta - Walter Family

**Saturdays - July 27**
- Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
- 9:00 am: Gary Stekloff - Peggy O’Neil-Midgley
- 4:30 pm: Shirley Ray - Bill & Michele Quinn

**Sundays - July 28**
- Gs 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- 7:30 am: Nikki Leonardo - Therese & Patrick Sennett
- 9:00 am: Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren
- 11:15 am: Dick Mahar - Jo
- 5:00 pm: Lewis Bouchard - Family

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.

**Wedding Bells**

We pray for these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- ♦ Gina Davin & Adrian Izbicki, July 26
- ♦ Carolyn Kovac & Joe Segrue, July 27
- ♦ Keila Jensen & Tom Elliot, August 3

**Saturday & Sunday, July 27 and 28**

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Sunday Communion Service - July 28
- The Highlands - Diane Salipante
- Heather Heights - Marge Mancine
Fr. Mitch’s Sermon from 4th of July, 2019
St. Louis 0900am Mass

Dear Parishioners and Visitors! Every year the fourth of July in our country is a day of parades, political speeches, fireworks and back yard barbecues. But most of all it is a day of celebrating our Independence; an independence which was won and is maintained by the sacrifice of many lives. Our Independence is rooted in our dependence on God. We can depend on God or depend on some creature. Only if we are completely dependent on God can we enjoy freedom. Dependence on God is clearly stated in our Declaration of Independence. It begins like this, “We hold truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights...” And it ends with this: “with a firm reliance on Divine Providence we pledge our lives, our fortunes and our honor...” As you know, our nation was founded on belief in God. The President takes his oath of office by placing his hand on the Bible, the Word of God, and ends with, “So help me God.” In our pledge of allegiance, we say, “One nation under God.” Engraved on our money is “In God we trust.” Our Congress has a chaplain, begins each session with a prayer, and provides for chaplains for the Military, in which I served for 20 + years. Most of the USA Military Chaplains during commission also are placing his or her hand on the Bible, and ends with prayer “So help me God.”

Our Founding Fathers may have chosen for a separation of Church and state, but not for a separation of God and state. There is no brotherhood of man without the Fatherhood of God. The division of life into the sacred and the secular is a false, misleading idea. There is not now, there never was and there never will be the purely secular, that is, anyone or anything which is not dependent on God. Atheistic capitalism would suffer the same fate as atheistic communism, which our Fr. John experienced in Vietnam and I in Poland. What our Constitution guarantees is not freedom FROM Religion but freedom OF Religion, freedom to practice Religion. The irony, the contradiction, is that those who are pushing for freedom FROM Religion are actually pushing THEIR OWN RELIGION, which is secular humanism.

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ! We as citizens of this Great Country and as Catholics should never give up our Freedom, freedom to practice our Roman Catholic Faith, here and NOW as we were repeating today’s verse of Ressponsorial Psalm 115: “I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living”! Amen! Alleluia!

GARDENING ANGELS NEEDED

Our St. Louis gardens are our first sign of welcome, and they are doing very well this year! Just as our gardens at home need continuous care, so do the beds and shrubs at St. Louis. If you have a love of being outside, playing in the dirt, or a knack for trimming bushes and could give part of an evening or part of a Saturday, we need Gardening Angels!

The commitment can be very flexible, for both the time commitment and the choice of specialty: We need someone to check on the geranium planter weekly (no bending, it’s waist-high!) or to spend a time or two tending another area that catches your eye.

Please contact Sally at Sally.Schrecker@dor.org or 586-5675 x235, and we’ll find a place that fits your green thumb!
**Supporting Our Parish**

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD**

Dear Fr. Mitch,

“‘To love another person is to see the face of God!’”
- Les Miserables

Your people at St. Louis have seen the face of God in the love and lives of their brothers and sisters in Brazil and Chile. You and your faith community have responded generously to the cry of the poor by your gift in the amount of $2,970.00.

“‘Nowadays the world does not need words, but lives which cannot be explained except through faith and love for Christ’s poor.’”
- Father Pedro Arrupe, SJ.

In the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy, we thank you a hundred-fold for your generous partnership in building God’s kingdom.

The Sisters in giving testimony to their work said, “If it were not for the generosity of the good people of this diocese, we could not accomplish our work.” Indeed, the people of St. Louis are part of this picture and without you we could not continue the work of the Lord.

May the Lord bless you and smile upon you always for all that you do for God’s people in the Missions.

With every good wish, I remain
Rev. Robert C. Bradler
Diocesan Director,
Society for the Propagation of the Faith

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT DAYSTAR**

For Medically Fragile Children
Founded in 1988 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester, Daystar was originally a foster home for medically fragile infants. In 2001, Daystar became authorized as New York State's first and only Pediatric Day-Respite Center - the leader for comprehensive, center-based services for families charged with the responsibilities of managing and caring for their child’s special healthcare and developmental needs after their child is discharged from the hospital, and supporting their family all the way until their child successfully enrolls in kindergarten.

For more information on Daystar, to volunteer or to look at their wish list for donations please visit their website at www.daystarkids.org.

**Blood Drive**

**St Louis Church**

Parish Meeting Hall
64 South Main Street
Pittsford, NY 14534

Thursday, July 25, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your life saving appointment please contact 1-800-Red-Cross or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword: stilouischurchpittsford

Blood Drive

**Without A, B and O, we can’t save anybody.**

**Red Cross**

To download the Blood Donor App today, get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

**Not enough people donate blood. Only you can fill the #MissingTypes.**

Download the Blood Donor App | 1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org/MissingTypes
Are you curious what’s in store for our kids and families this Fall? Check out some wonderful opportunities for community and faith with our Kindergarten – 5th Grade families.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with these events (teens too!), please contact Michelle!

Keep an eye out for future bulletin and email announcements to sign up for our family movie nights! Parents and Kids are invited to bring along a camp chair to enjoy a movie and popcorn. The movie will be one of Michelle’s favorite Disney/Pixar, however, don’t hesitate to reach out with some of your favorites too. Are you wondering how Disney has a Catholic connection? Join in on the fun and you’ll see!

**Family Movie Night**

**Friday, November 8th at 6:30pm**
**Friday, January 31st at 6:30pm**

This year we will be offering family events that are sure to be fun and deepen our connection to Jesus. Don’t miss out these great opportunities. Remember...keep checking the bulletin, your emails and our social media platforms for more info!

**Advent Family Gathering:** Saturday, December 7th at 10:30pm – Location: St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry on French Road.

**Live Nativity Family Gathering:** Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm – Location: Powers Farm Market

**Lenten Family Event:** Saturday, March 7th at 10:30 pm – Location: St. Louis

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**Important Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/Sacrament Registration Deadline!!!**

Due to the rising costs of shipping, the challenges in getting volunteer teachers and space restrictions, we will be closing Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/Sacrament registration on September 1st unless a family is new to the parish.

We are asking (nagging and begging) you to please get your registrations in prior to the official cut-off date.

**Please visit:**
StLouisChurch.org/ff for registration and info.

Please be aware that the late fee has gone into effect. There will be a $35 late fee applied to all registrations.
Another unbelievably successful Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale is winding down. Cleanup is well underway, and it is now time to extend enormous “thank you” to all the people who, again this year, made our sale so profitable. Despite the massive number of boxes and items that needed pricing and displaying, the long, long hours, the aching backs and knees, we reached our ambitious goal of over $120,000 and counting! The remarkable amount of money earned was only exceeded by the spirit of cooperation and teamwork, which is involved in a fundraiser! Saint’s Place has an amazing group of dedicated volunteers. As we celebrate 20 years of serving the refugee community in Rochester, our #1 reason for still being here and thriving is our volunteers.

Often organizations lament that too few people actually get involved. Nothing could have been further from the truth during the Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale. Day one, over 100 volunteers reported to help. Volunteers of all ages, from all walks of life, from all religions, willingly worked and used their creativity to find ways to display and organize the thousands and thousands of items. It was a remarkable three weeks. The Holy Spirit in action, and people at their best, are just a few ways to describe the event.

In addition to preparing for the Sale daily, we were still running the clothing closet, doing pick-ups and deliveries, assisting those refugees that are already settled in Rochester but are still in need of clothing, furniture, etc. We also have extended our assistance to IBERO, Open Door Mission, Homeless Vets, the Red Cross, Focus Pregnancy, Matthew’s Closet, House of Mercy, Migrant workers, Bethany House, RAIHN, Liberty Manor, Sojourner, and other agencies in need.

Thank you to the volunteers, who spent innumerable hours moving, lifting, setting up, pricing, organizing, reorganizing, helping customers and finally cleaning up. You are the heart and the soul of Saint’s Place; you keep giving, extending hands of friendship to all.

It was great to see so many dedicated, hard-working people motivated for the sole reason of welcoming refugees to our community.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”
~ Matthew 25:35
DONORS: Those have continually helped us to be known as the “premiere church sale.”

LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS: For their generous donations:

- Coal Tower
- Pontillo’s – Pittsford
- DiBella’s
- Zweigle’s
- Starbucks
- Village Bakery & Cafe
- Wegmans
- Nolan’s Rental, Inc.

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS:

- Knights of Columbus from St. Louis Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints
- Several High School Students (Fairport, McQuaid, Mercy, Sutherland, Brighton, and the Rochester International Academy)
- Youth Group from Saint John of Rochester (an amazing number of students!)
- Sally Schrecker, and her fantastic crew, Jose, Darryl, Michael, Ryan, and Katie.

Saying thank you is just not enough; please know that you truly make a difference in the lives of some very brave and grateful refugees. God Bless you all.

- Isabel Miller and Michele Quinn
We Are Still Hurting

Why Stay Catholic with So Much Scandal?

Bishop Robert Barron has written a book that can help answer this question. It is a cry from the heart, for fellow Catholics who feel, understandably, demoralized, scandalized and angry beyond words.

Thanks to the generosity of a group of donors, St. Louis Church will be handing out copies of Bishop Barron’s book the weekend of August 25th at each of the Masses.

We will follow up with a discussion session September 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Hall where we can come together, express our concerns and draw strength from one another.

Be sure to watch for more information in the coming months.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.
Youth Ministry: Mark your calendars for August!

High School Youth Play and Pray
- Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21, from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Louis Church. Play Volleyball/Basketball with friends, enjoy refreshments and wrap it all up by spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Middle School Youth Play and Pray
- Fridays: August 9, 16, 23, from 6:30-8:00pm (location TBD). Play Kickball with friends, enjoy some ice cream and wrap it all up with prayer together as one body in Christ!

All Youth Ministry Families: Save the Date of Sunday, August 25 from 12:30-2:30pm, Feast of St. Louis IX, our parish patron, for a Youth Ministry Family Picnic. More details upcoming!

Adult Youth Ministry Team Members Needed! Do you have a heart for God and a desire to help shepherd His young disciples? We are looking for adults to prayerfully discern whether God is calling you to commit time and talent to help celebrate the gift of our parish youth!
If this might be for you, contact Dominic at dominic.salamida@dor.org or 586-5675 x234 to set up a time to talk. Lord, please help each of us know what part we are to play in the building up of our parish!

Summer Love!
August 2-4, 2019

Visit wwme.org for more information and/or to register. Or email Leonor “Leo” and Ed Rivera at: wwmeroc@gmail.com

Notre Dame Retreat House invites you to . . . .
Come join us for one of our fall weekend retreats on the theme of “Our Spiritual Journey”. There are three women weekends, two men weekends and one couple’s weekend being offered between September 13 – October 27, 2019. Please visit our website at notredameretreat.org or call us at 394-5700 or email us at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com for more details.

“Always remember this: life is a journey. It is a path, a journey to meet Jesus. At the end, and forever.”

Would you be willing to open your home to a foreign high school student this academic year? The Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) has many students wanting to learn about life in America. For example, Annika from Germany loves volleyball and playing in an orchestra. Gonzalo from Spain wants to join a basketball or soccer team and is not a picky eater! A $300 reward will be given to St. Louis as a thank you for the referral. If you can help, please contact Suzanne Bareham at 732-7438.

Comunità Cenacolo
www.hopereborn.org
Youtube: Comunità Cenacolo Intro
A Catholic Program to overcome substance abuse.

From The Darkness To The Light
**Parish Staff Directory**

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