WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REJOICE IN GOD’S MERCY.

This Weekend:
Second Collection for Missions of the Basilian Fathers

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

Monday - July 25
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse

Tuesday - July 26
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse

Wednesday - July 27
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Rectory
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Group, PMH

Thursday - July 28
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church (Use entrance at Sacristy. Park at Rectory Driveway.)

Friday - July 29

Saturday - July 30
9:30 am - Prayer & Witness Breakfast, PMH (p.7)
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

Sunday - July 31
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
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

Dear Saint Michael,

Your name means, “Who is Like a God,” and it indicates that You remained faithful when others rebelled against God. Help the police officers of our day who strive to stem the rebellion and evil that are rampant on all sides. Keep them faithful to their God as well as to their country and their fellow human beings.

Amen.

—Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel
PRAY FOR US

Remember in your prayers, all those affected by gun violence.
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - JULY 25
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
11:00 am Memorial Mass for Steven Messina
5:15 pm John H. Ryan, Jr. - Family

TUESDAY - JULY 26
Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
6:45 am For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am Mary Frances Englert - Ron & Mary Lou Bircher

WEDNESDAY - JULY 27
Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
11:00 am For All those Named in Our Book of Remembrance
5:15 pm Harold Barnes - Babette

THURSDAY - JULY 28
Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
6:45 am For the Unemployed and People Under Stress
11:00 am Tony Foti - Marty

FRIDAY - JULY 29
Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
11:00 am For Vocations
5:15 pm For Deceased Veterans

SATURDAY - JULY 30
Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
9:00 am For Persecuted Christians
4:30 pm Teresa O’Leary - Saint’s Place

SUNDAY - JULY 31
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 am David Ballantine - Conklin Family
9:00 am Mary Jean Bissette - Billy Rue & Family
11:00 am Stephen Glaser - Nancy & Art Roberts
5:00 pm Donald Corletta - Norma

All those affected by gun violence

Saturday & Sunday, July 30 and 31

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Sunday Communion Service - July 31
The Highlands - Marge Mancine  Heather Heights - Fred & Marie Laplpe

Our Daily Bread

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.
WELCOMING THE WORD

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Genesis 18:20-32  
*Bargaining with God*

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 2:12-14  
*Brought to life in Christ*

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13  
*Learning how to pray*

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At the Bazaar

Many episodes in the Old Testament are vivid, capture life in the Middle East, and would have resonated powerfully with early listeners, as they do with folks in many parts of the world today. Bargaining is part of everyday life in the Middle East - just travel to the Holy Land - you will discover that in the first shop you visit! Why wouldn’t Abraham bargain with God to save the people of Sodom? He had relatives living there! This passage communicates the closeness of Abraham’s relationships with God; he is comfortable conversing with God and negotiating. We can also see God’s openness to Abraham, God’s willingness to bargain. (Is the number 10 significant? Well, in Judaism, at least 10 men (*a minyan*) are required for public worship.) How did the negotiating turn out? While Abraham’s plan to save his nephew Lot by bargaining to save the city failed, his family was spared. By whom? The very visitors who had traveled from their visit to Abraham (last Sunday’s reading) to the city of Sodom! Whether bargaining is part of our life or not, we can ask God to help us learn about prayer through this passage. Perhaps our prayer could become more like the personal relationship we see here.

**Beginning and Ending the Journey**

The first line in our second reading provides words and symbolism we use at the baptismal font, when bringing a loved one to church for a funeral. We begin our journey with Christ in baptism (buried with Christ), that we might rise with him to a new life in this world, and then at the end of our journey in this life, enter the fullness of resurrected life. The powerful imagery here helps explain the merits of baptism by immersion.

**Unanswered Prayer**

Apparently it was an issue among the disciples, as well as in Luke’s community. Who hasn’t had to struggle to understand why some prayers seem to go unanswered? So Jesus teaches us about prayer in our Gospel today.

The first key insight: praying for God’s will to be done is always a great way to start. Being persistent is important. Realize that God will only give what is best for us. Ask for the Holy Spirit, and it will come together.

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**Looking Ahead:**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
*All things are vanity*

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
*Put on the new self*

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21  
*Guard against greed*

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**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.
**BEING GOOD STEWARDS**

**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT COFFEE CONNECTION**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT EMERGENCY FUND**

Next week's tithing will support our emergency fund. Over the past few years, diocesan emergencies or international emergencies have occurred, and our bishop has requested voluntary 2nd collections in parishes; two years ago when Catholic Charities needed monies to help with their emergency heating fund, to assist poor families, and assistance to Catholic Charities international when natural disasters have been on a large scale. The fund is also a ready source when we are asked to assist with local emergency assistance. By having a fund on hand, rather than taking time to announce, collect and then send along an additional second collection, we can provide assistance immediately. One more way our parish tithing can be a blessing to others!

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.

**“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”**

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Pittsford Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the collection on the third weekend, food may be left anytime in our St. Louis bins for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop-off drawer in the entryway near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

**Mercy Spirituality Center**

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

**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.

**Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**

Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. Please visit www.usccb.org/ccce to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”  
~ Lk 11:9
Grow your Faith this Summer!

_Summer is a great time to take a breath and help our hearts and minds refocus on the mission and message of Jesus. Here are some suggestions to help your family grow in their Catholic faith during this warm, sunny season._

**Make Mass a Priority**
Resist the temptation to skip Mass during the summer months or when you are on vacation. Finding a Catholic church in any city is easy. Make it an adventure! Ask the kids to Google the location, and let them choose which Mass to attend. Take pictures, bring home the bulletin, and share it with friends who travel to the same spot! There are some beautiful hidden churches just waiting for your visit! If you are staying home this summer, switch up Mass times. Try the 4:30pm on Saturday, or the 5pm on Sunday, followed by a fun family dinner out!

**Do some Spiritual Reading**
Set aside some special time for reflection on a spiritual topic – such as the lives of the saints. The stories of these real life people, who lived out their faith in courageous and inspiring ways can be just as interesting as another re-run of “Frozen”! Take a trip to the library – or call Peggy or Michelle at the Ministry Center to borrow age appropriate books on all sorts of wonderful Catholic faith topics!

**Do Something for Someone Else**
Make a point this summer to reach out to people in need. Pick some flowers and bring them to a local nursing home. Deliver a bag of groceries to a neighbor in need. Offer to babysit for new parents. Pick weeds for the elderly couple who live on your street.

_Summer is time for resting, reaching out and growing – mind, body and spirit!_
We Are So Blessed!

Saint’s Place extends a HUGE “thank you” to all the people who again this year made our sale so successful. We reached our ambitious goal of $80,000+ and we far exceeded the spirit of cooperation and teamwork which is involved in a fundraiser! It was an amazing group of dedicated volunteers. We raised enough money to purchase over 500 beds and frames. Newly arrived refugees to Rochester will sleep their first night in a new bed with a new pillow and clean bedding. Something so trivial - that most of us take it for granted.

The sale always seems impossible until it is done. 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, 124 volunteers reported to help. The sale was ready in record time, even allowing for a three day weekend to celebrate the 4th of July. Volunteers of all ages, from all walks of life, willingly worked and engaged all their creative genes to find ways to display and organize the thousands and thousands of donated items. It was an amazing two weeks.

Fifty-two weeks of work go into making the sale a reality; that is not a misprint! On the Monday following the sale, the first boxes for Annual Sale 2017 will be placed in the attic! Thousands of items are cleaned and priced all year long. Ideas and suggestions for a better, more profitable sale are researched and discussed all the time! The search for additional volunteers to assist our regular volunteers is an ongoing endeavor. The words “Annual Super Sale” are echoed at least three or four times a day at 46 South Main Street.

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 souls of Saint’s Place that gives and keep giving, extending hands of friendship to all.

There is an amazing spirit which abounds during this hectic, sometimes chaotic, time. There is no other way to describe it other than the Holy Spirit in action. 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.

Saying thank you just is 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

Donors:

Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Isabel Miller, Executive Director.
Saint’s Place Ministry Hours: 46 S. Main St.: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays.
St. John of Rochester: Mon. through Thurs.: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Closed Fridays.
Phone: 585-385-6860 or saintlady@saintsplace.org or www.saintsplace.org
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

Prayer & Witness Breakfast
Want to hear about the New Evangelization in action? Come hear a full-time Catholic missionary with FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) make a presentation about the way this organization fosters conversions among college students. Our speaker will be Edmund Lazzari, a seminary classmate of Fr. Peter’s who was so impressed by FOCUS’s vision and effectiveness that he decided to take a two-year leave of absence from seminary for the Archdiocese of New York in order to learn their method of evangelization firsthand. The talk promises to help us to think about how we can better witness to Christ in our own circumstances. The presentation will be accompanied by a breakfast, beginning immediately after the 9:00AM Mass this Saturday, July 30th, in the Parish Meeting Hall.
Theology on Tap

Summer Nights- Four Pack
Monday Nights at 7:00
The Beale New Orleans Grille & Bar
689 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620

August 1, 2016
Voting Catholic:
Taking Your Faith into the Voting Booth
Anne LeBlanc
Rochester Area
Right to Life President

August 8, 2016
Confession:
From the Other Side Of the Screen
Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
Parochial Vicar,
St. Kateri Tekakwitha

August 15, 2016
There’s Something About Mary:
Mary’s Role in the Church & Our Lives
Angela Kristan, MD
Family Medicine Resident,
University of Rochester

August 22, 2016
Prayer:
What is it? How do I do it?
Fr. Justin Miller
Parochial Vicar,
St. Joseph’s Penfield

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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.

Father Bob and Father Peter invite you to join them for an inquiry gathering to:
- explore the truths of the Catholic faith
- learn what Catholics believe
- ask those perplexing and difficult questions about the Church.

**Sunday, August 7th**
12:00pm (after the 11:00am Mass)
*Parish Meeting Hall*
PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

PARISH OFFICES - Ministry Center
64 S. Main Street, 14534
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FRIDAY, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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