**A Day To Remember**

Try to put yourself in Rueben’s shoes. Rueben works in the village of Magdala, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. A boat builder by trade, he is just an ordinary guy. Brought up in a Jewish family, so he knows some of the Torah, certainly prays, and has been to Jerusalem for a few of the annual festivals. Lately, the buzz in Magdala and neighboring towns often turns to Jesus of Nazareth. So when Rueben hears that Jesus and his followers have just crossed the Sea of Galilee and are nearby, Rueben heads on foot, along with several co-workers, to check things out for himself.

As Rueben arrives, Jesus is seated on the hillside with his disciples, while people continue arriving. He watches Jesus having a conversation with some of his disciples. One of them brings over a young boy, who looks like he must have been bringing lunch for his family. The disciples begin to get people seated on the grass. Strange, it looks like Jesus is offering the blessing and preparing to eat. What about everyone else? Then the wildest thing happens. Instead of eating, the disciples start distributing the food, and the more they distribute, the more there is. Incredible! Just incredible! There are even baskets of food left over. It is just like the miracles in the Torah!

For Rueben, it is easier to go back to his village and tell others about what he witnessed than it might be for us. It was close to Passover. What Jew didn’t know the story of crossing the Red Sea, and the manna in the desert? Most people believed in God. Even the pagans believed in gods. Miracles were more often accepted than doubted as well. Naturally, Rueben went home eager to share that he was in the right place at the right time, and had witnessed a miracle, God acting through this Jesus of Nazareth. The best part? It wasn’t God punishing anyone, or angry at injustice. This was God simply making sure poor folks didn’t go home hungry! Not only does Rueben tell folks what happened, he convinces several good friends that, next time Jesus is within traveling distance, they should all go together and hear what he has to say.

In the Gospel over the next three weeks, Jesus will teach us about an even greater miracle, giving himself to us and to all believers through bread and wine, blessed and shared. But before launching into that, a few questions about miracles. If a miracle happened while you were at Mass, would you be comfortable telling everyone you know? Even if it was God acting in a real but less dramatic way? What might be a barrier to sharing the experience? Is it possible that today miracles are under-reported? Some would say we live in a culture of silence, where speaking about our experiences of God is discouraged. What do you think? Can we break the silence? I pray so! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - JULY 27**
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
11:00 am  John Donahue - Dan & Carrie Check
5:15 pm  Harold Barnes - Babette

**TUESDAY - JULY 28**
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
6:45 am  For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am  John Gieselman - Elaine Pugliese & Family

**WEDNESDAY - JULY 29**
Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
11:00 am  Ken Wensel - Barbara Thomas
5:15 pm  Margaret “Mig” Martin - The Mattina Family

**THURSDAY - JULY 30**
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
6:45 am  All the Men & Women Who Have Died While Serving in Our Armed Forces
11:00 am  Steve Flakus - Mary Shults

**FRIDAY - JULY 31**
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
Mt 13:54-58
11:00 am  Margaret F. O’Neil (Anniversary) - Family
5:15 pm  Esilda and Guerino Daniele - Frank & Franca

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 1**
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
9:00 am  Dr. Anthony Barraco - Sharon Barraco Wild
4:30 pm  Mary Patricia Debus - Gary & Cathy Comerford

**SUNDAY - AUGUST 2**
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35
7:30 am  Deceased Former 7:30 Ushers - The 7:30 am Ushers
9:00 am  Andy Eilertsen - Bob & Gail DeVoria
11:00 am  Dr. Gerard Joyce - Richard & Barbara Nowakowski
5:00 pm  Cora Pizzutelli - Jack & Marlene Schultz

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.

Requiem Aeternam
Ann Birmingham
Esilda Daniele

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.

Saturday & Sunday, August 1 & 2

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**Sunday Communion Service - August 2**

The Highlands: Pete & Gerry Shea  Heather Heights: Marge Mancine
Stretching a Meal
We all know folks who have that grace. Meal planning and preparation have begun. Unexpected guests arrive. Wonders are worked, and when the food gets to the table, there is enough for everyone. That charism flows from loving to provide for others, a tremendous sense of hospitality, wisdom in setting a feast, and a love for those who are hungry. God embodies all of those dispositions. Bread is a staple, a symbol of food, nourishment, and hospitality (breaking bread together). So we have miracles intended to manifest God’s providence, both in the Old Testament and the New, where bread is provided (manna, Jesus cooking breakfast on the shore after the resurrection), or bread is multiplied (our 1st reading and our Gospel). A most powerful symbol for the end of times is the eschatological banquet, with juicy rich food, and pure, choice wine.

We are all created in God’s image. Is it a surprise that some people, throughout history, and events today have both the desire and the ability to provide nourishment to others in wondrous ways? So think of people you have encountered who have that love of setting a feast for others, and offer a prayer of gratitude for them this week. You might even let them know what an inspiration they are, and how the scriptures made you think of them!

Preparatory to the Eucharist
Pray for those working among the poor in various places around the world, folks who often need to turn a crust of bread into a feast.

Preparing for next Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Start the Day Right
Join us for Bible study Tuesday mornings, 7:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall (moved from the Manse for the summer). Cool air temperature, but warm and lively discussion. We’ll even provide a copy of At Home with the Word for you if you don’t have one. See you Tuesday!

One Other Possibility
Next Sunday, we shift from Mark’s Gospel to chapter 6 of John’s Gospel, the discourse on the Bread of Life. It seems the perfect time to move forward in replacing our breakable communion wear with ciboria and cups befitting the dignity of the Eucharist.

If you would like to contribute a communion cup or ciboria in memory of a loved one, please contact Bea Hack, bhack@dor.org or Birdie Proctor, bproctor@dor.org.
This Week’s Tithing Will Support St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard

Our Gift in Gratitude
Thank you for joining us for Mass! Returning to the Lord with increase from the many gifts we have been given can take many forms. Each Sunday, grateful that the Lord has given us another week of life and health, we come together at Mass to give thanks. Knowing the Lord has given material well-being, we contribute to our parish. Aware of strengths for ministry God has given, we find ways to offer our time and talents in service. For choosing St. Louis as the place you believe, belong, and return to the Lord with increase from God’s goodness to you, THANK YOU!

Leaving a Legacy
Have you thought of including St. Louis Church, our school, or Saint’s Place in your will? Over the years, those who did think about leaving a bequest have contributed immensely to the success of our parish. Please consider including us in your will. Another way to support the parish and let people know how you value St. Louis and its ministries is to let your family know, and include in your pre-planning that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Louis, or our school, or Saint’s Place ministry. Thinking ahead, when a dear one in your circle of family dies, have you thought about including that type of request in the obituary? Please give it some consideration!

Fr. Peter Anglaeere, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley in Hornell, gave our annual Missionary Appeal July 11/12. Originally from Ko, Ghana in Africa, Fr. Peter spoke about the needs of other small impoverished villages in remote areas of the Diocese of Tamale. Your generous contributions will provide much needed funds for their many ministries, particularly those serving the poor and those at risk. Thank you!

Thank you for your generous contributions to last weekend’s 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 (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

“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 third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry way 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.

Thank you!
ST LOUIS COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW KNIGHTS INTO OUR ORDER

In June, St Louis Council Welcomed New Members to our Council and the Knights of Columbus.

Our New Brother Knights are Joseph Haefner, Chuck Noce, Joseph Difino and Joseph Salipante.

WELCOME, My Brothers, we are very pleased to have you join our ranks of St Louis Council and the Knights of Columbus. Our Brothers took their 1st Degree on June 15th and 29th.

We thank you Brother Knights, and look forward to having you be a part of our Council and the Knights of Columbus.

Our Parish Family, Please Congratulate our new Brother Knights when you see them.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick Whelehan, Grand Knight

OFFICER'S INSTALLATION and COUNCIL MEMBERS and FAMILY PICNIC

Council Members and your Families are invited this Saturday, July 25, 2015 for the Council Officer's Installation and Family Picnic on the Parish grounds from Noon to 4:00 PM.

This will be pot luck with the Council providing Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Condiments, Paper products and Silverware.

Please bring a dish to pass, your beverages, and your lawn chairs.

The Installation at 1:00 PM will be conducted by our New District Deputy, Tony Angotti, and his Warden.

Please call Grand Knight Rick Whelehan at 442-6257 or Dick Hilliard at 943-1106 if you will be attending. We are looking forward to seeing all our Brother Knights and their Families.

Please note: There is No Council meeting for July!!

INCREASE YOUR WORD POWER

So what is this Cursillo people keep talking about? The Spanish word means ‘short course’. Cursillo is a Catholic movement that began in Spain in the 1940’s, and has since spread around the world. An intense weekend retreat immerses participants in a powerful experience of Christian community in action. They hear moving personal testimonies illuminating sound Catholic principles and teaching, and learn an effective method for living the faith. It is a powerful personal encounter with Christ.

How about Ultreya? This Spanish word translates ‘Onward!’. Ultreya is a regular gathering (i.e., monthly) where those who have made Cursillo keep the method they learned for living the Christian faith alive: praying together, sharing their journey in a small group, encouraging one another, listening to a witness, and encountering Christ in community. Can one attend Ultreya without having made Cursillo? Absolutely! In fact, it can generate the curiosity that can lead one closer to Christ! We have an East side Ultreya here at St. Louis every 2nd Saturday, after the 4:30 pm Mass, beginning with a pot luck supper. Consider yourself personally invited! It’s a great place to be nourished, body and spirit. A great place to break the silence!
Dear Fr. Ring
and St. Louis Parishioners,

“To love one another is to see the face of God!” Les Miserables

Your people 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 totaling $2,966.50.

“I never stopped thanking God for you and recommending you in my prayers.” Ephesians 1:16

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.

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,
Rev. Robert C. Bradler
Diocesan Director
Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Dear St. Louis Parishioners and Staff,

Thank you so much for your generous tithing donation. The Woodshop of St. Michael’s is fortunate to have your continued support, and we truly appreciate your help.

Generous donors like you have made it possible for us to offer our Summer Character Camp to city teens. We have new students this summer, and also many students from our school-year program. The students are excited to be here and learn the kind of life skills that will help them in the future. We’ve seen it happen; so many lives have been impacted this past year in a positive way.

We at St. Michael’s Woodshop encourage you to visit us so that you can see first-hand what your donation has done for this ministry and its participants. This summer we are open from noon until 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and our phone number is 585-413-4450. May God always bless you and keep you in His grace.

Sincerely,
James Smith, Director, The Woodshop at St. Michael’s, stmichaelswood@live.com
SAINT’S PLACE

SCHOOL SUPPLY TIME
(AGAIN!)

Don’t miss the sales . . .
They are incredible!

Items Needed

- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper (lots and lots)
- Calculator
- Rulers
- Folders
- Pencil sharpener (lots)
- Composition notebook
- Spiral notebook
- Markers
- Scissors (lots)
- Crayons
- Pens/pencils
- Glue sticks
- Erasers

The “Back to School” Sales have already started and prices are great! This past year Saint’s Place filled and delivered 277 backpacks for students ages 4 to 20 years old. So, we need your help to continue this important work for this school year.

School supplies and backpacks are needed for refugee children who are arriving in Rochester this summer and who will start school for the first time in September. Saint’s Place supplies each school-aged refugee with a backpack filled with needed school supplies. During the month of August, school supplies are at their lowest prices of the year. Many items such as notebooks are as low as 50 cents or one dollar.

If you can help by purchasing one backpack and/or supplies for a backpack, it would be greatly appreciated.

A Special Thank You!

Although the weather has been rainy and somewhat chilly, Camp Stella Maris (CSM) is off to a great start! We are so grateful for the generosity of the parishioners at St. Louis, the St. Louis chapter of the Knights of Columbus and Saint’s Place for sharing your treasure with CSM and the kids from the House of Mercy! We received approximately $800 along with many, many items the kids needed at camp. The Knights provided us with the “bins” to pack each child’s clothes and camp necessities. Saint’s Place provided many clothes for the children as well as a few sleeping bags!

The first group of kids from the House of Mercy attended camp last week and we have two more groups coming in August. We could not provide all the things the children need without your help. Thank you so very much!

Camp Stella Maris Staff

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., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays. Phone: 585-385-6860 or saintlady@saintsplace.org or www.saintsplace.org
SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! YOU ARE FAMILY
And we would like your family in our family photo album! Please sign up for a time to be photographed, on the web, after Mass, or by calling the office. Remember, all who participate will receive one free photo, the new directory of our parish, and a chance to purchase other photos if you wish.

Get to Know Your Father!
Join us for a book study that focuses on God the Father. Learn about our faith while you enjoy a few friendly evenings getting to know other parishioners. In A Father Who Keeps His Promises, Scott Hahn explores the covenant love God reveals to us in the Scriptures, and explains how God patiently reaches out to us – despite our faults and shortcomings – to restore us into relationship with his divine Family. Cost is $3 for the book. Contact Kathryn McAlarney to sign up at mcalarney1@gmail.com or 490-2745. Come even if you can’t make each meeting! Started June 22. Monday’s, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Manse, until August 3.

St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry Hosts Young Adult/Adult & Community “Garden Party” Series is an opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quality theological reflection and catechesis, and fellowship and hospitality.

Upcoming Event: July 30, 6:00 pm - “Catholic Apologetics: Explaining the fullness of the Faith”
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Scott Caton
(Catechetical Ministers and Youth Ministers Invited)
Meet in the Chapel for a Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Discussion at 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the beautiful gardens of St. Bernard’s. (Rain site: Atrium/Classrooms at St. Bernard’s.) Free and open to adults age 21+. Space is limited so pre-registration is required: www.stbernards.edu.

Organizing a Library Remember receiving a copy of Rediscovering Catholicism this past Christmas? Many folks have commented that it was the first Catholic book they had read in ages, and it was tremendously inspiring. Around campus, we actually have a wide variety of excellent books tucked here and there, ranging from an excellent series of great Spiritual Writers, resources on scripture, for beginners as well as those in Bible studies, books for the young and the old. We hope to bring them together this Fall, in a little lending library. Would you like to help make that happen?? Please let Fr Bob know soon, as we prepare for our first organizational meeting. Contact Father at ring@stbor.org or call the office.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! YOU ARE FAMILY
And we would like your family in our family photo album! Please sign up for a time to be photographed, on the web, after Mass, or by calling the office. Remember, all who participate will receive one free photo, the new directory of our parish, and a chance to purchase other photos if you wish.
MORE OPPORTUNITIES

THE SPIRITUALITY OF POPE FRANCIS AND MORE... 

- Has Pope Francis’ prayerfulness and ministry of healing and wholeness caught your attention?
- Do you desire to learn how to pray more deeply and experience this living spirituality yourself?
- Do you desire to know and love God more?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, please consider making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Retreat at Mercy Spirituality Center. This 30 week retreat begins in September 2015. Participants meet weekly for input and spiritual guidance and establish a daily prayer practice. Sessions are held Wednesday morning or evening.

Note: Beginning in September, MSC is piloting a second option for making this retreat using podcasts. This option will benefit people outside of the greater Rochester area or persons unable to attend the in-house Wednesday sessions.

If you are interested in considering this “life-changing” retreat experience in either format and would like more information, contact Mercy Spirituality Center at 585-473-6893, ext. 113. Applications for the retreat are on a “first come” basis.

ST. LOUIS BRIDGE MARATHON is looking for a few extra bridge players. It’s a friendly group of ladies enjoying the company and stretching our minds. We start in September and we play 8 times a year (once a month - the date is flexible). Contact Dorothy Holmes, (585) 281-3071.

CHANGES OF PHONE, ADDRESSES, ETC.

Do you have a new phone number?
Do you have a new address?
Do you have a new email address?

It is imperative to let the parish office know!

Since, it is very important that we keep our records up-to-date, we rely on you to include us in any notification of such changes.

Call us at (585) 586-5675 or email us at bproctor@dor.org. Thank you!
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