More Than Enough

In the 1st reading we hear: “thus says the Lord: They shall eat and there shall be some left over.” And so it happened. In the Gospel, the same results. As we begin our journey into chapter 6 of John’s Gospel, we begin with hungry people, and the human fear that there just won’t be enough to go around. But by God’s grace, all satisfied; there are even leftovers! Both of these miracles point to another miracle: the Eucharist. Here our hungers are fed.

Allow today’s Gospel to give you a new perspective at Mass. Look around. You are likely to see as interesting a mix of people as the crowd on that hillside in Galilee. A few parents with an infant in arms, others with older children in tow, some coming alone, some struggling to walk, curious, searching young adults, people hungry for hope, others hungry for healing; some seeking mercy, others seeking help to forgive – the Lord fed all on the hillside, and can feed all our hungers. Ponder the variety of hungers that might bring each person here. Do you wonder, as did the disciples – how can all these hungers be fed? Look to Jesus in the Gospel. He trusts. No fear in his face. “Have them all recline.” The more we look first to Jesus, and then to the needs, the more we sense his peaceful confidence in the Father, the more likely we will be able to move from fear of scarcity to expectation of God’s abundance.

At Bible study on Tuesday a detail I’ve not focused on so much before stood out. Who had the bread and fish that made the miracle possible? A young lad. Could it be that the innocence of youth is an important element in the equation? How often in the Bible is it the least likely person who becomes is center stage in God bringing grace into the world? Jesse’s youngest son. Prophets too young for the task. A young maiden in Nazareth. So look around at our Sunday Mass. How could that element of the story ring true in our celebration?

A central link between the Gospel miracle and the miracle of our Eucharist is the action. The verbs are always important. Jesus took the loaves, as we take the gifts of bread and wine that are brought up from the midst of the assembly during the preparation of the gifts. He gave thanks, as we do in the Eucharistic prayer. He distributed the food to those gathered, the communion rite. Just as he instructed the disciples to gather the fragments left over, so too we gather the communion remaining so that none will be wasted, but more importantly, to show reverence for the Body of Christ.

We will be delving deeper into the mystery as John teaches about the Bread of Life. This week, try to put yourself into the scene. Connect what you experience there with what God offers each of us in the Eucharist. Peace! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - JULY 30
11:00 am Lewis Bouchard - Family
5:15 pm For the People of Our Parish

TUESDAY - JULY 31
Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
6:45 am Donald Corletta - Norma Corletta
11:00 am Kenneth Rizzuto - Family

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 1
Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
10:30 am Mass at Highlands Living Center for All Military Veterans
11:00 am William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family
5:15 pm Alexander Kopczynski - James & Mary Mayes

THURSDAY - AUGUST 2
Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
6:45 am For Those Struggling with Depression
11:00 am Roberto Ponce - Family

FIRST FRIDAY - AUGUST 3
Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
11:00 am William Jessen - Family
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for Residents & Staff
5:15 pm Barry J. Bly - June Werner

SATURDAY - AUGUST 4
Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
9:00 am Caroline Harber - Nancy & Wayne Harber
4:30 pm Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren

SUNDAY - AUGUST 5
7:30 am Warren & Jean King - Warren & Pat Kling
9:00 am Joe Salipante - Karl & Piroska Mersich
11:15 am Donald Roth - Paul Tramonto
5:00 pm Tilly Haak - Jeane & Willem Begeman

All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, August 3 for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.

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.

Three Lamps will Burn
In Loving Memory of William W. Kane by Mary-Ellen & Family

Requiem Aeternam
Theresa Dobrzynski

Saturday & Sunday, August 4 & 5

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Sunday Communion Service - August 5
The Highlands - Diane Salipante
Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley
Our Weekend Scriptures: 
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: II Kings 4:42-44  
Like manna in the desert

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6  
Christ, our unity and our peace

Gospel: John 6:1-15  
Eucharist: the story begins

Looking Ahead: 
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
Manna and Quail

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
Be renewed in the spirit of your minds

Gospel: John 6:24-35  
He gave them bread from heaven

Stretching a Meal
We all know folks who have that gift. 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 deep spirit of hospitality, gifts in setting a feast, and a love for any who are hungry. These all are at the heart of God’s grace. Bread is a staple, a symbol of food, nourishment, hospitality and communion (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 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 even 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 tell them, send an e-mail or write a card to let them know what an inspiration they are, and how the scriptures made you think of them! Pray for those working among the poor in our city, in food cupboards and soup kitchens, folks who often need to turn a crust of bread into a feast. Maybe a thank you note to them would be a most welcome surprise. Have you ever considered getting closer to the miracles, volunteering at a food cupboard, at St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality, St. Peter’s Kitchen, or in a similar ministry? If you need help learning more or making the connection, Cynthia Clarke on our staff is here to help.

For the Ephesians, and for Us
Sometimes it’s a whole Bible passage at Mass taken together that provides us with the nourishment of God’s Word; that feeds us spiritually. At other times, one simple image, phrase, or a single sentence does the trick. Our second reading today works either way. It is a great passage for lectio divina. Reread the entire passage. Read it again slowly: what draws your attention, resonates, perhaps raises a question or challenge? Read it again, even more slowly and meditatively. Now quietly listen. What is the Spirit saying to you? Humility, gentleness and patience – it is always good to pray for those gifts. Those gifts grow when we notice them emerge in ourselves or in others, and say a simple ‘thank you’ to God. “Bear with one another through love” … that is a path to peace and to unity. How might that shape up this week? Who might you be called to bear with through love this week? Pray for the grace, and thank God for those people who challenge you to continually grow more Christ-like.

John Leads Us Into Eucharist
Mark’s Gospel is the shortest, so what better year to inject more of John’s Gospel into the Sunday fare? Midsummer in cycle b, the year of Mark, we listen to John’s great teaching on the Eucharist, chapter 6, Jesus’ discourse on the Bread of Life. Last week Mark’s Gospel set the stage, with folks all gathering around Jesus in a deserted place. But rather than next encountering Mark’s brief account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, we begin today with John’s lengthy reflection and teaching, with Jesus leading us deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. Often we connect what we do at Mass with the Last Supper, but these five weeks in John’s Gospel remind us that accounts of the multiplication of the loaves and fish are Eucharistic as well. Try to picture the scene in our Gospel. Hold that image. Now try to picture being at Mass. See if you can lay one picture over the other, or let one shift into the other, and back again. We have come to encounter Jesus, and so he will feed us just as he did the hungry crowd in our Gospel.

Recycling the Bulletin
Did you know that the parish bulletin could serve as an invitation? Once you’ve read it, consider giving the bulletin to a friend, along with an invite. ‘We would love to have you join us at St. Louis one of these weekends. Here is a bulletin, for a flavor of the place, and with the various Mass times. Seriously, I think you would be surprised at what you experience if you join us some Saturday evening or Sunday.’
Supporting Our Parish

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| Month-to-Date | $60,250.38 |

Sign up for Updates
Get news from St. Louis Church directly to your inbox!
Visit StLouisChurch.org/email and add your email to our distribution list.

July 17, 2018
Dear Fr. Bob,

The papal encyclical Redemptoris Missio states that missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith, offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. Faith is strengthened when it is given to others.

Your parishioners have responded so generously to that spirit by their prayers and financial gift in the amount of $3,528.00.

In the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile, I thank you and your generous community at St. Louis for the generous partnership in building God’s kingdom.

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

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

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.
- St. Augustine of Hippo -

July 29, 2018

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Homes of Hope for India

Next week’s tithing will support Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN)

Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) an affiliate of Family Promise, is a not-for-profit, interfaith, culturally-competent organization that assists homeless families to achieve sustainable independence by supporting them with tailored services including shelter, food, personalized case management, and a diverse network of caring volunteers. Rochester is the 2nd poorest city in the United States with more than 600 homeless individuals each night in Rochester and its suburbs, including 100 families with children.

The St. Louis faith community has been a supporting congregation since RAIHN’s inception more than a decade ago. The mission of RAIHN Homeless Ministry is to help families get back on their feet into a stable home and job. Parishioner Ann-Marie DeSantis coordinates the RAIHN Homeless Ministry for St. Louis with the help of about 20 dedicated volunteers. Our hosting location is the Mary Magdeline House in East Rochester, where we provide private and public space for families, safe overnight accommodations, home-cooked meals, and gracious hospitality for up to 15 families a week at a time, 3 times a year.

RAIHN has numerous volunteer opportunities ranging from greeting guests at a host location, cook or provide part of a meal, plan a children’s activity, shop for breakfast food and supplies, inflate/deflate air mattresses, drive the RAIHN van (no special license needed), maintenance, fundraising, guest mentor, office staff and much more! If you can share some of your time, please call our St. Louis RAIHN coordinator, parishioner Ann-Marie DeSantis at 406-6013 or email amdesantis@frontiernet.net. Information about RAIHN (and upcoming events) can be found at www.raihn.org.

Stewardship
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Saint’s Place Update

- We survived a very successful Annual Super Sale. Over $112,000… remarkable! Thank you to all in the parish who contributed to our achievement. The volunteers, the donors, the shoppers, and all who prayed for our success. We are truly grateful.

- As part of celebrating our twentieth anniversary we are raffling a three year lease on a 2019 Subaru Outback. Taxes and maintenance included, 12,000 miles a year - donated by Kitty Van Bortel. Drawing will be held at our Anniversary Celebration on November 3rd at St. Louis Church. Details to follow. Tickets for the car are $50 each and can be purchased online at www.saintsplace.org. We are only selling 500 tickets.

- June was a record month at our Clothing Closet, we assisted 207 “shoppers.” Refugees from over 12 different countries obtained clothing and many Puerto Rican evacuees were helped.

- In July, 58 new refugees arrived in Rochester. They came from the Congo, Iraq and the Ukraine. Large families…

- Saint’s Place awarded educational grants to students from the Rochester International Academy and MAC, part of OACES. Since the inception of the Saint’s Place Scholarship Fund in January 2018, we have awarded over $25,000 in scholarships. Many more awards are planned because of the fundraising efforts of 2018.

School supply time….

**Items needed**
- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper (lots and lots)
- Calculator
- Rulers
- Folders
- Pencil sharpener (lots)
- Composition Notebook
- Markers
- Scissors (lots)
- Crayons
- Pencils/pens
- Glue sticks
- Erasers
- Spiral notebook

**Items can be dropped off at 46 South Main Street**
“I express my solidarity with migrants around the world and thank all those who help them: welcoming others means welcoming God in person.”

Pope Francis

**Who Should Attend?**
Pastors, Parochial/Pastoral Administrators, Parish Staff, Parishioners, Social Ministry Committee Members

**Please RSVP by Monday, August 6:**
Carmen Z. Rollinson
Dept. of Pastoral Services
Carmen.Rollinson@dor.org
585-328-3228 ext. 1328

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**Presenters**

**Fr. Jesus Flores**
Diocesan Coordinator of Migrant Ministry
Department of Pastoral Services

**Ruth Putnam Marchetti**
Social Ministry Coordinator
Catholic Family Center

**Jim Morris**
Vice President for Family Services
Catholic Family Center

**Members of the Migrant Community**

- Who are the immigrants in our region?
- How did a political crisis develop over immigration?
- What drives immigration to our country?
- What does our faith call us to do?

Resources on how to connect with refugee and farmworker organizations will be available.

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**Sharing The Journey**
Responding to Immigrants with Knowledge and Compassion

**Thursday, August 9, 2018**
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry
120 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester**
Sponsored by the Diocesan Public Policy Committee and the Diocesan Offices of Catholic Charities and the Department of Pastoral Services
Curious About Catholicism?

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, or think you might like to become Catholic, where do you turn?

Join us for an evening where you can come and ask questions, or just listen to test the waters. This is a perfect opportunity for seekers and inquirers to find out if you are being called to become Catholic. All are welcome!

When: Wednesday, August 8th
Or Wednesday, August 29th
Time: 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

For more information or to let us know you’re coming, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org, 586-5675 ext 224.

Hallowed Be This House

Every room of your house is a place where God’s grace awaits you. Take a spiritual tour through your home and see how lovingly God awaits us in the actions of our ordinary lives. Learn to recognize and contemplate how each room is sacred for its own reasons. Join us as we share and expand on the ideas from Thomas Howard’s book.

When: Thursday, August 2nd
7:15-8:15 pm
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

Participants will be able to sign up this evening for a House Blessing by our priests!

For more information, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675 ext. 224.

SUMMER RETREAT

What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Come and explore the mystery that is the source and summit of our Christian Life in a one-night, compelling retreat.

When: Friday, August 10, 6:00-9:30 pm
(optional Eucharistic Adoration until 10pm)
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: Suggested free will offering of $5
Dinner will be provided.

Registration is required. Please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext 224.

Fruit of the Vine Presentation

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HELP WANTED

FULL-TIME, PAID POSITION

AT ST. LOUIS

Operations/Maintenance Staff Opening

St. Louis is in need of a general Operations/Maintenance Worker to fill an opening on the staff.

The Operations Worker position is year-round, 5 days per week and occasional weekends. When School is in session, the hours are 10:30am – 6:00pm. When School is not in session, hours may be modified.

The responsibilities include setting up and taking down tables & chairs for events, collecting trash & recycling, moving boxes and furniture, vacuuming and mopping in Church, and performing seasonal outside work, such as snow shoveling, raking, mulching and weeding.

Applicant must have reliable work record and skills for sudden changes, prioritizing, communicating and working with others.

Please inquire or apply with Sally Schrecker at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 235, or Sally.Schrecker@dor.org, or St. Louis Ministry Center, 64 S. Main St. Pittsford, NY 14534

Urgent Request to Women of St. Louis Church

Your helping hands are urgently needed to launder and iron purificators used when the cup of The Precious Blood of Christ is offered at Mass.

Presently there are only 15 volunteers to cover 52 weeks.

This is a pleasant task which you can accomplish in your own home. It will require two hours and can be scheduled for the week of your choice once or twice a year.

Your response will be greatly appreciated!

Please consider.

Marie Vasile
585-248-0064 or MarieJVasile@gmail.com

Buy Organic Wine

Buying wine produced from organic vineyards keeps chemical fertilizers and pesticides out of the soil (and your wine glass). For a list of affordable and recommended organic wines go to: www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/party-ideas/g211/best-organic-wines/

“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security... More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: ‘Give them something to eat’ (Mk 6:37).” ~ Pope Francis
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