Another Vocation Story

Having read the vocation stories that were (re-)published in recent bulletins, I thought I’d share with you a little of my own journey to the priesthood. I was raised in New Jersey, the only child of two teachers. My father instilled in me a love of history and my mother, a music teacher, taught me how to carry a tune … or at least I hope that you'll agree! Growing up I was a very active member of the local United Methodist Church, especially during High School. Although at the time I had entertained the idea of entering into ministry, I had certainly never thought of becoming a Catholic! But when I began attending R.I.T. (to study Information Technology), I made some good Catholic friends who shared their faith with me. I began to go to Sunday Mass and Catholic Bible Studies, and every time I had a question – about Mary, about Purgatory, about the Eucharist – my friends could prove that the Catholic doctrine was not just something they “felt” was true but rather was something that had always been believed by all Christians in the early centuries. What Bl. John Henry Newman once said proved true in my own life: “To be deep in history is to cease to be a Protestant!”

I decided to become Catholic in 2005. A few months after entering the Church, some friends and I had begun the practice of going to daily Mass – including, at least once, to the 11:00am Mass here at St. Louis! – and it became clear to me that I was now most attracted to prayer, preaching, and the Sacraments, rather than to the career ambitions that had brought me to R.I.T. So immediately after I graduated, I entered into formation for the priesthood here in the Diocese of Rochester.

After one year of taking Philosophy classes at St. John Fisher College, I began seminary at the Theological College of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. I enjoyed those five years immensely, both in parish assignments here in the Diocese (including Our Lady of Peace in Geneva and St. Mary’s in Auburn) and in classes in Washington. Shortly before my ordination in 2013, I graduated with a Bachelor’s in Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity degree, and subsequently (through online classes) was able to finish a Master of Arts degree in Medieval Studies. I spent two years in a wonderful first parish assignment in Canandaigua & East Bloomfield, and most recently went back to Catholic University in order to complete a Licentiate in Canon Law (a three-year law degree like a JD, only for Church law) while also working in campus ministry.

I received a warm reception from so many of you during my first week here and I look forward to getting to know you all better. *Oremus pro invicem* – Let us pray for each other! God bless, Fr. Peter Mottola
IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - JUNE 13
1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
11:00 am People of the Parish
5:15 pm Paul Spinelli - Peter & Pat Spinelli

TUESDAY - JUNE 14
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
6:45 am For Our Benefactors
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for the Residents
11:00 am Jack O’Brien - Mary Grace Crerand & Family

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 15
2 Kgs 2:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
11:00 am For Refugees We Welcome
4:30 pm For Persecuted Christians

THURSDAY - JUNE 16
Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
6:45 am For Those in Prison
11:00 am People Facing Serious Illness

FRIDAY - JUNE 17
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
11:00 am Vinnie Prestianni & Nick Couture - Janice Uffner
5:15 pm Ray Mahar - Mary & Family

SATURDAY - JUNE 18
2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34
9:00 am Helen Bauer - Monica Bauer
4:30 pm Wayne Harber - Nancy & Caroline Harber

SUNDAY - JUNE 19
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lk 9:18-24
7:30 am Harold Barnes - Babette
9:00 am Bryan Lanahan, Sr. - Family
11:00 am Gabor Balogh - Mersich Family
5:00 pm Al Mahar, Sr. - Son, Dick

Event:
Saturday & Sunday, June 18 & 19
The Highlands - Joe & Diane Salipante
Heather Heights - C. Duffy

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 Brimmer

One lamp will burn
In Memory of Teresa Huver
By Darlene.
Weaving Together the Bible

Two weeks ago, we encountered Melchizedek, a mysterious figure who appears out of nowhere in the book of Genesis, then disappears. The only other references in the Bible are one picked up in Psalm 110, and a reference in Hebrews. While prayers, often content in the psalms connect to the historical books of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures. Other connections? Last week we had the story of Elijah resuscitating the only son of a widow, followed by a Gospel that very likely was significantly influenced by the story in the book of Kings. Individuals, or story lines, or places are the warp and weave that help make of very different writings, written and edited over centuries, into a coherent, unfolding story of salvation.

What about our 1st reading this week, the account of David’s colossal fall from grace, that began with lust, led to adultery, and then even to murder? The superscript of Psalm 51, the pre-eminent penitential psalm, is a great example of the weaving: “To the leader. A psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba”. Some take homes for us: one sin often leads to another. We can discover a lot about human nature throughout the Bible, especially the psalms. Most important, the story in Samuel, and Psalm 51 don’t just point to human sinfulness, they reveal God’s mercy and forgiving love!

In Christ

It’s a phrase woven throughout St. Paul’s writing. It captures the way he moved from persecuting Christ (in his disciples), to accepting Christ, to letting Christ come to life in him. How have we let Christ live in us? What would help us be able to speak of being in Christ with the same passion and conviction that St. Paul did? Praying with our second reading is a fine place to start!

Enter the Scene

As you know, one way to bring the Gospels to life is to utilize not just the analytical side of our brain, but to also allow the Holy Spirit to activate our imagination. So give it a try. Read the Gospel once to get the basic story. Read it again, and try to smell the fragrant ointment, hear the voices, see the tears, witness the mercy. Read it again, and try to put yourself into the scene. Don’t just read about forgiveness and love; let both come to life for you.

Join Us, and the Lord

You have heard of Eucharistic Adoration, but aren’t quite sure what it means? To adore means to love, cherish, venerate. In Eucharistic Adoration, one spends time in a spirit of prayerful presence before the Blessed Sacrament, in devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ. It is hard to find better words than those of Pope Paul VI:

*Therefore, the devotion prompting the faithful to visit the blessed sacrament draws them into an ever deeper share in the paschal mystery and leads them to respond gratefully to the gift of him who through his humanity constantly pours divine life into the members of his Body. Abiding with Christ the Lord, they enjoy his intimate friendship and pour out their hearts before him for themselves and for those dear to them and they pray for the peace and salvation of the world. Offering their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, they derive from this sublime colloquy an increase of faith, hope, and charity. Thus they foster those right dispositions that enable them with due devotion to celebrate the memorial of the Lord and receive frequently the bread given us by the Father.*  
*Eucharisticum Mysterium*

We partner with St. John of Rochester in Perpetual Adoration. What to know more? Ask Deacon Dave!

Next Sunday, June 19, Father’s Day, at the 9 AM Mass Father Bob, assisted by Elizabeth Ministry members will recognize the babies who were baptized at St. Louis over the last year. Parents will receive a special blessing and a cross for their infant. There will be a reception for all in the Parish Meeting Hall following the Mass. All are welcome.
Supporting Our Parish

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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.

Good Stewards, One and All

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Women’s Care Center

St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, 890 Portland Avenue, serves an area of highly concentrated poverty in the 14621 Northeast quadrant of Rochester. St. Andrew’s mission is to provide the best nutrition they can offer. They also provide diapers, some baby needs, and include toiletries with each household order. Clients are offered recipe and food handling advice and access to free clothing, coupons, used books and magazines, and phone usage. Furniture assistance through the adjoining St. Vincent dePaul Society is also available. Most importantly, they try to build relationships with those who come in need.

- The main referral source for clients is word of mouth from those who have talked about the high level of service and quality of food received. Their caring volunteer staff treats everyone with dignity and compassion. An interview process is arranged for new clients. Clients need to provide proof of address and residency in the service area for anyone over 18, provide two forms of ID including a picture ID, and have various types of records to prove household make up, income and expenses, and the reason they ran out of food. Referrals can be made to other agencies and groups to better assist the client. Referrals also come from other agencies, advocacy groups, churches and schools.

- Groups can take tours of the Cupboard when food collections are delivered.

- New volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers help to pre-pack orders for 3 days of food. Volunteers do pick-ups at Foodlink and unload the cases when they return. Volunteers help with food preparation such as assembling toiletry packets, placing produce in plastic, and stocking shelves. Volunteers also help with office work such as answering the phone, filing, “working the desk” and interviewing clients after completing a training program. Volunteer commitments are flexible based on personal availability.

To learn more about St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, please contact Margaret Oberst at 338-1764 (Cupboard), 254-3093 (home) or email moberst@dor.org. Volunteers come in on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9:00 – 11:30 am. (Note: St. Louis collects food for St. Andrew’s every 3 months.)

This week’s second collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Our church can communicate the Gospel through Catholic social media, enriching our faith through Internet, TV, radio, and print, thanks to this collection. Half of your donation stays in our diocese to support communication needs here. Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Dear Friends in Christ,

We have spent the last several weeks talking about what a Vocation is in the Catholic Church. Our priests have shared how they entered the priesthood and what inspired them to respond to the call. In Fr. Bob’s first article, he does not use the word “call” until the last line of the next-to-last paragraph. In last week’s article, the word “call” is in his very first sentence. Also in last week’s bulletin we read the article “Mary, Mother of Vocations” that included the following: “When she conceived Jesus Christ, she brought into the world the one from whom every vocation is derived. Except for Him, no one would be called, and except for His Call, no one could respond.” Look back to recent bulletins and you will see a common theme: All of our beloved priests responded to a call. So what is this call? How does this call happen? Who calls whom? How do you know you are being called? Is there a special ring tone?

Simply put, God does the calling. Sometimes the call is quite loud and dramatic. Other times it can be quite quiet and delicate. St. Paul’s call on the road to Damascus was quite dramatic followed by gentleness. Pope John Paul II wanted to be a great actor but was called to the priesthood and the rest is history. As Albert Schweitzer stated, “He (God) comes to us as one unknown. Without a name. He speaks to us. He speaks the same word. Follow, Follow thou me.” We are called to follow Christ. To follow Christ is the first priority of all Christians. To be called to the Vocation of priest and to serve Christianity as Christ’s representative on earth is the Apostolic Calling. Our priests lead us in that journey.

We need to listen mindfully for God’s call. Whether it is in the din of combat or in the quiet of the garden, God is calling us. We simply have to listen. For 142 years, St. Louis has prospered as a parish. Could it be that many have been called but no one has been listening? Maybe we can try to listen a little better. Let’s talk to our children more about the religious life and listen for their response. In 1999, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia told a group of lawyers, “It is my hope that I have imparted to those already wise in Christ, the courage to have their wisdom regarded as stupidity.” Are we thought to be fools? No doubt. But as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “we are fools for Christ’s sake.” God may need us to help others, including our children, respond to His call.

Sincerely, Dick Yule, Chair, St. Louis Vocations Committee

If you would like to join our Vocations Committee, contact Dick Yule at (585) 381-2721 or coolyule@rochester.rr.com.

“Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life are first and foremost the fruit of constant contact with the living God and insistent prayer lifted up to the ‘Lord of the harvest’, whether in parish communities, in Christian families or in groups specifically devoted to prayer for vocations.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the 48th World Day of Pray for Vocations, May 15, 2011
SAINT’S PLACE
ANNUAL SALE WORK SCHEDULE

♦ THURS., JUNE 30 and Fri. JULY 1
   Bucket Brigade
   8:30 — noon
   (anyone who wants to do heavy lifting)

♦ TUESDAY, JULY 5 THRU FRIDAY, JULY 8
   9AM — 4PM — All Volunteers

♦ SATURDAY, JULY 9
   9 AM — 2 PM — All Volunteers

♦ *MONDAY, JULY 11 & TUESDAY, JULY 12 — All Volunteers
   *Pricing will be done — Please call to check and see
   if you will be needed.

♦ TUESDAY, JULY 12 — PRE-SALE  1 — 3PM
   (Must work 5 hrs. to qualify)

♦ IF YOU WILL BE WORKING ON SALE DAYS (July 13-16) you must sign up
   for 3 hr. shifts. Please sign up by June 30th.

   Email michele@saintsplace.org to sign up.

   Shifts will be:

   WEDNESDAY, JULY 13                THURSDAY, JULY 14 & FRIDAY, JULY 15
   9AM — 12 NOON                      9AM — 12 NOON
   12 NOON — 3PM                      12 NOON — 3PM
   3PM — 6PM

♦ SATURDAY, JULY 16 (BAG SALE DAY)
   9AM — 11AM
Save the dates……
current K thru 5th graders
for Summer Faith & Fun Days!

Pets Unleashed
July 26th & 27th

Barnyard Roundup
August 9th & 10th

Each day: 9-11:30am

Sign up began June 1st!
Pick up forms in the
Narthex, Ministry Center,
or download @
www.stlouischurch.org

Deadline on June 15th
JOB POSTING FOR PART-TIME POSITION AT SAINT’S PLACE

We are searching for a part-time Manager/Administrator to report directly to the Executive Director. Office experience at a managerial level is required. The candidate must have computer skills including: Excel, Desk Top Publishing, Outlook, Microsoft Word, etc. Correspondence is initiated by this person as well as maintaining the relationship with Catholic Family Center and other agencies and civic organizations who volunteer at Saint’s Place. Attention to detail is key: this person schedules refugee visits to the Clothing Closet, pick-ups of furniture donations, and schedules for the caseworkers at Catholic Family Center, our volunteers, and our drivers. Having “poise under fire” and being very, very flexible. Change is the operative word at Saint’s Place. The best benefit: every day you are making a significant change in the lives of our refugees.

Kindly send resumes to: saintlady@saintsplace.org
**St. Louis Knights of Columbus**  
**Next Meeting, Monday, June 20**  
Reddington Hall Lower Level  
Learning Center (Use elevator or stairs next to Parish Meeting Hall)

Our meeting begins with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and a business meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Our agenda includes discussing the up and coming dates as well as the recent Degrees. Officers were Elected and Installed on June 12th by Michael Flanagan, the State Program Director.

Also on the agenda are our Volunteers for Saint’s Place, The Men's Conference, Our Volunteering for the Corn Sales and Future meeting dates and times.

We welcome our newest Members Stephen Demeo and Jerome May who took their 1st Degree on May 11th at St. Joseph Council.

The C & B Drive sales will kick off at this meeting and all Members are asked to help this worthy cause. We will have our sales at Church in the coming months.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St. Louis Council are welcome to pick up one of the applications in the hall or contact one of our members.

Any Questions? Please contact the Grand Knight Rick Whelehan at 585-797-4638 or e-mail: wheels282@frontier.com.

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**St. Louis Council Meeting**

This Sunday, June 12, after the 11:00 am Mass, the Officers of the St. Louis Council will be installed by State Program Director Michael Flanagan.

Our Council Chaplain Bob Ring will bless our officers.

Following these services, there will be a light brunch in the Parish Meeting Hall.

All Officers, Members and Families are invited.

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**Christian Love: Feeding the Hungry**

**Food and Other Items for St. Andrew's Food Cupboard, Next Weekend! June 18 & 19**

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

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*DUE TO OUR ANNUAL SUPER SALE PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS ON OUR BACK PORCH STARTING THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH.*

**LAST DAY TO DROP OFF IS WEDNESDAY JUNE 29TH**

**CALL AFTER JULY 19TH TO SCHEDULE PICK UPS.**

**WE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING DROP OFFS AND SCHEDULING PICKUPS ON TUESDAY, JULY 19TH.**

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

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“If you love anything at all in this world more than God, you will crush it under the weight of your expectations, and it will eventually break your heart.”  
~ Timothy Keller
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FRIDAY, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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