From York, PA to Pittsford

Ever hear of a Buddy Bench? The idea seems to have originated in Europe, but has taken off in the United States thanks to Christian Bucks, a 10 year old in York, PA. When it seemed likely that the family might have to move to Germany for his Dad’s work, Christian worried about going to a new school, with no friends. As he and his parents looked at brochures from various possible new schools, one seemed to have an answer: a Buddy Bench. When a child sits on the bench, it is a signal to other children to ask him or her to play. It turns out Christian’s family didn’t have to make the move, but inspired, Christian brought the idea to his principal, who brought it to his school, and the rest is history. Christian and his principal made the national news, have traveled around the country to talk about Buddy Benches, and there are now several thousand installed around the country.

Considering a legacy gift to leave for those to come after them, our graduating 5th graders at St. Louis School have painted two buddy benches you will see near the courtyard entrance to the school. Thank you class! Not only may they serve a very valuable, practical function. They can also be a powerful reminder to everyone. Do we make an effort to look for those who are feeling left out, excluded, who are in that place where some vital relationships have ended, but new ones have not yet formed? I find it wonderfully appropriate that the Buddy Benches are a short walk from Saint’s Place. The mission of Saint’s Place is not simply to provide for the material needs of refugees. The preeminent mission is to help those who have had to flee their homes, and who have suffered the indignity of refugee camps, to know that they have a new home, they are welcome, and we see them as brothers and sisters.

One of the strengths of our parish community is the way in which we do provide a welcoming, safe place to worship. Visitors comment over and over about that sense of welcome. Step one in evangelization is creating a warm, loving, welcoming Christian community where people can encounter Christ. Having plenty of opportunities for people to grow in faith is another vital step in the process. But as those in the Sharing Christ component of Christ Life are discussing, we can’t just sit around and wait for those in need of a relationship with Christ and with a supportive Christian community to come and sit in the pew as if it is a Buddy Bench. We need to invite them. One of the principles of Cursillo: Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. Could Christ be calling you to do just that? Think about it. Pray about it. There is a blessing to be found! Peace to you all, Fr. Bob
## Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - JUNE 26**  
Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5  
11:00 am Steve Nicholson - Patty & Tom Dromgoole  
5:15 pm Peggy Reger - Pastoral Care

**TUESDAY - JUNE 27**  
Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
6:45 am Bill Cobbett - VFW Post 44  
11:00 am Fr. Raymond Booth - Bill & Marge Mancine & Family

**WEDNESDAY - JUNE 28**  
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20  
11:00 am Maryjean Herberger - Husband, Bob  
5:15 pm Margaret Reger - John & Fran Barr

**THURSDAY - JUNE 29**  
Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles  
6:45 am Anebeliz Rivera - Peter & Pat Spinelli  
11:00 am Edward & Irene Schults - Mary

**FRIDAY - JUNE 30**  
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4  
11:00 am Jean Whelan - Husband, Robert  
5:15 pm Marisa Baterina - Malik Family

**SATURDAY - JULY 1**  
Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17  
9:00 am Joan VanZandt - Carmella Fugo  
4:30 pm Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren

**SUNDAY - JULY 2**  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42  
7:30 am Gregory Barr - The Knittle Family  
9:00 am Robert Brooks - Maria  
11:15 am Christopher Gingras - Mary Ann & Jim  
5:00 pm Robert Kendricks - The DiSano Family

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**Saturday & Sunday, July 1 & 2**

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**Sunday Communion Service - July 2**  
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley  
Heather Heights - Joe & Diane Salipante

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**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 reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One lamp will burn  
In Memory of Raymond Salamone  
By the Hirsch Family.

One lamp will burn  
In Memory of Donald Vigna  
By Sister, Marie Vasile.

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**Requiem Aeternam**

Betty Michalko  
Heliodoro Espineli  
Matthew Shapiro  
Kathleen Lewis
Going Against the Grain
As far as we can tell, Jeremiah could have had a comfortable life in Jerusalem. But called by God to be a prophet, he was commissioned to tell those in power a message they did not want to hear. The military and other leaders were convinced that the siege of Jerusalem would soon be lifted, and all would be well. God commissioned Jeremiah to announce the opposite. The city would fall, and the nation with it. ‘Terror on every side’ was his message, but because no one wanted to face the truth, terror on every side became Jeremiah’s experience. The book of Jeremiah gives us intimate insight into the prophet’s interior life. At times he is overwhelmed. He often feels betrayed. At other times he is confident in the vindication that would come from God. At times Jeremiah is angry with God, at other times secure in God’s abiding care. For anyone who has experienced betrayal, or experienced being shoved aside, or who has questioned “God, why have you put me in this situation?”, Jeremiah can be a soul friend!

Sin with a Capital S
When St. Paul uses the three letter word, ‘sin’, the meaning is far from simple. We may think of sin exclusively as something that we do that is wrong; a violation of a law, something that hurts others, ultimately hurts us, and offends God. Sometimes Paul does use the word that way. But at other times he uses the word sin to name a fundamental aspect of human nature. While there is a basic goodness in every person, we have also inherited a brokenness that inclines us to rebel against God. Without God’s help, we inevitably focus on our own wants and needs, and try to live without God, which always ends up badly. Sin in that sense is alienation from God, which leads to death. The very first chapter in the catechism, in paragraph 7, teases out the meaning of sin in its various uses. The title of the section ‘The reality of sin’, ‘Where Sin Abounded, Grace Abounded All the More’. Spend time with the catechism, and you will see how all that we believe has its origin in scripture, just teaching about sin flows from passages in Romans like that we hear this weekend. (This can be found in the online Catechism of the Catholic Church: http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html#97)

Fear No One
Jesus telling the Twelve (and us) to fear no one can seem incredibly unrealistic, impossible even. Did he not have some fear in the garden of Gethsemane, praying that the cup might pass from him? Yes. But it wasn’t debilitating fear, nor could it overcome his trust in his Father, his ability to put his life in the Father’s hands. Looking back to what we heard in Romans: one face of the sin Paul is referring to is the sin that negates trusting in God – leading to the conclusion I am in this alone, and need to just think about me. The grace that abounds: a relationship with Christ that leads to a sense of confidence and peace underneath whatever fears may realistically pop into our mind. Fear or trust: which controls our daily life? If fear seems to have the upper hand, what can help increase trust and limit the power of fear? Community? Faith Sharing? Spending more time in prayer? In the scriptures? Using our gifts and discovering a hidden strength? Yes, yes, yes, yes and yes!

Looking Ahead:
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8 – 11, 14 – 16a
2nd Reading: Romans 6:3 – 4, 8 – 11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37 – 42

Fr. Peter to Remain In Residence
With Fr. Juan taking on the duties of Parochial Vicar at St. Louis, Bishop Matano has asked me to work full time at the diocesan Pastoral Center until my move to Spencerport in November. Additionally, from time to time I will be called upon to fill in on Sundays at other parishes around the Diocese if priests are away on vacation. But I will continue to live in the rectory until November, so you may see me around now and then! — Fr. Peter

The Diocese of Rochester recently upgraded its email and Microsoft Office server. There have been some email addresses that have changed. To avoid having your email to staff rejected, go to the staff page: (www.StLouisChurch.org, then “Our Parish”, and then “Parish Staff”) and make sure that you are using the current email address. If email to a staff member is rejected, retry using the current address from the staff page of the website. The new addresses are also on pg.10 of the bulletin.
**WITH A GENEROUS HEART**

**BEING IN COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER HISPANIC MIGRANT MINISTRY**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ST. PETER’S KITCHEN**

St. Peter’s Kitchen was founded in 1982 by Father Richard Czierwin and has been serving the West Side Community of the City of Rochester, NY for over 35 years. St. Peter’s provides a well balanced and nutritional lunch program Monday- Friday for those who need it. On average, St. Peter’s serves over 140 people a day; anyone who walks through the door is welcome to share in a meal. The 150 volunteers at St. Peter’s Kitchen work together donating their time and talent to feed the hungry, which allows St. Peter’s to average over 35,000 meals a year. St. Peter’s Kitchen also helps the community by providing a sit down meal at Thanksgiving and Christmas, an Emergency Antibiotic Drug Program and an Annual Christmas Store for the children.

Over the past 35 years, they have been building a strong and connected community and have gained the trust of the people who they serve. They have become a pillar in the community and recognize their unique ability to act as a base to start expanding their programs to address the root causes of the devastating poverty that the majority of their guests experience. For instance, last year they began St. Peter’s Garden of Love in partnership with Foodlink as well as being a host to Foodlink’s many course offerings aimed at building Food Security and Knowledge.

St. Peter’s also provides services such as the use of a phone, a fax machine and a copy machine. This allows the community to make doctor’s appointments, contact Social Security, secure housing, jobs and other daily needs. St. Peter’s is funded by private donations; they are not under the umbrella of a larger organization. 100% of the donations received benefit the community that St. Peter’s Kitchen serves. More information about St. Peter’s Kitchen can be found at http://stpetersonskitchen.org.

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

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the St. Andrew’s 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.

**THIS WEEKEND’S Peter’s Pence Collection**

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.
Deadline is Saturday, July 1st for Faith Formation, Youth Ministry & Sacrament Registration!

Please visit our website for on-line Registration and information: www.stlouischurch.org.

You may also register in person at the Ministry Center during office hours; after hours, drop registration form in the mail slot by the front door, or mail it. Please clearly mark registration to the attention of Michelle Andrews-Smith.

We need all registrations no later than the July 1st deadline to keep shipping and material costs to a minimum. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at 585-586-5675 or michelle.andrews-smith@dor.org.
DUE TO OUR ANNUAL SUPER SALE, PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS ON OUR BACK PORCH STARTING TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH.

LAST DAY TO DROP ITEMS OFF IS THIS MONDAY, JUNE 26TH

CALL AFTER JULY 18TH TO SCHEDULE PICK UPS.

WE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING DROP OFFS AND SCHEDULING PICKUPS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

Rostro de Cristo - Face of Christ

Jimmy Gilman, an usher at the 5 pm mass just graduated from Boston College. He has decided to do a year of service before going on to law school, and will be volunteering with a non profit called Rostro de Cristo (face of Christ) for a year working with a poverty-stricken community in Ecuador. The organization is a Catholic group founded by priests who have Boston College connections. Service volunteers are expected to raise funds to offset trip/living costs. He has set up this Monday, June 26 at the Distillery Restaurant, 3010 Winton Rd S where 20 percent of lunch/dinner checks that include his flyer will go to Rostro. Flyers are available this weekend for folks to pick up after mass. Questions can be directed to Jimmy at James.L.Gilman1@gmail.com.

Christ Is Counting On You!

After a powerful retreat weekend, those who make a Cursillo are told “Christ is counting on you.” Their response? “And I am counting on Christ.” The next men’s Cursillo is scheduled this summer, July 13 – 16. Fr. Bob will be one of the Spiritual Directors for the weekend. We can promise you will experience the Lord in your life in a way you never have before. Contact Fr. Bob, Msgr. Krieg or anyone who has made a Cursillo weekend for more information!
Of Course I'll Pray For You!
Everybody can pray. Would you like to join on the ground floor of building a new ministry? As a loving community, as the Body of Christ, we are called to help each other out and hold each other up. Let’s put our hands together in prayer for one another. The beautiful thing about prayer is that it can be done in the comfort and quiet of your own home, privately in a public place or with the assembly of God’s people. Prayer is an activity open to people of all ages. There are truly no limits! We will accept prayer requests, share them only with those in the network, and pray for each other and our loved ones and friends through the challenges of life. If you would like to help start this new prayer network for the needs and people of St. Louis Church, please call Cathy Malik in the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 228.

Dear Work of Our Hands Knitting Group,
The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference would like to thank your group for the prayer shawls. Every prayer shawl donated was gratefully received by a woman in our Diocese in need of God’s care and comfort. The prayers stitched into each garment will continue to encourage the recipients and will be a physical reminder of God’s enveloping love.

It is always overwhelming for the recipients to think that someone would take the time and make the effort to make something so beautiful for someone they don’t even know. Please know that your efforts make a great impact with ripples that continue to spread long after the shawls have left your gentle hands.

Thank you, once again for your generosity and kindness. On behalf of the Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference, ~ Kathleen McMahon
Volunteer Catechists Needed for Fall 2017

St. Louis Youth Ministry is seeking several new volunteer Catechists for the fall. If you are passionate about sharing your faith with the youth of our parish, please reach out to Leila Kaczmarek (leila.kaczmarek@dor.org).

Our needs are:
- 6th Grade Youth Group – 2 Catechists
- 7th Grade – 1 Catechist
- 8th Grade – 2 Catechists (for 2 different times)
- 9th Grade – 2 Catechists (for 2 different times)
- 10-12th Grade – 2 Catechists

Lesson outlines will be given to you at the beginning of the Youth Ministry season in September. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity before reaching out to Leila, as this is a YEAR LONG COMMITMENT.

Catechist must be a fully-initiated Catholic and at least 17 years of age as of December 1st, 2017.

ALL CATECHISTS MUST BE CASE CERTIFIED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2017.

To Our Good Friends at St. Louis Church,

What a generous gift you have given this Lent! Your food collection was fabulous and we are so appreciative of your gift. [$1,000 tithing grant] Thank you again for your goodness and sharing. We have been a recipient of your blessings for six years now, and we are always grateful for your partnership in feeding those who are hungry.

Sent with love and gratitude,

Margaret Oberst, Chairperson
(March 2017)
Baptism Congratulations!!!

We rejoice with these families who have brought their children to be initiated into the faith of our Church community. May God’s love & light grow ever stronger within them, and may their families always be a place of blessing.

Oliver Nathaniel Flockerzi, Son of Jenna & Luke
Dominic Lawrence Mallia, Son of Gloria & William
James Robert Furano, Son of Julia & Adam
Sienna Lou Genovese & Sonny Jeffrey Genovese,
   Sons of Brittany & Gregg
Margaret Cress Romano, Daughter of Molly & Robert
Louis Scott Smith, Son of Alexis & Peter
William Michael Boynton, Son of Emily & Michael
Luciana Artemis Chiaino, Daughter of Jessica
Carson Francis Gotie, Son of Amanda & Brent
Henry Surre Daniels, Son of Brandon & Leslie
William Walter Burdett, Son of R. Scott & Christina
Declan Thomas Myers, Son of Neysa & Thomas
Benjamin Jeremy Desain, Son of Mary & Barry
Theodore Michael Moore, Son of Laura & Merritt
Nicolas Cabarcos, Son of Cecilia & Orlando

February 28, 2017
Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Louis Church of Pittsford,

We would first like to express our deepest gratitude for your generosity to the mission of Bethany House. Because of your donation, we are allowed to do just what Dorothy Day said, we can have the women and children of Christ come to our ministry everyday. We can help shelter, feed, clothe, and support the women that come through our door on a daily basis.

We strive to help everyone that enters the Bethany House to see them for who they are, a joy in our lives, and the messenger of Christ. We have used a portion of your funds to assist in several emergencies that have arisen for some of the women and children, including helping to secure safe housing, helping with the cost of a funeral, and transporting a woman out of the area because of domestic violence.

This ministry cannot do the works of mercy without the help of God’s people. Again we thank you for all you do.

[$1,000 tithing grant]

In Peace, The Workers and Children of Bethany House

Dear Fr. Bob,

February 7, 2017
On behalf of Sister Stan’s Children and of Nazareth Home for God’s Children, I would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to you and the congregation of St. Louis Church for your 2016 [tithing] gifts totaling $2,000. With respect to the many choices you have for your personal philanthropy, we are grateful that you regard SSC as one of your giving priorities.

We are excited to report that in the past year, we have completed the new visitor housing/meeting room complex, have begun construction of a local school building and a chapel/convent, and currently have more than 50 babies and children who have been rescued and who are being baptized, cared for and loved!

Thank you so much for helping to love and care for these beautiful children!

Every Blessing, Julia, S. Charles,
SSC Board Member
PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

PARISH OFFICES - Ministry Center
64 S. Main Street, 14534
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