WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE SHARE OUR TIME AND TALENT.

June 28, 2015

This Weekend:
2nd Collection for Peter’s Pence

This week at St. Louis (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)

Monday - June 29
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse
7:00 pm - A Father Who Keeps His Promises
          Book Study, Manse p.5
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Open House - Parish Meeting Hall, p6

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

Wednesday - July 1
10:30 am - Mass at the Highlands
2:30 pm - Mass at the Highlands Living Center
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Group, PMH

Thursday - July 2
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

First Friday - July 3
Ministry Center Closed Today
11:30 am - 4 pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Church

Saturday - July 4
Independence Day
9:00 am - Mass
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass
(Sign Language Interpreted)

Sunday - July 5
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
11:00 am - Mass, No Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass

Ministry Center Hours During Summer are:
Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
     Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
      Unless otherwise specified above

On Care For Our Common Home

Today’s first reading from Wisdom presents in yet another fashion the poetry and truth of Genesis’ account of the creation of the world: God created this incredible universe, and it is good. That is terrific good news. The bad news: through the envy of the devil, sin entered the world. Greed can make quite the mess of God’s good work. The timing of this Word of the Lord seems perfect, as Pope Francis issues a clarion call about our need to care for our common home. Laudato Si, his newly issued Encyclical can be found online. It concludes with the prayer below. In preparation for reading it, I recommend spending some time with this prayer, a long loving look at the beautiful corner of the world we live in, and a prayer for openness to the Holy Spirit. Blessings, Fr. Bob

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father’s love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - June 29**
11:00 am Marilyn Gallina - Pittsford Town Court
5:15 pm For Victims of Hate Crimes

**Tuesday - June 30**
Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
6:45 am For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am John C. Ringrose - Angela Verghese

**Wednesday - July 1**
Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands for the People of Our Parish
11:00 am Karen Shults - Aunt Mary
2:30 pm Mass at the Highlands Living Center for Highlands Residents
5:15 pm Gerald (Jed) Hanna, Sr. Ron & Mary Lou Bercher

**Thursday - July 2**
Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
6:45 am Ginny Krieg - Bill & Marge Mancine
11:00 am Priests Who Have Served at St. Louis

**First Friday - July 3**
Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
11:00 am For Our Newly Ordained Priests
5:15 pm For Vocations

**Saturday - July 4**
Independence Day
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
9:00 am Timothy Michael Wash - Mom & Dad
4:30 pm For Our Military Veterans

**Sunday - July 5**
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time
Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
7:30 am Thomas Schwan - Family
9:00 am Andrew Eilertsen - The Serio Family
11:00 am Bess Haidt - The Mattina Family
5:00 pm Kimberly Miller - Joe & Laura & Dan Foley Family

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.

All are welcome to spend an hour this July 3, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Requiem Aeternam
Victims of Anti-Christian Violence at Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC and Elsewhere in the World
A Search Gone Bad
Did you know that gunpowder was formulated in the 9th century in China, by alchemists searching for the elixir of immortality? (Our 1st reading tells us the true source of immortality!) Once discovered, an early use of gunpowder was in fireworks, invented to ward off evil spirits. Boy did gunpowder ever take a bad turn after that! Searching for new ways of treatment, barbiturates were discovered as effective for sleep disorders, various neurological problems and the management of epileptic seizures. But now pentobarbital is employed in the lethal cocktail used to execute people. The list goes on.

From a dark place, one could argue with our 1st reading. “What do you mean, everything God created is wholesome? Just look around!” Ah! True, a great deal of suffering is beyond our ability to explain, and tests faith mightily. Ask anyone sitting next to you at Mass. Yet a tremendous amount of the death and destruction we see in the world today is fairly easily traceable to humans taking a good thing and turning it to evil purpose. Theologically, that is death entering the world through sin. Don’t dismiss our 1st reading. This passage from Wisdom has more wisdom than first glance!

A Church-wide Collection
At Home with the Word this week translates St. Paul’s ‘gracious act’ in our second reading in a way that makes the passage abundantly clear. The ‘gracious act’ Paul was encouraging was to make a contribution to the “Jerusalem Relief Fund”. Paul’s many gifts come together: preaching the Gospel, linking everything to Christ emptying himself for our salvation, encouraging disciples to model our lives after Jesus, fostering unity in the church, and effective fundraising! A perfect reading as we take up the Peter’s Pence collection, which funds the relief efforts of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Answering the Phone
If we don’t answer the phone, we may never know who is calling. God calls us each week through the Sunday readings, with a message that could change our whole week. Reading At Home with the Word before coming to Mass is a great way to make sure we don’t miss the call. Find your copy and put it right on the dinner table, or somewhere handy. (You could use the responsorial psalm as prayer before or after a meal.) Need a copy? Pick one up at any of the entrances to church.

Preparing for next Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing into Ministry
Week after week, our altar servers lead the procession that begins our Mass, assist the presider with the book of prayers, in receiving the gifts, and at the altar, while providing an important ministry. They are also learning to appreciate the Mass close up, discovering first hand that to celebrate Mass well, a variety of people exercising different roles must work together smoothly, being attentive to how the Mass unfolds; attentive to one another. Some folks, realizing that it is a meaningful and important ministry, continue long after serving has become second nature – right into adulthood, and into their senior years. God bless all our servers! Is this a ministry that might be just right for you? Do you have a son or daughter who, with some encouragement, might discover it is rewarding to serve the community and serve at Mass? How about a father/son, mother/daughter, or grandparent/grandchild team? Please let Bea Hack know, or call the office – now is a great time to sign up and learn the ropes! We thank all of those currently serving in this ministry!
This Week’s Tithing Will Support
Sojourner House at Pathstone

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

Founded in 1990, the Women’s Care Center, located at 3252 Lake Avenue in Rochester, is an independent, Catholic organization dedicated to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. They are the largest provider of material aid (formula, diapers, layettes, etc.) to new mothers in Monroe County. They serve the poorest of the poor. All major social service agencies refer clients to them. All services are confidential and free of charge, including self-administered pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Over 1200 families are served per year on average. They receive no local, state or federal funding. They are an example of the consistent life ethic in action. They help young women decide to have their babies, and continue to help them once they are mothers.

To help preserve the lives of unborn babies, please pray for all who serve and are served by this Center. To learn more, please visit www.womenscarecenterofrochester.com.

In our second reading today, St. Paul pulls out all the stops to encourage the Christians in Corinth to take up a collection to support the poor church community in Jerusalem. He was all too aware of how wrapped up some in the community were with their own problems and issues – just read his letters to Corinth! The collection for the church in Jerusalem met a real and pressing need. It strengthened the ties between the Jewish Christian church and Gentile Christian believers in a real and concrete way. In also encouraged the community to look outward to the needs of others, so central to being a disciple and following Christ. Peter’s Pence likewise meets a real need, namely providing funds which the Pope uses to help the poorest of the poor. It also reminds us we are part of something much bigger than just our family, or our church family, or even our diocese. We are contributing members of the body of Christ, united across the globe and across the ages.

“We Were 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 missed 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.
Get to Know Your Father!

Join us for a book study that focuses on God the Father. Our book studies are fun and pretty informal. 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, June 29 - August 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Manse

Did You Know That in 2014 Catholic Family Center...

- helped more than 4,700 older adults stay in their own homes and out of costly nursing home care.
- provided clinical counseling sessions to 2,874 adults and 218 children in our Mental Health Clinic.
- helped 2,297 clients on their road to recovery from substance abuse.
- provided food and/or clothing to 791 new clients, 80% of whom have incomes below $15,000.
- found apartments for 729 refugees, which were then furnished by Saint’s Place. We helped cloth them, and CFC placed 142 of them into full-time employment.

Catholic Family Center provides help that works and HOPE that lasts.

**YOUNG ADULTS: DON’T MISS OUT!**

**Theology on Tap**

2015 Summer Series for Catholics and friends in their twenties and thirties!!!

Good Company…
Interesting Speakers…
Lively Conversation…

**Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 pm**
Will the Church Ever Change?
With Fr. Bob Kennedy,
Pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface/St. Mary’s
@ Johnny’s Irish Pub, 1382 Culver Rd., Rochester, 14609

**Thursday, July 30, 7:00 pm**
Belonging: What does it mean to be a part of a Church that challenges?
Deacon John Brasley
Director of Deacon Personnel and Formation
@ Elmwood Inn, 1256 Mount Hope Ave., Rochester, 14620

**Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 pm**
The Anxious Life: Attending to Our Spiritual hungers to address situational anxiety and depression
Fr. Bob Werth, Pastor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
@ The Old Toad, 277 Alexander St, Rochester, 14607

**Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 pm**
A Vengeful God or a Loving God? Reconciling the Old Testament and New Testament
With Fr. George Heyman, Ph.D.,
President, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry
@ Elmwood Inn, 1256 Mount Hope Ave, Rochester, 14620

**Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 pm**
Life is not a Non-stop Beer Commercial! Getting past the media messages of what it means to be a human being
Vocations Team Member
@ Johnny’s Irish Pub, 1382 Culver Rd, Rochester, 14609

**Confession - Fr. Larry Richards**

Based upon his proven and powerful parish mission presentation, Fr. Larry Richards’ talk on Confession has become the #1 talk in North America dealing with one of the Catholic Faith’s most misunderstood Sacraments. He is riveting, honest, very human, often touchingly gentle, and yes, even humorous, and provides listeners with hope for a closer, healing relationship with Jesus Christ.

**The Forgotten Virtue: Pathway to Holiness - Fr. William Casey, C.P.M.**

God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble. (1 Peter 5:5) Fr. Casey shares how wisdom and blessings come through a healthy cultivation of the virtue of humility, and he equips us to be vigilant in avoiding that often subtle temptation and danger to the soul, which is pride. He shows how humility allows us to see things, and ourselves, as they truly are, and how pride makes us prone to serious mistakes, both in our spiritual and practical lives. Ends with a bonus segment.
ON THE WINGS OF AN EAGLE!

Dear St. Louis Parish,

I would like to thank all of St. Louis for the support given to my Eagle Scout project. From the parish alone, I was able to raise more than enough money to complete my project [10 cabinet grade shelving units for refugee homes]. All the extra money I raised will go right back to Saint’s Place!

Thank you very much. It has been an amazing project!

Sincerely,
Ryan Stansbury

Help is still needed starting Monday, June 29 to set up for the sale.
Call 385-6860 to volunteer!

Saint’s Place will not be accepting or collecting donations from Monday, June 22nd until Tuesday, July 14th due to our Annual Super Sale. All volunteers will be working on the sale, and unavailable to sort and organize the donations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST LOUIS COUNCIL 15833
OPEN HOUSE, THIS MONDAY, JUNE 29, 7:00 PM, PARISH MEETING HALL

This Monday, June 29, the St. Louis Council is hosting an Open House for all new candidates who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. All who showed an interest on Saturday and Sunday, May 16th & 17th, and any men who would like to become a Knight of Columbus are encouraged to come and take the first step in becoming a member of St. Louis Council. We will have applications for you to make out if you did not already do so. You will also be able to take your 1st Degree at that time. The Open House will begin at 7:00 PM with an explanation of what will take place that evening. Refreshments will be available. We will show how to fill out the application and explain further what the Knights of Columbus are all about. We will try to answer any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you there and to proceed in welcoming you to St Louis Council.

If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Knight Rick Whelehan at 585-442-6257 or Deputy Grand Knight Dick Hilliard at 585-943-1106.
Eternal Priest, “... fill with Your Holy Spirit, him whom you raise to share the rank of priest, That by his mouth Your gospel may be spoken, And from his hand Your flock may know Your peace, That he may worthily approach Your altar, Offering through You, the Eucharistic feast.” ~ Robert Loretz
Parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and supporters can now be a permanent part of St. Louis School. If you have a current student in the school, family member that you would like to remember, interested in honoring a teacher, past alum or just want to leave a footprint on SLS, consider ordering a commemorative brick.

With a brick in the SLS Legacy Walkway, your personal inscription will live forever at the school that shapes the lives of thousands of children. For additional information, please contact Dawn Schnell at dschnell@rochester.rr.com.
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Blood is especially needed this time of year, so please schedule your donation today!

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Adopt a Garden . . . or a little Corner

Yes, we have great gardens and Fr. Bob has adopted several areas. Another parishioner has adopted two beds for the summer. And there are other areas that given regular visits by an adoptive "parent" would help us keep the whole campus welcoming and well kept.

Contact, Sally Schrecker at (585) 586-5675 ext. 235 or sschrecker@dor.org; or Fr. Bob, Ring@dor.org.

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.

St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group
Last Class on Saturday, July 11 at 5:45pm

Mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy, but there is hope. St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group is a new support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love.

The group:
• Join us anytime
• Meets in the St. Louis Youth Room
• Starts at 5:45 pm (after the 4:30 pm Mass), and ends at 7:30 pm. Offers a safe place to share your grief with others.
• Provides love and support to help in the healing process.

Be uplifted knowing that the Lord blesses those who mourn. We hope you will consider joining us as we walk this journey together.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF ROCHESTER will be sponsoring a 10-week hope and healing program for the separated, divorced and widowed. Weekly sessions will be held from 7-9 p.m. at St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY beginning July 14th. The course will follow the book, “Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends” by Dr. Bruce Fisher.
For more information or to register call Bill (585-490-3040). For more information or to register on-line visit the BE website at www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Join Us Saturday, July 18 following the 4:30 pm Mass for a Retirement Celebration honoring Sue Payne,
Director of Faith Formation
Help Us Wish Her Godspeed!
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