You Are the Curriculum!

You may not know the people in our RCIA program, but you are part of our RCIA team. That’s right! You are an important part in their faith journey because they are watching you as they learn how to become a Catholic.

They see you as you enter church with reverence or a friendly greeting, they watch how you worship and how you love one another. They hear you pray. They see you bring food for the hungry and donate angel tree gifts to refugees. They see you attending presentations and scripture studies to grow in your own faith.

As much as we offer catechesis in our RCIA classes, YOU ARE THE CURRICULUM! We thank you for all that you do to initiate others into the Catholic faith. This is a job so big we can only do it together.

Please embrace this ministry and consider how you could help even more by doing these three things:

1. Pray for our RCIA candidates (those already baptized) and catechumens (the unbaptized).
2. Welcome them into our parish family by meeting and greeting them.
3. Be more actively involved in our parish. A parish that is passionately alive is the kind of parish where people want to belong. If you just come to Mass on Sundays, why not browse through the bulletin and give one new opportunity a try? St. Louis Church has so much to offer you, and when you participate, you roll out the red carpet for others as well!

Catholic Companions

In addition, we are looking for parishioners who are willing to be “Catholic Companions” to those in our RCIA program. It is vital that new Catholics form connections to the Body of Christ—specifically, members of our parish. Would you be willing to offer some time to be the bridge between RCIA and our church family? It only involves doing what you normally do, but doing it alongside a person in RCIA. Invite them to sit with you at a Fruit of the Vine presentation, or a scripture study, or while you are volunteering to do some work of service such as visiting a nursing home. It can be as simple as inviting them for coffee and introducing them to other members of the parish. You definitely don’t need a degree from St. Bernard’s to qualify for this role!!!! Please consider volunteering for this beautiful ministry. We need people of all ages and states of life. If you want to explore this idea, please contact Kathryn or Cynthia at: Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or Cynthia.Clarke@dor.org or call the ministry center and ask for one of us (586-5675). Love our Catholic faith and share it with others!

Kathryn McAlarney, Pastoral Associate for Evangelization
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - June 4
2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12
11:00 am  In Honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci
5:15 pm  For the People of our Parish

Tuesday - June 5
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
6:45 am  For Refugees
11:00 am  Ann Brimmer - Family

Wednesday - June 6
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
10:30 am  Mass at Highlands Living Center for Residents & Staff
11:00 am  Kenneth Rizzuto - Family
5:15 pm  Jim DeBloom - Family

Thursday - June 7
2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
6:45 am  For Those in Prison
11:00 am  For Our Deceased Benefactors

Friday - June 8
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Jn 19:31-37
11:00 am  For those Coming into the Church
5:15 pm  DaDa - McBride Family

Saturday - June 9
2 Tm 4:1-8/Lk 2:41-51
9:00 am  Conrado Vida - Malik Family
4:30 pm  Margie - Jerry Schmitt

Sunday - June 10
7:30 am  Edward & Irene Shults - Mary Martha Borchard - Family
6:45 pm  William Lange - Bart & Colleen Lanahan Family
11:15 am  Jim Kaufer - Bill Conklin
5:00 pm  Patricia Conway - Regan Family

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.

One Lamp will Burn for Lucille Orioli by Joe
One Lamp will Burn for Jon by Grandma
One Lamp will Burn In Loving Memory for My Dear Friend Lorraine Baumann By Char Frohm

We Pray for Our High School Graduates and Wish Them Godspeed

Requiem Aeternam
Gerald Clifford

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10

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Sunday Communion Service - June 10
The Highlands - Darlene Huver
Heather Heights - Peggy O’Neil Midgley
Life Blood
Long before humans knew anything scientific about blood, the association between blood and life was strong. Powerful images involving blood are woven throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. We modern folk might immediately associate blood with surgery, or violence, or even death. Many of us may have a strong aversion to seeing blood. But in the Bible, blood is viewed first as the life-blood of anything living, as well as a vital element in covenant and sacrifice. The blood of the Passover lamb, daubed on the doorposts of Hebrew homes in Egypt was to preserve the life of those inside. The blood of sacrifices symbolized offering life to God, to atone for the death sin brings into the world; again, blood preserving life. If we picture the 1st reading through the lens of blood as a consequence of crime, hate, murder and senseless violence, it is gruesome. Nothing could be farther away from love. But try instead to get inside the Hebrew mind that associated blood with life, protection, total commitment and covenant. A much different message emerges. Once that sinks in, it is much easier to see the connection between sacrifices of old, and Jesus offering his life blood for our forgiveness and our salvation, a connection clearly presented in our 2nd reading, from Hebrews.

Not Quite a Letter
Though it has an ending that looks like a letter, the book of Hebrews is actually a theological treatise. Or as verse 22 in the last chapter puts it, a word of exhortation. Note how the beginning has no greeting or other marks of a letter. But read the whole of Hebrews as a teaching about the old covenant and the new covenant, and you will be edified, to be sure!

Sequence - Lauda Sion
Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king and shepherd true:
Bring him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach his due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick’ning and the living
Bread today before you set:
From his hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:
For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law’s new oblation,
By the new king’s revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:
Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What he did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne’er to cease:
And his rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine:
Sight has fail’d, nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a pow’r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things are all we see:
Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:
Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe ‘tis spoken,
That each sever’d outward token
doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

Looking Ahead:
1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
Planted on high by the Lord
2nd Reading: II Corinthians 5:6-10
We walk by faith
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34
Seeds of the Kingdom
**Supporting Our Parish**

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**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

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**Next week’s Tithing will support**

**The House of Mercy**

The House of Mercy, located at 285 Ormond Street Rochester, 14605, was founded in 1985 by Sister Grace Miller and the Sisters of Mercy and is dedicated to serving and advocating for Rochester’s homeless citizens. Offering food, shelter, clothing, and advocacy, and operating 24/7, the House of Mercy never closes its doors to people in need. Based on the spirituality of the Beatitudes, they offer compassionate care to all who come to them.

House of Mercy is in urgent need of personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, towels and facecloths. For more information about their ministry or about leaving donations, call 585-546-2580 or go their website at houseofmercyrochester.org.

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**A Day retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House**

(5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY)

June 12, 2018

**Theme:** Celtic Spirituality & Early Irish Hermit Poetry And Praying with Poetry

Presented by: Dr. Monica Weis, SSJ

Spend a morning learning about Celtic Spirituality & Thomas Merton’s interest in Irish Hermit Poetry with time for reflection and sharing. Experience praying with poetry by using the principles of Lectio divina.

There is a **$25.00 fee**. Please call 585-394-5700 or email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to REGISTER!

**9:00am – 3:00pm**

Morning coffee & conference/lunch/Reconciliation/Mass

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**Remember When?**

Remember when Fr. Bill Jarema spoke at our Tri-parish retreat? I found his insights tremendously helpful, and felt drawn to more. The opportunity opened up this Spring. As you read this, I am already getting settled at the Mercy Center (which Fr. Jarema founded and leads) in Colorado Springs for an in depth retreat through the month of June. Please pray for me during this graced opportunity, as I will pray for you. See you soon, refreshed, renewed, reset and ready to launch into another great year at St. Louis! Peace, Fr. Bob

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Community Mission Day

St. Louis School sponsors an annual event to benefit our sister school in Kenya, Africa, which has also been named St. Louis School. Due to the generous support of families, our “sister school” has already been able to build numerous classrooms, a fresh-water well and latrines. Along with that, the monies raised have allowed the purchase of uniforms and shoes for the school children and additional land for building.

Please Join Us
St. Louis School Flag Day Prayer Service
Thursday, June 14
9:10 am, Church
All Are Welcome!

Open Community Forum on THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
Sponsored by the Town of Pittsford, the Town of Brighton, and Rochester Regional Health

Wednesday, May 30, 2018
7:00 to 8:30 PM
Hosted at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse:
150 French Road
Rochester, NY 14618

Have you been impacted by the opioid crisis? Do you know someone who has? Are you interested in learning more about this growing epidemic that is plaguing our streets, homes, and schools? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, this free open forum is for YOU. Let us come together in a safe haven to discuss and learn about this dangerous threat affecting our communities. Some of the evening’s topics will include:

- How did we get here?
- Signs of opioid addiction
- Personal stories of recovery
- Information on local resources
- Individuals in recovery

Speakers Include:
- Tony Klein, MPA, CASAC, NCACII
  Manager of RRH Brighton Chemical Dependency Clinic
- Robert Veder
  Addiction Therapist at RRH Brighton Chemical Dependency Clinic

*Following the program, speakers will be available for 1-on-1 sharing*
Faith Formation
Register today!!

K-5 Faith Formation
6-12 Youth Ministry
Eucharist
Penance
Confirmation 1 & 2

Please visit StLouisChurch.org/ff for registration and information

To keep shipping and material costs to a minimum,
the deadline for all registrations is July 15th.

**Eucharist and Penance Sacrament registration:**
All children must have completed either Grade 1 or one full year prior of Faith Formation or attend a Catholic School to prepare and receive both First Penance and First Eucharist. Both Sacraments are celebrated in Grade 2. Families need to register for both Penance and Eucharist for the upcoming year.

**Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 Sacrament Registration:**
Year 1 Confirmation candidates must have completed one year prior of Youth Ministry or attend Catholic School to prepare for year 1 and year 2. Registration is required yearly for both years of preparation.
Saint’s Place

Volunteers Needed
Starting June 28th

Set up (muscle) lots of lifting
June 28th and 29th
Unpacking and organizing areas
July 1st, 5th – 7th
Sale Days July 11th – 14th

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Call 585 385-6860 to signup
or email michele@saintsplace.org
You must signup before June 20th.

Saint’s Place
46 South Main Street
Pittsford, new York 14534
www.saintsplace.org
This weekend, St. Louis Parish welcomes three baptized adults who are seeking to be received into full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please meet and greet these women as they continue their journey with us! You’ll usually find them at the 11:15 Sunday Mass. We’re in the front row. Come say hi before Mass!

Karen Daniels  Jessica Leitten  Jessica Morrison

If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, or who is curious about our faith, please contact Kathryn or Cynthia at 586-5675, ext. 224 or 234, or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or Cynthia.Clarke@dor.org.

Seven Great Dates

Come enjoy a night out together and revitalize your marriage!

Join us after the 4:30 Mass for hors d'oeuvres and wine, a short video, and discussion about a topic that will enliven your relationship.

After that, couples are sent out on a date that they have planned, with the goal of reflecting together on what they have heard.

Dates: Saturday, June 9th  Our last session!
Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m. (You can come right after the 4:30 Mass and socialize, or quick run home to drop off the kids after Mass.)
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Drop-ins are welcome, but it helps to know you’re coming.
RSVP to Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org so we can better serve you!

“Converts Among Us”

It may well be true that converts make the best Catholics. At the very least, they are a treasure to us here at St. Louis Church! Come join us for a presentation from four members of our parish as they tell about their journey into the Catholic Church.

When: Tuesday, June 26th at 7:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

The presenters that night will be Rajiv Dewan, Julian and Margret Smith, and Cynthia Clarke. Wine and cheese will be served.

For more information, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
On May 21st, some parishioners from Saint Louis were honored to celebrate the new feast day of "Mary, Mother of the Church", at Saint Joseph's House of Hospitality. The surroundings were humble but it did not dampen the worship or beauty of the special feast day. Following Mass we walked together with some of our homeless brothers and sisters, holding a painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary and singing songs to honor her under the banner of "Mary, Mother of the Marginalized". As we climbed an embankment to pray with them in the cluster of tents and tarps they call home, we were humbled and challenged.

When you have shared the Body of Christ with people there is a connection and a call to pray for their circumstances. When you have looked into their eyes and heard their stories, there is a call to act. Please consider going to the website discover ways that you can contribute to the care and comfort of those who need to know they are loved by Christ.

http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/

Saint Louis Parishioners toured the "Save the Storks" mobile ultrasound unit parked directly across from Planned Parenthood earlier this month.

FOCUS Pregnancy Center is raising money to buy this state of the art vehicle to offer women who are considering abortion a chance to see the child within them and to choose life.

Watch the bulletin for opportunities to contribute to this great project.

For more information go to savethestorks.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Understanding the impact of our purchases and consumption helps ensure that our shopping choices honor human dignity and the gift of creation. This wedding season please consider giving gifts from the fair trade companies chosen by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Work of Human Hands initiative.

One such company is Serrv, a recognized leader and pioneer in the fair trade movement, with origins in 1949 as one of the first fair trade organizations in the United States. Serrv has touched countless lives with opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. Please browse their online catalogue for beautiful and unique gifts that bless twice. Not only do the artisans receive a fair price for their labor, but Serrv gives a portion of every sale to CRS. Visit www.serrv.org/crs_handcraft?c=crs for more info.
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