New Worlds

The first time I heard the song Jerusalem, My Destiny (by Rory Cooney), it moved me so deeply I could barely keep singing. Lines that capture my most powerful experiences? See, I leave the past behind; a new world calls to me. Here among you now I find, a glimpse of what might be. All the worlds I have not seen, you open to my view. Here among you I have found, a vision bright and new. (So, so true! God bless you all!) The story of the man born blind in today’s Gospel is not just about a miracle that happened once, long, long ago. It helps us understand what truly coming to know Jesus and developing a relationship with him can do. It opens our eyes! Opens new worlds for us! It may not be as sudden as after cataract surgery, though it can be.

Putting this account together with Mark’s description of Jesus healing a blind man brings it home for me even more. In Mark’s account, Jesus first anoints the blind man’s eyes with saliva and lays hands on him; then he ‘can see people, but they look like trees walking’. Jesus lays hands on the man’s eyes again; now he can see everything clearly. When totally blind, we fail to see those around us altogether. Gradually, Jesus helps us see them, but at first we may fail to see the richness, a human being and child of God (they look like trees). But in time, Jesus opens up a new world. We are not alone in the forest. We are in a world filled with brothers and sisters.

So who is the most likely person to convince someone to overcome their fear, and have cataract surgery? Someone who has had the procedure, and who can describe how wonderful it is to see the world bright and clear again. How do we bring people to Jesus, or bring them back to their practice of the faith? Share how our relationship with Jesus, and our living that relationship in the church has opened our eyes. Describe the amazing world Jesus leads us to, the colorful world the sacraments open up, the sight of a community gathered in love around the altar.

Feeling insecure about doing that? The previously blind man in our Gospel today didn’t have a step by step explanation of the miracle. ‘Ask me not how! But I know who has opened up new worlds to me: This Jesus does, what none can do – I once was blind but now I see.’ Spend some time in quiet reflection. Invite the Lord to stir your memory. What are some of the blindesses that the Lord has healed for you? Who looked like a stick, but now looks like a sister or brother? What spiritual realities were not in your field of vision, but now are coming into view? Let’s talk about these things! The more we share, hearing other folk’s stories, helps us give witness to our own. Blessings! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - MARCH 16
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
11:00 am John Housel - Aquinas Class ’50 Breakfast Group
5:15 pm Wayne & Caroline Harber - Nancy Harber

TUESDAY - MARCH 17
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
6:45 am For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am John Housel - Bill Shafer

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
11:00 am Ginny Krieg - Dick Lenio
5:15 pm Dr. Alessandro Bertoni - Sandy Berrettella

THURSDAY - MARCH 19
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
6:45 am Gene Redick - Veterans of Foreign Wars
9:10 am SLS School Mass Honoring St. Joseph
11:00 am John Housel - Jack & Monica Marchand

FRIDAY - MARCH 20
Day of Abstinence
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
11:00 am Mario DeFendis - Susan
5:15 pm Harry Midgley - Peggy

SATURDAY - MARCH 21
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
9:00 am Ginny Krieg - Molly & Tim Shine & Family
11:00 am Memorial Mass for Fred Giovagnoli, Sr.
4:30 pm Ronald Stephany - Ruth Tracy

SUNDAY - MARCH 22
5th Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
7:30 am Eugene Penzimer - Family
9:00 am Angela Tomczak - The Tomczak & Catalanello Families
11:00 am Dr. Gerard Joyce - Marianne Yahn
5:00 pm John Ricco - Barb Galanka

Requiem Aeternam
Fred Giovagnoli, Sr.

Day of Penance and Mercy
March 24, 2015
12:30-7:30 pm
http://forgiven.dor.org

Our Sacrifice of Praise

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.

One lamp will burn In Memory of Harry Midgley By Peggy.

Sunday Communion Service - March 22
The Highlands: Marcia & Dick Hilliard        Heather Heights: Mike Drew

Saturday & Sunday, March 21 & 22

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**Do I See A Pattern?**

Moses was convinced God made a mistake. ‘Me? I’m not good with words, I can’t lead this people!’ When Samuel was called to be a prophet, he was a mere youth who didn’t yet know the ways of the Lord. Today, Samuel looks over Jesse’s seven buff sons, thinking surely one is royal material, but it’s the baby of the bunch, David, shepherding the flock, who God directs Samuel to anoint, to be the future king. Amos – ‘I am just a herdsman and a farmer, a dresser of sycamores.’ Jeremiah – ‘I am too young.’ How can God so often choose seemingly unlikely candidates for important missions? God explains in today’s first reading: ‘Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.’ The preface at Masses honoring a martyr puts it slightly differently: ‘in our weakness you perfect your power and on the feeble bestow strength to bear you witness’. The scrutinies we celebrate on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent tie in beautifully. As the Rite puts it: “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.” Good process and prayer for all of us! Don’t forget: looking into our hearts, God sees what needs to be healed or removed, which we may not see; he also sees goodness we may not recognize or value highly enough. In each case, God can then help us to see, and help us to do what needs to be done!

**Give It A Try**

The letter to the church in Ephesus is filled with rich poetic imagery, complex theological concepts, and lengthy sentences (often broken into multiple sentences in translation!) Thus one line in today’s reading really stands out. *Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.* Simple, humble, clear; straight to the point. Are you wondering how we figure out what is pleasing to the Lord? Read the scriptures prayerfully. Make an effort to know our faith and its teachings. Connect to the community of believers, develop friendships with those who have been at it awhile. Pray, listen. Look for the telltale sign: when something brings us interior peace, makes us more loving, when we sense God’s life deepening within us – that’s it! That is pleasing to the Lord!

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**Preparing for Next Weekend:**

**5th Sunday in Lent**

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14
*I will put my spirit in you*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:8-11
*The spirit of God will dwell in you*

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45
*Lazarus, come out!*

**Let’s Talk!**

Mark’s Gospel provides lots of action. Matthew’s Gospel offers five large blocks of Jesus teaching. Luke’s Gospel reveals Jesus as a master with parables. John alone gives us extended conversations, such as the dialogue with Nicodemus, or with the woman at the well, or the conversations we find today and next week with the various characters on the scene. Last Sunday, this, and next, the dialogue serves many purposes. We are led from thinking about thirst/water to spiritual thirst/living water. We see a blind man healed, and are invited to contemplate spiritual blindness, and the opening of our spiritual eyes. Next week, physically coming back to life invites reflection on spiritually being called forth from the tomb of sin into the brightness of new life, ultimately foreshadowing the resurrection life. To be found in each case? Conversion. We can see how we come to understand and embrace deeper truths gradually, step by step, in a conversation with Jesus. How is your conversation with him going these days?

**Entering the Scene**

Next week’s Gospel, the Raising of Lazarus provides amazing opportunities for us to enter the scene. Who can you most relate to? Some no doubt are grief filled over a painful loss, walking in Martha & Mary’s shoes. Others may, like Lazarus, be in a tomb of one sort or another, needing to hear Jesus call us by name, Come out! Don’t forget the bystanders. To complete the miracle, Jesus needs the bystanders to help unbind Lazarus. Could Jesus be asking you to help unbind someone? Next weekend, be sure to enter the story!

**Early to Rise**

Like fresh insights into the scriptures? Join us this Tuesday morning, or any Tuesday at 7:30 am in the Manse!

*This weekend's annual Collection for Catholic Relief Services provides funding for the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.*
THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ST. ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ROCHESTER AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY
NETWORK (RAIHN)

Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) 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 5th 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 provides families with support that includes: At the congregations: private bedrooms for evening shelter, breakfast, lunch and dinner, caring and compassionate volunteers, recreational family activities, Life Skills presentations on topics such as nutrition, parenting, and budgeting. At the Day Center: personalized case management, transportation assistance, access to shower and laundry facilities, access to computer/fax/phone, other daily needs such as food, clothing, toiletries, diapers. Support upon graduation from RAIHN can include: after care services for up to 1 year after program graduation, moving assistance and furniture procurement, non-perishable food supplies, cleaning supplies, and assistance with school supplies and holiday gifts.

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 St. Louis RAIHN coordinator, Ann-Marie DeSantis at 406-6013 or email amdesantis@frontiernet.net. More information about RAIHN (and the Car City fundraiser May 2 & 3, 2015) can be found at www.raihn.org.

God bless you for your faithful support of St. Louis and our ministries! Thanks to your generous stewardship, we can tithe as a parish from our weekly collections, supporting the wonderful ministries of Saint’s Place, as well as a variety of other programs beyond our parish. During Lent, operation Rice Bowl is one way to give our almsgiving a bit stronger focus. If, however, you are not participating in Rice Bowl, we invite you to consider 4 other ministries important in our parish family, Bethany House, St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, Sr. Regis Food Cupboard, and/or RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). We are tithing to these four during Lent, and you can read about them in the bulletin. We also have extra envelopes in the pew, if you would like to join in making this your Lenten Almsgiving effort. May God bless all of our efforts through these days of Lent, and the various ministries we support.

That’s My Background!
Do you have experience or expertise in the area of Development? Our Finance Council would like to bring together a Parish Wide Development Task Force, to review our fund raising efforts across all our missions. How can we best coordinate efforts, and make good use of current practices in the area of development? DO you have expertise or a passion in this area, or know a fellow parishioner who does, whom you could recommend? Might this be a way to get more involved, to share your gifts and experience? Please e-mail Fr. Bob at: Ring@DOR.org, or call the office, 586-5675.

OUR GIFT TO THE LORD

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ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
SPONSORED BY ST. LOUIS PARISH

APRIL 3, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
REDDINGTON HALL GYM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment. Please bring identification with you when you come to donate.

Give the gift of life! Give blood!
HUNGERING FOR PEACE
We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace. Before civil war broke out, 5-year-old Tanious Issa and his parents lived a good life in Syria. But in 2011, the family’s house burned down and they lost everything. Like so many of their neighbors, they made the difficult choice to leave all they had ever known and move to Lebanon. Tanious loves living in Lebanon. All he remembers about Syria is the sound of constant gunfire. But refugee life is tough. Tanious’ father can’t find a job, and the family struggles to pay for food and rent. Catholic Relief Services is working hard to help children like Tanious enjoy childhood. That means we support schools where they can learn and play—and where there are counselors who help them work through their trauma. Most important, refugee children find friends with whom to grow and share. This is a difficult time for the Issa family—and many others like them. That’s why we continue providing food vouchers to help meet the family’s immediate needs. Tanious and his family are grateful for the food, but are still praying for lasting peace.

Don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app at www.crs.org/ricebowl-app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives. Faith. Action. Results.

HOLY WEEK ASSISTANCE NEEDED
MARCH 29 - APRIL 5, 2015
If you will be celebrating Holy Week here at St. Louis this year, we will appreciate your sharing in the liturgical ministries. Please review the following needs and call us at 586-5675, or drop this form into the collection basket, or you can drop it off at the Ministry Center.

PALM SUNDAY, March 29: Help with distributing palms at Mass (need individuals or families at each Mass)
Mass times (circle one):
___ 4:30 pm    ___ 7:30 am    ___ 9:00 am    ___ 11:00 am    ___ 5:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2:
___ 9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
___ 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper, (practice to be scheduled)
___ Eucharistic Ministers
___ Lectors

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3:
___ 9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
___ 2:15 pm Help in Parking Lot: 45 minutes
___ 3:00 pm Good Friday Service
___ 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service: Reader of Scripture (need 4)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4:
___ 9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
___ 8:00 pm Easter Mass and Vigil
___ Assist with the lighting ceremony
___ Serve as Usher
___ Readers of the Scriptures
___ Eucharistic Minister (7)
___ Altar Server (3)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5:
(Mass at 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm )
___ 8:15 to 9:00 am: Help in Parking Lot
___ 10:15 to 11:00 am: Help in Parking Lot
___ 1:00 pm Mass
___ Lector (2)
___ Eucharistic Minister (8)
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___ Altar Server (2)

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### We Listen More Closely

**Bible Studies**

**Understanding Sunday Scriptures**
On-going  
Manse  Tuesdays 7:30 am  no cost  
A Quick Journey Through the Bible  
March 1 – March 22  
Parish Meeting Hall  2:00 pm  $20.00

**Little Rock Scripture Study:**  
The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus  
March 10 – April 28  1:15-2:30 pm  
OR  
March 12 – April 30  6:45-8:00 pm  
Parish Meeting Hall  $13.00

**Understanding the Eucharist w/ Father Bob**  
March 10  7:00 pm  
Church  no cost

**Bible Studies**

**Understanding Sunday Scriptures:**
An in-depth introduction to the upcoming Sunday readings. Facilitated by Father Bob.

**Little Rock Scripture Study:**  
The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus:  
A study of the passion and resurrection narratives from all four Gospels. These accounts are not just memories from the past; they are a living reality for the present. A faith-sharing study of the core of our Christian belief.

**Other Opportunities**

**Understanding the Eucharist with Father Bob:**  
We can never learn enough about the Eucharist and how it shapes our lives everyday. Take sometime this Lent to hear about this precious gift of Christ’s body and blood given for our salvation.

Watch the bulletin for more information about the other listed adult faith formation opportunities!
LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY  March 20, 27 and April 3
4:30 pm to 7:30 pm  TAKE OUT DINNERS ONLY,
$11.00 - Cash Only - Fresh Breaded Haddock Fillet, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter.
St. John of Rochester Church on the corner of Route 31 and Wickford Way.
Enter through the school’s double doors. Next to gym. Follow the signs.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Rev. Michael C. Hogan Council 15917

St. Joseph’s Day Mass
March 19th
9:10am
All are welcome

Irish Music & Dancers
Tuesday, March 17th
1:30pm
Reddington Hall

St. John of Rochester Church
on the corner of Route 31 and Wickford Way.
Enter through the school’s double doors. Next to gym. Follow the signs.
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Women, Men, Register Now!

**WOMEN: REGISTER NOW!**

The Second Annual Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference is coming on March 28, 2015 to the Aquinas Institute in Rochester. This event sold out last year, so don’t put off registering! Come spend a day refreshing your Body, Mind and Soul at this great event for women. Your day will include Mass with Bishop Matano and Fr. Bob, Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch. Speakers include Jeanette Demelo, Editor-in-Chief of the National Catholic Register, and Sister Mary Gabriel of the Sisters of Life in New York City. Visit Rochesterwce.org/ to register online.

**MEN!**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 1ST ANNUAL ROCHESTER CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

“PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP”

**SATURDAY MAY 16, 2015, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

SAINT JOHN FISHER COLLEGE

WE HAVE FANTASTIC, NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS — TIM STAPLES, HECTOR MOLINA & DANNY ABRAMOWICZ, AND BISHOP MATANO WILL CELEBRATE HOLY MASS

RECHARGE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE AND BE TOUCHED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!

For more information, contact Parish Co-Captains Bill Conklin (wconklin1@gmail.com), Kevin Parker (kevinparker@rochester.edu), or Dick Hilliard (bwgolf@hotmail.com or 585-943-1106), or go to www.ExultRochester.org to register.

St Louis School Girl Scout Troops 60846 and 60231 would like to thank the parish community for supporting us in our Cookie sale last week! We sold 350+ boxes, and 92 of those will be donated to our military from Western New York serving overseas! Thank you for your generosity!
A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE ***
(A condensed version of the Bible Timeline Study)
March 15 & 22 at 2:00 pm, Parish Meeting Hall
Materials $20.00

This simple, accessible program takes a chronological walk through the Bible story in a way that reveals God’s plan for His Creation; what went wrong at the beginning; and how God worked through history to reconcile His lost children to Himself while building His kingdom. In just four Sunday afternoons you’ll come away with a framework with which to read and understand the Bible. Email mcalarney1@gmail.com for information and to register.

***Many of our Bible study programs such as A Quick Journey Through the Bible, are ordered from Ascension Press which is now offering online access to studies that parishes have purchased. The parish pays a monthly membership fee. Bible Study participants don’t pay a membership fee, but must order their materials through Ascension Press which is done when they register for a Bible Study course offered at St. Louis. They get to view the videos all during the duration of the course plus two weeks after it ends. This is a great way for parishioners, including those who go south for the winter, and those who cannot attend the courses we offer in person (like young parents) to participate in the Bible study.

A DIFFERENT VIEW OF WORK
The workplace is but a front for a temple, a healing place where people can be lifted above the insanity of a frightening world. No matter what we do, we can make it our ministry. No matter what form our job takes, the content is the same as everyone else’s; we are here to minister to human hearts. If we talk to anyone, see anyone or even think of anyone, then we have the opportunity to bring more love into the universe. ~ Marianne Williamson

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENT!
Would you like to become more active in our parish here at St. Louis? Do you have the gifts of compassion, patience, kindness, and ability to share your faith with those who are in nursing facilities? If this sounds like you, we could use your time and talents. St. Louis’s Pastoral Care provides communion services on Sunday mornings to those living at Heather Heights and The Highlands. We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to preside at those services. As a presider you would be responsible for sharing the Sunday readings and prayers, sharing a very brief reflection on those readings and distributing communion to those in attendance. You will be provided with training and support as well as the opportunity to shadow those already serving in this ministry. Currently we would need your help one Sunday about every 6 weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals as well as couples. (This could be husbands and wives, parents and teens, grandparents and teen grandchildren as well as friends working together.) If you are interested in finding out more about this much needed and very appreciated ministry, please contact Cris Wensel: ewensel@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.
Hi Teens,

This Tuesday is Saint Patrick's Day, a big day in our family. It's a time to celebrate with friends and family. But more importantly, it's a day to reflect on the life and faith of Saint Patrick.

Saint Patrick was born about 385 in Scotland to Catholic parents. At the age of fourteen, raiders captured Patrick and took him as a slave to Ireland, a land of Druids and pagans. Patrick learned the Irish language and customs. While a slave, Patrick's faith in God grew. When Patrick was twenty, he had a dream in which God told him to leave Ireland by going to the coast. He escaped and found a boat that took him back to Britain and his family.

Later Patrick dreamed that Irish were calling him back. Patrick studied, became a priest, and later, a bishop. In 433, he went to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick preached the Gospel throughout Ireland, converted thousands, and began building churches. Patrick is famous for using the shamrock (a three-leaf clover) to explain the Trinity. Patrick preached for 40 years and died on March 17, 461.

The faith of Saint Patrick continues to inspire us today. He is a great example of how to share your faith. Try to honor him by sharing your faith with someone new this week.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Molly and Mr. McBride

March Events

Sunday, March 15, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat
Sunday, March 29, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

June 26-28, Franciscan University Youth Conference, Steubenville, Ohio
November 19-21, National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

It’s Time for a Little Rock Scripture Study:
The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus

We will be studying the heart of the Gospels—the passion and resurrection of Jesus. Paul states the central message of the Church’s earliest proclamation: “I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; that he appeared to Kephas, then to the Twelve.” This study will help us understand each scene of the narratives from all four Gospels and give reasons for the differences in the four accounts. These Gospel accounts are not just memories from the past; they are a living reality for the present. Join us to learn more about these accounts, which bring the fullness of our Christianity to life. To register, contact the Ministry Center at 586-5675.

Tuesdays in the Parish Meeting Hall March 10th through April 28th from 1:15 to 2:30pm
Tuesdays in the Parish Meeting Hall March 12th through April 30th from 6:45 to 8:00pm

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