**A Powerful Retreat**

Often the biggest impact on the faith experience of a young person is going on a retreat. A retreat is an essential component of Confirmation preparation. Not just for the young though, retreats are important for everyone. We just completed our tri-parish retreat. ChristLife includes a retreat. Notre Dame Retreat House offers retreats throughout the year. So does the Mercy Spirituality Center. Cobblestone Springs Center for Renewal (an SSJ ministry in the Finger Lakes) does as well. Retreats can move faith from ideas about Jesus to an experience of Jesus.

We are about to enter a retreat that is offered throughout the world, in every Catholic parish, every year. It is called the Triduum. On Holy Thursday evening, we step into the experience of being with Jesus at the Last Supper. Through the washing of feet we experience how close we can be to Christ when we serve others. On Good Friday we move further into the deepest mystery of our faith as we bring our suffering, our losses, our experiences of dying to self to the cross. This all moves us into the grand celebration of the Easter Vigil, our retreat concluding in the joy of the resurrection, and the promise that we will share in the resurrection and eternal life. Our three day retreat unlocks the power of the sacraments, revealing how gathering with the community in prayer helps us bring the grace and power of God into our life’s most important moments. Questions about the meaning of life and death – the Triduum provides genuine, satisfying, true answers.

Think of the Triduum, our High Holy Days as an immersion experience, being plunged into Christ’s life. The high points are clearly the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night on Holy Saturday. But like any retreat, there are other important features. Time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday evening. Morning Prayer each day, from the Liturgy of the Hours. Perhaps doing the Stations of the Cross on our own. Quiet time in church on Good Friday. The Seven Last Words on Friday evening. A spirit of fasting. Special traditions we may have developed through the years.

If you have never attended the Triduum liturgies, please try your best this year. Come to morning prayer, to help tie the days together. Pray about how you might experience the Triduum as a three day retreat. Everything we do all year long derives its meaning from the Triduum. It is designed to be one, three day experience. Never been on a retreat – this one is certainly as excellent opportunity to change that! I hope to see you there!! God bless you and those you love, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - MARCH 19**  
_ST. JOSEPH’S DAY_  
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  
9:10 am School Mass  
11:00 am Angela McGrath - Carolyn & Greg Karl  
5:15 pm For our First Communion Families

**TUESDAY - MARCH 20**  
Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30  
6:45 am Harry Midgley - Peggy  
11:00 am Joseph J. Palmesano - Roz & Family

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 21**  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42  
11:00 am Healing for Arend - Friend  
5:15 pm For our Parish Staff

**THURSDAY - MARCH 22**  
Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
6:45 am Josephine Marino - Family  
11:00 am For the People of our Parish

**FRIDAY - MARCH 23**  
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
11:00 am Matthew Shapiro - Family  
5:15 pm For those in Hospice

**SATURDAY - MARCH 24**  
Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56  
9:00 am For the Intentions of Pope Francis  
4:30 pm Lillian Jabbour - Saint’s Place

**SUNDAY - MARCH 25**  
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 15:1-39  
7:30 am Joe Salipante - Maureen & Gary Killeen  
9:00 am Dr. Galaa Agban - DiLiberto Family  
11:15 am Timothy Walsh - Dr. Martin & Michele Gingras  
5:00 pm Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Tran & 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.  
Three Lamps will burn for Jennifer Schmidt by Grandma

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 Sue or Shannon at 586-5675.

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**Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25**

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*Sunday Communion Service - March 25*  
The Highlands - Pete & Gerry Shea  
Heather Heights - Darlene Huver

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We Listen to God’s Word

Our Weekend Scriptures:  
5th Sunday in Lent

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Palm Sunday

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Lost in Translation

We could easily miss the depth of Jeremiah’s message. He tells us that God will “place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.” The common understanding for us is that the heart is the seat of emotions. However, in the world of the Bible, the Hebrew understanding of heart is much broader. It is the place of our volition, and includes our thinking (which is the first and major focus), while also including our feeling (our emotional life), and finally our will, where decisions are made. Keep that in mind and reread the 1st reading for this weekend. It can provide a much deeper, and more accurate understanding! God offers, through Jeremiah, and the new covenant brought about through Jesus, a new mind, a new way of feeling about others, God and life, and a new will.

Another New Word

How could the Son of God be made perfect? When was he not perfect?? Once again, translating is a challenge. The word ‘perfect’ is usually understood, for us, to mean free of flaws. So we could misunderstand this passage to imply that Jesus had flaws that somehow were corrected through what he suffered. Not so! The Greek word in the original text means rather completed, or fulfilled. And ‘learned obedience’: does that mean he went from disobedience to being obedient? No! Rather, in that sense of being completed, or fulfilled, Jesus went from untested obedience to tested and proven obedience, obedience and love tested under the most extreme circumstances. Keep that in mind, reread the reading, gaze at the crucifix, and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

His Hour

At the very first sign Jesus worked in Cana, he first said to Mary “My hour has not yet come.” Of course John is not talking a literal hour. For him, the hour begins with the last supper and ends with the resurrection. John sees Jesus’ death and resurrection as part of one dramatic moment. Thus he doesn’t separate out each step, from the last supper, to the garden of gethsemane, to his trial, the way of the cross, crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Rather, it is one mystery, the paschal mystery. The same mystery we enter with every celebration of Mass. (So by the way, that means there is no rule that the Mass can only be one literal hour long! Counting minutes should end when we step into the church, and not resume until we return home!)

The BIG Church Family

While Sacred Heart Cathedral serves as a parish church, it is also home for diocesan celebrations, the mother church of our diocese. Among diocesan liturgies: Ordinations, Confirmations, the diocesan Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass, the Rite of Election. But the pre-eminent diocesan celebration is the Chrism Mass, this year on March 27th at 7:00PM. All priests are invited, that we might renew our vows to serve God and God’s people. The Holy Oils used throughout the diocese for the coming year are blessed. It is a Holy Week event for the whole diocese. Never been to a Chrism Mass? Consider making this the year!

The Divine Office

No, it’s not a spacious office space in the heart of town with a terrific view. It’s another name for the Liturgy of the Hours, a prayer of the church that is indeed spacious, having a four week cycle and prayers for various hours of the day. It provides a terrific spiritual view as we pray the psalms with Jesus, listen to a passage of scripture, pray a canticle, intercessions, and pray the Lord’s Prayer. Plan to come to church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, at 9:00AM for Morning Prayer – check the office out!
Our Offering of Time & Treasure

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date: $20,159.00

Thank you for your contribution last weekend to the annual Collection for Catholic Relief Services which 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.

Stations of the Cross

Take your smartphone around the church to pray the stations in a powerful new way! Scan the QR code at each station for a video reflection.

This Week’s Tithing Will Support St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard

Next Week’s Tithing Aid to the Church in Need

Founded in 1947 as a Catholic aid organization for war refugees and recognized as a papal foundation since 2011, Aid to the Church in Need is dedicated to the service of Christians around the world, through information, prayer and action, wherever they are persecuted or oppressed or suffering material need. ACN supports every year an average of 6,000 projects in close to 150 countries, thanks to private donations, as the foundation receives no public funding.

The bitter truth is that around the world, there are now more refugees than ever. Currently, about 16 million people worldwide are on the run, alone 15.4 million people in the Middle East. In Iraq and Syria, about 1 million Christians are affected. Of the estimated 1.3 million Christians in Iraq before 2003, it is thought that only 250,000 remain there today.

Violently driven from their homes by ISIS in summer 2014, the liberation of the Christian villages in the Nineveh Plains has sparked the desire of thousands of displaced Christian families in northern Iraq to return to their war-torn homes. ACN, responding to their appeal, is supporting the first phase of the reconstruction of over 13,000 damaged and destroyed homes. This is just one of the many efforts of CAN to support persecuted believers.

For further information visit acninternational.org.

“See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation. The face that invites us to cry out: ‘The Kingdom of God is possible!’”

Pope Francis, Homily, February 14, 2018

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Catholic Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines. Wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.
**Mercy and Forgiveness Retreat**

Have you discovered how to accept God’s forgiveness?

Are you able to forgive yourself?

Do you turn and forgive others?

Encounter a deeper experience of God’s mercy and love.

Share a simple meal.

Enjoy time for reflection, discussion, insight, and confession.

Where: St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry

When: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: $10

Register at the ministry center 586-5675, or online at stlouischurch.org. For more information contact Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or Leila.Kaczmarek@dor.org
St. Louis Vacation Bible School

We are excited to announce this year’s theme:

LEGO and Let God!

Monday, June 25 –
Thursday, June 28

What is Vacation Bible School?
VBS is a four-day program for children who have completed grades K-4 by June 2018. Filled with crafts, songs, activities, and lessons about God, Vacation Bible School gives children a creative and fun way to connect to faith!

How do I sign my child up?
You may register online through the parish website: StLouisChurch.org ($50 charge per child)

Registration closes May 14th or earlier if we reach our 100-slot maximum. REGISTER NOW!!!

Registration open to St. Louis Church & School Families.

Interested in volunteering? Please email our VBS coordinator, Anna Kuebler at annateresa.kuebler@gmail.com.
### Saint’s Place

**Wish List**

1998 – 2018

*** Deliver donations to: 46 South Main St. Pittsford, NY (back porch) ***

#### Clothing
- Baby clothing 0-9 mos.
- Baby bedding: sheets, blankets
- New children’s underwear - all sizes
- Boys clothing size 3-8 years
- Young men’s hooded sweatshirts (S-M)
- Young men soccer shoes, larger sizes
- Junior & Women’s leggings (S-XXL)
- New women’s underwear, especially (4-6)
- New women’s socks (9-11)
- New men’s socks (S-M)
- New men’s underwear (S-M)
- Small and Medium men’s clothing, all seasons

#### Household
- Large pots & saucepans
- Bowls (all sizes)
- Serving dishes, all sizes
- Dishes (does not have to be complete sets)
- Drinking glasses
- Small appliances (rice cookers, toasters, mixers, etc.)
- Kitchen garbage cans, 13 qt. size
- Mops, brooms, buckets
- Pot holders
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry baskets
- Microwaves
- Waste baskets (all sizes)

#### Furniture
- Lamps with shades
- Loveseats
- Small dressers
- Kitchen Table & chairs

#### Bedding
- Sheets (Twin)
- Blankets (all sizes)

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**Saint’s Place**, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Isabel Miller Executive Director.

**Saint’s Place Ministry Hours**: 46 S. Main St.: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays.

**St. John of Rochester**: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.

Phone: 585-385-6860. Fax: 585-385-3963 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org

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**Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!**
Engaging Mind and Heart

Come Join Us!

Explore faith topics over a cup of coffee with a great group of folks.

A super short video launches a lively discussion about the questions we face and the longing we have to live a life of meaning. If you are a thriving Catholic, or just starting your journey, on the brink of leaving the Church, or coming back home, please come and join the conversation.

We’ll be starting **AFTER EASTER**!

Each session is a new topic, so come any or every week.

**Where:** The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)

**When:** Sundays, 10:00-10:50 (between the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses)

**Starting date:** April 8, 2018

Registration is so helpful, but never a deal breaker! Please email Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

Fr. Juan and Don Murray are hosting a reflection group called “Word of Life”, which is part of the Focolare spirituality. You are most welcome to join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm in the O’Connor Library in the Manse. (This is the brick building to the right of the main church entrance.) Next meeting: Monday, March 19th.

The Word of Life, a sentence of Scripture, is offered monthly as a guide and inspiration for daily life. We read that sentence and the commentary (which is translated into 96 different languages and dialects and reaches more than 14 million people worldwide), and then offer our thoughts about how it applies to our lives. At the start of the next session, we share how we applied that verse in our lives as we encourage each other to imitate Christ. For more information please email Fr.Juan.Benitez@dor.org or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

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**Challenge**

Challenge is a unique Catholic girls youth ministry group, which seeks to provide girls grades 5-12 with an environment of character formation and spiritual growth in their Catholic faith. Regular activities include faith-related discussions, games, movies, social events, and service projects. Retreats are also available. High school aged girls may become teen leaders for the younger girls, and also have their own times of discussion of relevant faith-based topics. To register, please visit: [stlouischurch.org/challenge-girls-group](http://stlouischurch.org/challenge-girls-group)
You Are Invited

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Girl Scout Cookie Sale
This Weekend March 17 & 18
St. Louis School 4rd, & 5th Grade Girl Scout Troops will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at all masses. Cookies are $4.00 per box. Cash or check. Your purchase supports the Girl Scouts.
You can also purchase cookies that will be donated and sent to military troops that are based out of Western New York. Thank you for your purchase and your support.

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

Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 23rd
1:50pm and 7pm
Presented by St. Louis School Students
All are welcome.

Magnificat Rochester (a ministry to Catholic Women) invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, April 14th.

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018
Time: 8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Seating begins
9:30 a.m. to Noon. – Program
12:00 Confession and Personal Prayer
Place: Diplomat on 1 Diplomat Way off of Lyell Ave

Our speaker is Karen Dalton, MD who converted to the Catholic faith from a life of secular humanism in 1993 and has never looked back. She felt called to change the focus of her career after moving to Rochester. She received certification to become a NaproTechnology Medical Consultant.

She is currently is the Director of the Gianna Syracuse Center for Women’s Health and Fertility. She also works at Grace Family Medicine in Rochester doing both primary care and NaproTechnology consultations. Come and hear her story of conversion and motivation to protect life at all levels.

Reservations $20.00; after April 7th: $22.00; Student $12.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Kathy Murty at 436-1284, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com
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