The Spiritual Works of Mercy

We conclude our Works of Mercy series with the 7th Work of Mercy, Pray for the Living and the Dead. At every mass, we pray for the living and the dead during the prayer of the Faithful. After the consecration, we do so again through the formal intercessions of the Eucharistic Prayer. Listening to that prayer, we let it become our own.

Every day we are to bring our needs, the needs of our loved ones, and the needs of the whole world into the merciful Heart of Jesus through prayer. Saint Faustina herself often did this, bringing them into Christ’s "most compassionate Heart" (see St. Faustina’s Diary, 1209-1229).

Our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual, will always appear inadequate compared to the needs of the world around us. But our Lord does not ask us to meet every need. We are only asked to do what we can and leave the rest to Him as He works out His loving plan for each human soul. Remember the "five loaves and two fish principle." Saint Andrew said to Jesus, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?" (Jn 6:9). That meager supply, when offered in faith to Jesus, was found to be enough to feed multitudes.

So will our seemingly meager efforts to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, guided by His Spirit and offered up to Jesus. He can work miracles with such little offerings. Some of those miracles we will never even see with our own eyes until we meet Him face-to-face in heaven. It is then when He will give us the grace to see what He sees; it is then when He will turn His loving gaze upon us and we will hear those blessed words from His own lips: “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Mt 25:23)

As we continue to live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, may this prayer from St. Theresa of Avila be a guide for us.

An Exhortation of St. Theresa of Avila

Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

Blessings, Cris Wensel, Pastoral Associate
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - MARCH 7**  
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
11:00 am Nelly & Pat O’Connor - Monday Morning Group  
5:15 pm Thomas D’Aloisio - Maura Helfer

**TUESDAY - MARCH 8**  
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
6:45 am Jewel Knight - Judy Kaltenbach  
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish  
11:00 am Eileen Cahill - Joan & Vince Steeley

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 9**  
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
11:00 am Marian Battle - Divine Mercy Cenacle  
5:15 pm Frank & Mark Reichenbach - Family

**THURSDAY - MARCH 10**  
Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
6:45 am Gerry Papero - Locust Hill Women’s Golfers  
11:00 am Greg Monroe - Ed & Joan Lennert

**FRIDAY - MARCH 11**  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
11:00 am Marian Battle - Ladies Bible Study  
5:15 pm Marian Battle - Friend

**SATURDAY - MARCH 12**  
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
9:00 am Janice Kelly Maxwell - Galusha Family  
4:30 pm John McAlarney - Wife

**SUNDAY - MARCH 13**  
5th Sunday of Lent  
Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
7:30 am Marian McMaster - Coan Family  
9:00 am Andrew Eilertsen - Family  
11:00 am Special Intention for Those Struggling with Addiction & Depression - Parishioner  
5:00 pm Kathleen Barkhuis - Spiegel Family

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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 arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

*Three lamps will burn In Memory of Marian Scelfo Battle by Linda Martin.*

**Requiem Aeternam**

*Rev. Anthony F. Calimeri*

*My soul rests in God alone, from whom comes my salvation.*  
*Psalm 62:2*

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**Sunday Communion Service - March 13**

The Highlands: Mary Ann Monley  
Heather Heights: Richard Caruso

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**Saturday & Sunday, March 12 and 13**

*Page Two*  
*St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY*  
*March 6, 2016*
God’s Reconciling Word

4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Passover in the Promised Land

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
The ministry of reconciliation

We have to celebrate!

Home at Last!
For the guardians of tradition and authors of the scriptures, Israel’s time in Egypt came to represent alienation from God. The first Passover, in flight, represented escape from slavery. The Passover we hear in our 1st reading today is the culmination of events, God’s promise of freedom fulfilled. From alienation and slavery, to a time of testing in the desert; finally, freedom in the Promised Land. Think of folks in our world today, oppressed by the slavery of violence and conflict. Pray they may experience a first Passover, escape from a life that has become untenable. Pray too that one day they will experience what our brothers and sisters did millennia ago, when they entered the Promised Land and could finally eat the yield of the land. Other connections the reading invites us to consider: crossing the Red Sea, crossing the Jordan, crossing into new life through the waters of Baptism.

Be Reconciled!
Hear the passion in our 2nd reading. St. Paul has experienced becoming a new creation, and wants us all to know the experience as well. He has experienced reconciliation in his own life at the deepest level, and passionately calls us to be reconciled. This is a great reading to pray with in preparation for our Tri-Parish Retreat, and preparing for the upcoming Day of Mercy, with opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation throughout the diocese, this Wednesday from 12:30 to 7:30PM.

Welcome Home!
Who is the prodigal? The son, who spent his inheritance recklessly, wastefully, extravagantly or, the father, who welcomed his son home lavishly, generously, unsparing-ly? Or are we to see that when we recklessly waste the legacy of God’s grace in our life, it is equally lavish in restoring us? Today’s Gospel parable, addressed to those troubled by Jesus welcoming sinners and eating with them has spoken to believers in every age. The son’s hurtful self-centered behavior, his finally coming to his senses, the father running to meet his wayward son, reconciliation as a movement from being dead to being found alive, even the older son’s frustration – all have helped open eyes and open hearts for those willing to step into the parable, and find themselves there. It can also provide inspiration to pray for those who have wandered, pray for those awaiting a loved one’s coming to their senses and returning, perhaps even whisper a prayer for those who find such overflowing love and mercy too much.

Parish Library Phase One
Lots of books have been sorted, more sit ready to sort, but you don’t have to wait to discover what our parish library may offer. In the Parish Meeting Hall, we have a book cart filled with a variety of books for checkout – great possibilities if you have finished reading Rediscovering Jesus. Check out what’s there – simply sign the card in the book and leave it in the box on the cart, and start enjoying our parish library before even the first bookshelf is built!

Looking Ahead:
5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
I am doing something new!

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Pursuing the prize of God’s upward calling

Gospel: John 8:1-11
Neither do I condemn you

Sacrament of Healing
Each Friday of Lent we have offered some special oppor- tunity for prayer. THIS Friday, March 11 at the 11AM Mass we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. In the evening, at 7PM we will have a prayer service with the Sacrament of Anointing. Are health issues weighing heavily on you? Let Jesus touch you through this sacra- ment. If thankful for your health, see this as an opportuni- ty for a work of mercy, and pray for those who are ill. Cards with the names of people who could not be at the anointing mass/service will be available at the church entrances. We invite those attending to pick up a card, pray for healing for that person, and then send them a card saying they prayed for them at the mass/service.

I Want One Too!
Didn’t get a chance to have your picture taken, to be included in the new St. Louis Pictorial Directory? We can (and plan to) purchase additional copies. Simply call Shannon (586-5675) at the parish office before the second week of Easter (April 3), and we’ll order you a copy, at $10 each. If you did have your family portrait taken, and have not picked up your free copy with your name on it, please pick it up at the Parish Ministry Center.
**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

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**Here I Am Lord**

**Supporting Our Parish**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support**

**Habitat Interfaith Partnership**

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**Bethany House**

Bethany House, established in 1977, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality sheltering homeless women and children. Located on Joseph Avenue, Rochester, an area beset by poverty and violence, it also serves the needs of women and their children in that area. Some of the women have been victims of domestic violence, some have been evicted from their homes, some are trying to recover from alcohol or drug abuse, some have been recently released from incarceration or have been hospitalized for illnesses of the mind or body. Whatever the case, all find a welcoming and supportive “home” at Bethany House.

Bethany House provides emergency shelter, an emergency food cupboard, and maintains a clothing room, all for no cost. Bethany House is supported solely through private and institutional donations from the general public and various businesses in the Rochester area. The mission of Bethany House is to provide food, shelter, clothing, support, advocacy, and hospitality for women with or without children, and to serve homeless women and children who are often invisible and forgotten in our society. All come from experiences that radically deny their worth. Those served are not limited by race, religion or economic background. The door is always open to those in need.

Women in need of assistance are welcome to come to the food cupboard any weekday, once a month. It is available to the women and children in the shelter and also to women of the neighborhood two mornings a week. Bethany House also serves as a drop-in center for women and children during daytime hours Monday through Friday. Women can drop by for support, encouragement, advocacy, friendship, and comfort as the need arises in their daily life. Bethany house is always open to visitors, volunteers and donations. Many short term volunteer opportunities are available for individuals and groups. For more information email rbethan1@rochester.rr.com, phone: 585-454-4197, or visit http://bethanyhouserocny.org/.

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**Girl Scout Cookie Sale**

**Next Weekend**

**March 12 &13**

St. Louis School Girl Scout Troops 60231 & 60846, (2nd, 3rd & 4th graders), will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at the end of all masses. Cookies are $4.00 per box. 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!

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**Annual Good Friday American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by St. Louis Parish**

**March 25, 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!
Mark Your Calendars!
Important Dates for Faith Formation Families!

2016 First Eucharist Preparation Calendar
As a reminder, attendance at all sessions is expected.
Parent and child attend Family Sessions.

Wednesday, March 16th Family Session
6:30pm-8:00pm Church

Wednesday, April 6th Family Session
6:30pm-8:00pm Church

Thursday, April 14th Family Session
6:30pm-8:00pm Church

Thursday, April 21st Practice Session
6:30pm-8:00pm Church

First Eucharist celebrations will be either:
Saturday, April 23rd @ 11am & 4:30pm
or
Sunday, April 24th @ 11am

2016 Sacrament of Confirmation
Important Date for Catholic & Public School 8th graders:
Required, Immediate Preparation & Retreat
Saturday, March 19th 9-12pm
Mandatory attendance at this session.

FAMILY CAMP at CAMP KOINONIA
Looking for a summer vacation that will do more than just empty your wallet? Family Camp at Camp Koinonia in Italy Valley (near Canandaigua) offers your family an opportunity to play, relax, learn and worship together in a spirit of community and fun. Every direction offers a breathtaking view of God’s handiwork. The rolling hills surrounding the valley create complete privacy from the outside world. Camp Koinonia is the perfect place for reflection on some of God’s greatest creations—nature and family! Openings are available for the weeks of July 3-8 and July 17-22. Come and enjoy the best week of your life. www.campkoinoniany.org

Teach Your Family New Ways of Giving!

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don’t involve dipping into your wallet. While Operation Rice Bowl is a wonderful opportunity for children to collect and give alms, teach them in other ways too!

Try these new approaches; give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don’t be stingy with your smiles — give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others.

So no matter how busy you are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent — and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning.

Why is Purple the Color of Lent?
Purple is always been associated with sorrow and mourning. And during Lent we recall the suffering and death of Jesus. Purple is also the color of royalty and through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we come to recognize him as our King!

Why Do We Give Up Meat on Fridays During Lent?
Meat is a symbol of luxury and wealth. When you think about it, we talk about getting a job that pays enough to put meat on the table. So to abstain from meat is a sacrifice for most people, a way of doing without and living more simply.

Now of course, if you’re already a vegetarian then you should seek some other form of sacrifice, abstaining from a certain food that brings you great pleasure. And of course, giving up meat is not an excuse to eat lobster dinner! The idea is to eat simply.

Finally, Jesus died on a Friday and so Fridays are seen as a day of penance and that’s why we abstain from meat on Fridays.
Do you have a knowledge and passion for art? Are you willing to share your time and talents with Saint’s Place?

Saint’s Place is looking for a person(s) who has a discerning eye for art and a real appreciation of art. Saint’s Place receives many beautiful paintings and prints, some in exquisite frames. (Too many to give to the refugees who live in very small apartments.) These art pieces could be sold to generate money to buy needed items for the refugees - boots, warm gloves, socks, the list goes on. Maybe we have that Grandma Moses hidden behind a vintage photo of Grandpa? You could help uncover hidden treasures.

Saint’s Place needs an experienced person(s) interested in taking on this project. If you are interested or would like to talk about the possibility of taking on this worthwhile project, please contact Michele Quinn at 385-6860 or michele@saintsplace.org.

Learning the Scriptures

The Gospel of Luke
Wednesdays February 24 - May 18 7:00-8:15 pm
Reddington Hall $16.00 RSVP*

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Saturdays February 27 - May 7 8:00-9:15 am
Reddington Hall $30.00 RSVP*

Bible Study ~ the Gospel of Matthew
Saturdays from 9:30-11:15 A.M.
February 27, March 5 & 19, April 2, 9, 16 & 30, May 7
Reddington Hall $35 RSVP*

*RSVP to 585-586-5675

St Louis Knights of Columbus Council Meeting Monday, March 21
Parish Meeting Hall
Rosary at 6:45 pm
Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

Our agenda includes a discussion of the up and coming Membership drive on April 16th & 17th at all Masses.
We had a new member, Mark Abbott, take his 1st Degree.
Joseph Salipante, Stan Hessey as well as Mark took their 2nd Degree at Webster Council on February 11th.
We congratulate them on taking their next step to full Knighthood.

On March 12th there will be a 3rd Degree (Knighthood Degree) at Canandaigua. The Bishop’s Burse will also be held that day with a dinner honoring Our Bishop.

At our last meeting several things were brought up as council presented checks for the Project Rachel proceeds from the Chocolate Rose Sale.

Nominations were held and the following Members were nominated:
Grand Knight: Dick Hilliard
Deputy Grand Knight: Mike DeCocq
Chancellor: Dan Dwyer
Warden: Joe Salipante
Treasurer: Joe DiPrima
Recorder: Open
Guard: Ron Serio
Trustee: 3 Years Rick Whelehan

All offices are for one year. Nominations are not closed till the election at the May Meeting. Every office can be contested except the Financial Secretary who is appointed by the Supreme Council.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St Louis Council can pick up one of the applications in the hall or contact one of our members. If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Knight, Rick Whelehan at 585-442-6257 or e-mail: wheels282@frontier.net.

Day of Penance and Mercy
March 9, 2016 ~ 12:30-7:30 pm
St. Louis and most parishes are offering confessions during this time.

Go to: http://forgiven.dor.org

To find an examination of conscience (for adults, for children and for teens) and information about how to go to confession.
### Lent 2016

#### Confessions Every Saturday 3:00 - 4:15 PM

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### You’re Invited!

**Tri-Parish Lenten Retreat ~ This Week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**  
St. Louis, St. Catherine of Siena and Church of the Transfiguration

**The Ladder of the Beatitudes**  
Presented by Rev. William J. Jarema

Fr. Bill Jarema is an author, psychotherapist and international retreat director. He is the founder of the Mercy Center for Healing the Whole Person in Colorado Springs, Colorado and the Society of Missionaries of Mercy (A Lay Catholic Movement – USA). Pope John Paul II’s, encyclical “Rich in Mercy” was a defining encounter for Fr. Bill giving vision and shaping Fr. Bill’s hopes and dreams for the Society of Missionaries of Mercy and is the cornerstone of the Mercy Center for Healing the Whole Person. Each missionary of Mercy, clergy & laity, men & women, married and single is dedicated to the vow of conversion of life and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

**March 7, 8 and 9** 9:00 am Morning Mass Followed by Discussion. All three morning sessions will be at Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford

**March 7** 7:00 pm Evening Session followed by reception, St. Louis, 64 S. Main St., Pittsford  
**March 8** 7:00 pm Evening Session followed by reception, St. Catherine of Siena, 26 Mendon-Ionia Rd., Mendon  
**March 9** 7:00 pm Evening Session followed by reception, Church of the Transfiguration
Hungering to Learn in Honduras

Mayra's Story: Two years ago, Mayra was not a star student. She was very shy in the classroom and struggled with simple math and reading lessons. She often missed homework assignments and, some days, did not go to school. Her teacher noticed and enrolled Mayra in the school’s tutoring program. In the months that followed, Mayra and Fabricio, her tutor and classmate, spent many afternoons practicing reading and writing stories together. They made up games to practice math. And when they were done, they jumped rope and played in their neighborhood. In the process, the two became good friends. “Fabricio never looked down at me because I had trouble learning,” says Mayra. “He always treated me well.”

The extra attention was what Mayra really needed. She lives with her grandmother, Lucia, who works hard to take care of Mayra. She picks coffee on a nearby farm and does laundry to earn money to put food on the table. But this means she doesn’t always have time to help Mayra with her school work. In fact, like many people her age, Lucia cannot read. That’s why Fabricio’s help was so important. Today, Mayra is proud of her reading and math skills. She does her homework and goes to class on time. She is more confident and has a new group of friends. Mayra wants to be a teacher one day. But first, she will become a tutor so she can help her classmates—just as Fabricio helped her.

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, we remember that human beings are social by nature—we need each other. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together and grow as a community—whether that community is in our classroom, workplace or family.

Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

The Psalms are ancient biblical prayers, revered by both Jews and Christians, that call upon God with very complicated human emotions: often confidence and joy, but also sadness, discouragement, anger and even hatred.

Theme: Violence

Speakers: Samara Sofien, Director of Education, Temple Beth El and Professor Mark Brummitt, Colgate Rochester Divinity School

Wednesday, March 9, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, 441 East Ave.

Free of charge and all are welcome. Seating is limited.

Holy Week Assistance Needed

March 19 - March 26, 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 19/20: 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, March 24:
___9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
___7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, (practice to be scheduled)
____Eucharistic Ministers
____Lectors

Good Friday, March 25:
___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

Holy Saturday, March 26:
___9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
___7:30 pm Easter Mass and Vigil
____Assist with the lighting ceremony
____Serve as Usher
____Readers of the Scriptures
____Eucharistic Minister
____Altar Server

Easter Sunday, March 27:
(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
____Eucharistic Minister
____Usher
____Altar Server

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Great Opportunities

Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference

**Love One Another**
Saturday, March 12, 2016
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, NY
Doors open at 7 AM, Mass at 8 AM w/Bishop Matano
Speakers include Sr. Clare Matthias of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Kelly Wahlquist, author of *Created to Relate: God’s Design for Peace & Joy* and Marcus Grodi, host of *The Journey Home on EWTN*.

Register now at www.Rochesterwwc.org. $50 Admission includes lunch. $35 discounted ticket for young adults (18-25 years old) includes lunch.

Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) simply means “rediscovery.” This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Sometimes bad things happen in the best relationships – car accidents, depression, severe illness, death in the family. These things can affect your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for trouble have successfully saved their marriages by attending Retrouvaille. Couples are never asked to share about their problems, but they will learn to communicate with their spouse about their difficulties. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House on March 18-20, 2016, please call 585-293-1552 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Beginning Experience of Rochester Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced Catholics

Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated, and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend program will be held at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, April 22-24, 2016. For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Young Adults, Don’t Miss Out

Theology on Tap
Monday Nights at 7:00 pm
Beale New Orleans Grille Bar
689 South Ave., Rochester 14620
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March 7, Mass: The Greatest Mercy
With Fr. Matthew Jones, Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface/St. Mary’s

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith.

Women at the Foot of the Cross: A Benefit Performance for Refugees
Monday, March 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, St. Ambrose Church, (Empire Blvd at Culver Rd)

Have you ever wondered about the profound pain and suffering of the women disciples as they watched the crucifixion of their beloved Jesus? Have you ever considered how their pain might connect with so many refugees today who are also being crucified?

The “Women of the Well” will be telling their stories Come and hear from (1) the woman who anointed Jesus (Mark 14:1-9), (2) the wife of Pilate, named Claudia in the Tradition (Matthew 27:1-2 and 19), (3) one of the women of Jerusalem (Luke 23:26-28), (4) the women “looking on from a distance” (Mark 15:40-47), (5) Mary the mother of Jesus (John 19:25b-30), and (6) Mary of Magdala (John 19:25b, 41-42). After each proclamation of Scripture, the woman tells her story. Through liturgical dance (to the Suffering Servant of Handel’s Messiah) the women “looking on from a distance” make their story known.

Please join us for this benefit to support today’s refugees through the Catholic Relief Organization. Donations are gratefully accepted. Sponsored by the Faith in Action Network of the Greater Rochester Community of Churches.
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