Sin with a Capital ‘S’

Read St. Paul closely, and you can’t help but notice: when he uses the word sin, he isn’t always talking about specific things we have done or choices we have made. This week we hear ‘Through one man, sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, insomuch as all sinned.’ The ‘sin’ entering the world hardly sounds like a sin we have committed, which we later confess. In Romans, Paul personifies Sin and Death as tyrannical forces that have power over humans. It is almost as if these forces were waiting to be unleashed by Adam’s disobedience. Similarly, Grace and Righteousness are personified. These triumphant forces of God’s love are unleashed by the obedience of Christ. How do we understand Sin with a capital ‘S’? Jerome Murphy O’Connor brilliantly connects the concept to Paul’s experience.

A tentmaker would need a set of tools to ply his trade. During the 1st century, travel was not a safe proposition. On the road during his missionary journeys, Paul would have spent many a night in unsavory places. Paul wanted to be Christ-like, loving, and trusting. But each night, the likelihood of being robbed was great, and this world in which he lived would have made it almost impossible to trust. Lose his tools, and he would have been unable to support himself or continue his mission. Survival would force him to think somewhat selfishly, putting himself first. He hated having to think that way. But to do so comes as naturally as eating and drinking. That’s because Sin has entered the world, and created the human world we grow up in and live in. So one can speak of ‘collective sin’.

But St. Paul also had another experience. He was not sent to share the Good News as a lone ranger. Being baptized into Christ meant being part of the loving, mutually supportive community Christ brings together. He was sent by the community, with a co-worker, such as Timothy, or Barnabas, or even a team. They could watch out for one another, not needing to be so self-centered-for-safety. Hence Grace enters the picture.

These are not just abstract theological fine points. To understand the power of Sin, and our need for salvation, it is vital that we realize the impact of the world we live in. It is in our bones. While Jesus could face Satan in the desert and not be overpowered by Sin, on our own, we cannot. Sin with a capital ‘S’ doesn’t give us an excuse for sins with a small ‘s’. However, we do need to know what we are facing, know we can’t conquer Sin on our own. But Christ has conquered Sin, and through his power and the Grace he provides, we need not live under the power of Sin. Look inside the bulletin for more on Sin and Grace. More next week too, as we move into this holy season of Lent. God bless you and those you love, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - March 10
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
11:00 am Diamond Romano - Margie & Jerry Schmidt
5:15 pm Denis & Mary Connolly - Loyola & Jack Connolly

TUESDAY - March 11
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
6:45 am Jessie Ryan Losekan - Ronna Lao
11:00 am Walter Meyer - Ladies Bible Study
11:00 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of Our Parish

WEDNESDAY - March 12
Jn 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
11:00 am Dennis McCann - Adams Family
5:15 pm Michelle Peartree - Friends of Michelle

THURSDAY - March 13
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
6:45 am Alexander Gorski, Jr. - Faith Delehanty
11:00 am Ray Carew - Ron Serio & Family

FRIDAY - March 14
Day of Abstinence
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
11:00 am George Panikowski - Angel & Raj Verghese
5:15 pm Gloria Frisina - Barbara Thomas

SATURDAY - March 15
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
9:00 am Deceased Members of Trombetta Family - Family
4:30 pm William & Elizabeth Hopsicker-Dick & Donna Jamison

SUNDAY - March 16
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
7:30 am Frank & Thelma Merklinger - Children
9:00 am Mario DeFendis - Susan
11:00 am Wayne Harber - Nancy & Caroline Harber
5:00 pm Gloria Rintrona - Quagrello 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.

One lamp will burn for Kathy Borkhuis by the Spiegels.

Two lamps will burn for Gertrude Diamond by the St. Louis School Community.

Requiem Aeternam
Ann Ring
Robert Parker

Saturday & Sunday, March 15 & 16

Thank you, faithful servants!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Lectors</th>
<th>Eucharistic Ministers</th>
<th>Liturgical Assistants</th>
<th>Cantor</th>
<th>Altar Servers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>C. Rucci</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>J. Gerstner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>D. Wagner</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>J. Bergin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>S. Welch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 am</td>
<td>E. Tomer</td>
<td>R. Willison, S. Whitaker, P. Mallon, E. Whitaker, S. Carpentier, L. Iati, J. Eisenhart, J. Ferranti, C. Heffernan</td>
<td>Sr. Anne &amp; Rita</td>
<td>D. Yule</td>
<td>L. Graham</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>R. Strassel</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>L. Magguilli</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>J. Brandt</td>
<td>M. Lippa, M. Duffy, K. Hettrich, K. Murphy, Michelle Lessard, C. Potter, M. Murphy</td>
<td>M. E. Holvey</td>
<td>A. Payne</td>
<td>J. McAndrew</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>C. Aroesty</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Sunday Communion Service - March 16
The Highlands: Doris Wilmot  Heather Heights: Jim Haefner
Word for the Day: Etiology

Why do we do the things we do? How did this place get its name? Ancients had these questions, just as we do. Included in the Bible, especially the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures, are many ‘etiological stories’, stories that attempt to explain commonly observed phenomena, or to provide the explanation for how things got their name. (Tour guides are great for providing etiological stories. However, not every tour guide gives the same story!) Why do snakes crawl on the ground? Why are folks so afraid of snakes? Why must farming be so difficult? Why is childbirth so painful? Why are men and women drawn together, when the relationship can have so many complications? Along with making the theological points that God is the author of life, that we are formed from and have a relationship to the earth, but also have spirit and divine origin; along with wrestling with how and why sin came into the world, the second account of creation in chapter 2 of Genesis provides many of these other etiological explanations. Today we may have much more profound explanations about a primordial fear of snakes, whether invoking the collective unconscious, or evolutionary development (after all, many animals have a fear of snakes). In chapter 2 of Genesis, the author isn’t so much delving into a definitive history of the relationship of humans and serpents; it is more musing about the nature of things, to create an engaging story that leads to the theological, or important point: we are created by God, and have been given free will, and that always must include the possibility of choosing evil. Better for us this Lent to focus on the choices we are given, the nature of temptation, including ‘over-reaching’, and the extremely well known tendency to look for someone else to blame when our succumbing to temptation leads to an unwelcome result, than arguing about Adam, Eve, who we should blame then, and why there were two trees in the garden (tree of life and tree of the knowledge of good and evil). How much is passing on blame a habit I have acquired? Would ‘fasting’ from blaming others be a good choice for me to consider this Lent, with a goal of ongoing conversion?

Cut to the Chase

The lectionary, the book which organizes and lays out the readings we hear at Mass, sometimes provides a reading, and then an optional shortened version of the reading. At times the shorter version can leave out a few details that the person preaching may wish to include, so the longer form is important. (Hence our lectors know to ask the homilist which form to use.) The reason for using the shorter form is often that the full passage is so lengthy that it might exceed folks attention span. Today’s second reading is a different story. The letter to the Romans is St. Paul’s theological masterpiece. Yet some of the points are argued over multiple chapters, and very lengthy, challenging to follow by just listening. The short form today makes the essential point: through the choice of one person, Adam, sin entered the world, and ever since has become part of human nature. By the saving choice, the righteous act of one person, Christ, grace has come into the world, and is available to every person.

Alive and Powerful

Hebrews 4:12 puts it well: ‘...the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than the sharpest two edged sword.... ‘ Today in our Gospel, Jesus wields the sword of God’s Word to cut through the cunning of the devil’s temptations. One of the messages we could take home: the Word of God can help us cut through deceptive temptations, and lead us to make the right choices, choosing good and avoiding evil. Here is an image to consider: A sword mounted on the wall, which we have never handled, with which we have never parried, would be totally ineffective if an intruder entered our home. A Bible sitting on a shelf or a table, collecting dust, may be just as ineffective in defending us from the onslaught of temptation.

Looking Ahead:

Second Week in Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
You will be a blessing

2nd Reading: II Timothy 1:8b-10
We are called to a holy life

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
This is my beloved Son, listen to Him!

Please give generously during the annual second collection this weekend for Black, Native American and Hispanic ministries. Thank you for your support!
LAST WEEK AT ST. LOUIS

March 2, 2014

Attendance ............ 1,628
Collection ............. $17,403.00

The Count and the Amount

Every week, our faithful money counters offer their time on Monday morning (or Tuesday when Monday is a holiday) to count the collection, double check all the numbers, and provide the information for our office assistants to enter into the data base, so all can receive an accurate accounting at years end. God bless our counting team!

Have you ever worked in a bank? Is this a way you could offer some time in service of the parish? We could really use some additional volunteers, especially in these months when some of our counters are in Florida or elsewhere. Please give Birdie a call at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, if you would be able to assist in this task.

ST. LOUIS PARISH GALA

Saturday, April 26, 2014
Mark your calendars now!

WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

Our parish is participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. **Rice Bowls will be available after all masses this weekend, March 8 & 9. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family’s Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.**

**YOU’RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CRS RICE BOWL!**

Last year St. Louis Parish was the diocesan leader in Rice Bowl collections, donating an incredible $7,342! We are such a generous group of people! Let’s join together again and make 2014 the best year yet!

Join us for a light breakfast in the Reddington Hall Gym **after the 9am Mass this Sunday, March 9** for the: **BREAD FOR ALL – OPERATION RICE BOWL KICK-OFF!**

Pick up your Rice Bowl, participate in a special Rice Bowl Blessing with Fr. Bob, and enjoy prayerful Lenten reflections with friends and family! The event will serve homemade bread from St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality community supported bakery - Bread for All. Come and support this wonderful organization that features a bakers-in-training program allowing men and women in recovery learn skills to help them secure full-time employment. A perfect way to begin your Lenten journey!

Thank you!

Girl Scout Troop 60448 would like to thank everyone for donating 82 boxes of cookies to the US Troops. The girls are seniors in high school this year and would like to thank the St. Louis community for their generosity in helping the troop with this project. There are cookies left so if you would like to donate or would like a delivery to your home please call 451-8252.

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ISAIAH HOUSE

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT EMERGENCY TITHING

At times emergency situations arise that our tithing committee feel compelled to respond to, yet the committee meets quarterly, addressing and scheduling tithing requests three months at a time. Last year, we established an 'Emergency Tithing Fund', so that it would be possible to respond when tornadoes, floods or other such emergency situations cry out for a response, like the emergency heating fund request from Bishop Matano. We were able to send in a contribution from the emergency tithing fund even before we took up the second collection. In this way, a weekly tithe can be sent out immediately, without having to juggle the schedule or wait for a collection which could be tithed. A few weekly tithes in this fund will make it possible to address major disasters when the help is most needed.
CATHOLICISM 101

What model of sin do you follow?

Sin has a new look! There was a time when Catholics thought that living morally was mostly a matter of obeying the law, the divine law or commandments of God, the Church law or the natural laws expressed in the moral teaching of the Church. “It’s in the Bible” or “The church says so” were often our most important reasons for being moral. Well like most things how we decide if we are living a moral life has changed!

Responsibility has replaced obligation as the primary characteristic of the moral life. Shifts in philosophy have emphasized the dignity of person and the value of sharing life in society. These shifts and a shift in theology support a relational model of the moral life. The relational model emphasizes a person's responsibility for protecting the bonds of peace and justice that sustain human relationship. Here are the two models:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Legal Model</th>
<th>Relational Model</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Law-oriented</td>
<td>Value-oriented</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimalist</td>
<td>Quality of relationships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Act-centered</td>
<td>Conversion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What am I doing?</td>
<td>Who am I becoming?</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Following the relational model of sin, the penitent senses how he is affecting the quality of life and love in his primary relationships. He also understands what he can do to move closer to God. This emphasizes responsibility to others over traditional overemphasis on what is allowed or forbidden by law. Rather than focusing just on committing sinful acts, it shows that sin is also an omission; a failure to do what ought to be done. This model does not do away with sin, but admits that sin is very much with us and touches us more deeply than we realize. Greed, violence, corruption, poverty hunger, sexism and oppression are too prevalent to ignore. Sin is first a matter of a selfish heart—a refusal to care—before it shows itself in actions. Because loving God and loving our neighbor are all tied together, sin will always be expressed in and through our relationships.

(“Understanding Sin Today”, Richard M. Gula, S.S.)

God Alone Is God

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday’s Gospel as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her.
Lent and More

Time of Lent

Lent is the time leading us to the celebration of Easter. It is a time of listening to the Word of God, of conversion. Some prepare for baptism, we all remember Baptism. We celebrate reconciliation with God and with others.

Just as the ancient people of Israel marched for forty years in the wilderness to enter the Promised Land, the Church, the new people of God, prepare for forty days to celebrate the Lord's Passover, and our entry into that Easter mystery. While it is a penitential season, it's not a sad and depressing time. This is a special time of purification and renewal of Christian life, in order to participate more fully and joyfully in the Paschal Mystery of the Lord.

Lent is a privileged time to intensify the path of conversion itself. This path involves cooperating with grace, to kill the old person at work in us, breaking the sin that dwells in our hearts. We move away from all that separates us from the Plan of God, and therefore our happiness and fulfillment. Lent is one of four special times of the liturgical year; each leads us deeper into the life of Christ. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, a path to Easter.

Lent is a "strong" time, preparing for a "stronger" yet: Easter time. Lent can prepare us for Easter first, through contemplation of Jesus' Passover, and on the other hand, personal participation in the Passover of the Lord through repentance and celebration or preparation for the Easter sacraments - baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, Eucharist, with which incorporate our life to the Passover of the Lord Jesus.

Join the "paschal mystery" of Christ, participating in the mystery of his death and resurrection. Do not forget that Baptism makes us share in the death and resurrection of the Lord. Lent ensures that baptismal dynamic (death to life) is lived more deeply. We die for our sin, rising with Christ to true life: "I tell you, unless a grain of wheat ... dies it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

Victor Sanchez, Seminarian, victor13_64@hotmail.com

Accept God's invitation! Plan to go to Confession during Lent. To learn more about this Sacrament of Healing go to http://Forgiven.dor.org and plan to celebrate on March 25 or anytime during Lent.

Lent is a good time to join other teens and to grow deeper in your faith. Spend some time with us and with God over the next six weeks. On Easter morning you will be happy you did. Here is a schedule of upcoming events.

See you soon. Mr. McBride

Victor Sanchez, Seminarian, victor13_64@hotmail.com

Life! in Focus

God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come, from our heart, should start at home: with our family, our neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone.

Mother Teresa: In My Own Words compiled by Jose Luis Gonzalez-Balado

Suggested Action: begin today doing one unexpected act of kindness each day for someone near you

Youth Group

Lent can prepare us for Easter first, through contemplation of Jesus' Passover, and on the other hand, personal participation in the Passover of the Lord through repentance and celebration or preparation for the Easter sacraments - baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, Eucharist, with which incorporate our life to the Passover of the Lord Jesus.

Lent is the time leading us to the celebration of Easter. It is a time of listening to the Word of God, of conversion. Some prepare for baptism, we all remember Baptism. We celebrate reconciliation with God and with others.

Just as the ancient people of Israel marched for forty years in the wilderness to enter the Promised Land, the Church, the new people of God, prepare for forty days to celebrate the Lord's Passover, and our entry into that Easter mystery. While it is a penitential season, it's not a sad and depressing time. This is a special time of purification and renewal of Christian life, in order to participate more fully and joyfully in the Paschal Mystery of the Lord.

Lent is a privileged time to intensify the path of conversion itself. This path involves cooperating with grace, to kill the old person at work in us, breaking the sin that dwells in our hearts. We move away from all that separates us from the Plan of God, and therefore our happiness and fulfillment. Lent is one of four special times of the liturgical year; each leads us deeper into the life of Christ. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, a path to Easter.

Lent is a "strong" time, preparing for a "stronger" yet: Easter time. Lent can prepare us for Easter first, through contemplation of Jesus' Passover, and on the other hand, personal participation in the Passover of the Lord through repentance and celebration or preparation for the Easter sacraments - baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, Eucharist, with which incorporate our life to the Passover of the Lord Jesus.

Join the "paschal mystery" of Christ, participating in the mystery of his death and resurrection. Do not forget that Baptism makes us share in the death and resurrection of the Lord. Lent ensures that baptismal dynamic (death to life) is lived more deeply. We die for our sin, rising with Christ to true life: "I tell you, unless a grain of wheat ... dies it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

Victor Sanchez, Seminarian, victor13_64@hotmail.com

Accept God's invitation! Plan to go to Confession during Lent. To learn more about this Sacrament of Healing go to http://Forgiven.dor.org and plan to celebrate on March 25 or anytime during Lent.
**WE PRAY THROUGH LENT**

**Tri-Parish Retreat: “Be Still & Know that I am God”**

These Lenten Reflections (each morning OR evening) will attempt to help you to slow down and deepen your relationship with God. Give yourself a Lenten gift and set aside the time to be with us for this special presentation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>St. Louis</th>
<th>Church of the Transfiguration</th>
<th>St. Catherine of Siena</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>64 S. Main St., Pittsford</td>
<td>50 W. Bloomfield Rd., Pittsford</td>
<td>26 Mendon-Ionia Rd., Mendon</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Be STILL…**

How can we learn to quiet our hearts in this busy time and take time to listen to God?

**Tuesday, March 11**

- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. (following 9:00 a.m. Mass)
- OR
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Church of the Transfiguration**

**... and KNOW…**

How is it possible to really experience God in a meaningful way?

**Monday, March 10**

- 11:30 – 12:15 noon (following 11:00 a.m. Mass)
- OR
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**St. Catherine of Siena**

**Wednesday, March 12**

- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. (following 9:00 a.m. Mass)
- OR
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

---

**Presented by Dr. Joseph Kelly**

After teaching Scripture at St. Bernard’s Seminary for 11 years, Dr. Joseph Kelly joined the faculty at Nazareth College where he taught in the Religious Studies Department for 27 years. He now devotes his time to teaching Adult Education courses in scripture and theology in parishes and congregations throughout the Diocese of Rochester. He is also very active in ecumenical and interfaith work in Monroe County. Look for his article regarding Pope Francis’ idea that the Church is a Field Hospital in America Magazine this Spring. He and his wife, Pat, will soon celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary.

---

**WARM SOUP AND NOURISHING PRAYER**

Mark your calendars for our “Fridays in Lent” gatherings. The following are the prayer formats for each evening:

**Friday, March 14 ~ Father Bob Ring**

- Taize Prayer (7:00 pm)

**Friday, March 21 ~ St. Louis School 5th Grade**

- Stations of the Cross (7:00 pm)

**Friday, March 28 ~ Musica Spei**

- Musical Stations of the Cross (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 4 ~ St. Louis Faith Formation**

- Living Stations of the Cross (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 11**

- Evening Prayer (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 18 ~ St. Louis Parish Family**

- Tenebrae (7:30 pm)

---

**On Friday, April 11 a simple soup supper will be held beginning at 6:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall.** The soup supper will be a pot-luck style meal. Please RSVP on the Wednesday of that week; call Elizabeth (586-5675) at the Ministry Center. Let Elizabeth know if you will be bringing a crockpot of your favorite soup (remember meatless) to share and/or a loaf of bread. If you will be attending the prayer portion of the evening only you don’t need to RSVP.

The prayer portion of these evenings will begin at 7:00 pm in the Church with the exception of April 18, Tenebrae, which will begin at 7:30 pm. We know through Scripture that Jesus can be found in the breaking of the bread. Come and break bread and pray with other disciples who share our faith. Let’s get to know one another in these opportunities of a shared meal and prayer this Lent.
A Note from Mrs. Barr . . .

In spite of the cold weather and cloudy skies, the sun is shining at St. Louis School! Our registration is going very well. We are welcoming new families almost daily! How fortunate we are to have a quality school that can support our faith each day in the lives of our children.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended the St. Louis School GALA last week. It was fun to gather with our school families and parishioners in support of our school. The event was very successful. We will use the funds raised for tuition assistance and to continue to enhance our technology program and curriculum programs throughout the school.

Many thanks to our organizing committee, Catherine and Rob Anania, Sarah and John Blake, and Dawn and Jim Schnell.

God’s Blessings,

Mrs. Fran Barr,  
Principal

Gala 2014 “Forever in Blue Jeans” was a tribute to Neil Diamond featuring Mark Thomas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:  
Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross presented by Fifth Grade Students, St. Louis Church

St. Louis School  
11 Rand Place, Pittsford, NY 14534  
585-586-5200 • SLSPittsford.org  

Academic Excellence  
for children in preschool through Grade 6
The Most Reverend Salvatore Matano will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. To register, please send your name and complete mailing address to Sylvia Mancuso at smancuso@dor.org or call her at 1-800-388-7177 x1295, or 585-328-3228 x1295. Many married couples spend the winter in warmer climates – so their families are encouraged to register them!

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. So many couples struggle alone with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in their marriage. You are NOT alone. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House on April 11-13, 2014, please call 585-293-1552 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com


Come and participate in Jesus final journey to Jerusalem and to reflect on the loving witness of the Savior’s mission.

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation. The $25 fee includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9:00 am with refreshments and concludes with Mass at 2:00 pm.

Are you an active youth ministry volunteer?
Certificate course, Principles of Youth Ministry is being offered at St. Bernard’s on March 21 from 6-9pm and March 22 from 9-3pm. The course develops the basic principles that underlie comprehensive parish youth ministry and explores the dynamics of adolescent faith development and appropriate youth programming. Cost is $100. Register at www.stbernards.edu, or by calling (585) 271-3657 ext. 289.

St. Patrick’s Day Benefit Concert for Benincasa Home for the terminally Ill in Mendon With Music by the Boughton Hill Band Friday, March 14, 6:30 - 10:00 pm Schnacky Center @ St. Catherine’s, 26 Mendon-Ionia Rd. Tickets $10 at the Door Pizza & Snacks, Cash Bar

Befriending Feelings Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 - 3:00pm at SSJ Motherhouse Exploring twelve-step spirituality and the tools it offers people who are in recovery or seeking a proven way of deepening their spiritual life.

Presenter: Sister Julie LeVeque (Grief Counselor; Retreat Presenter; Spiritual Director) To register: 585-641-8274 - Donation $20
PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

PARISH OFFICES - Ministry Center
64 S. Main Street, 14534
(585) 586-5675; Fax 387-9888

PASTORAL STAFF:
Rev. Robert Ring, Pastor, ext. 225
ring@dor.org
Deacon David Snyder, 586-5675
Victor Manuel Sánchez Durán,
Pastoral Year Seminarian
Victor13_64@hotmail.com
Stephanie Honz, Pastoral Associate for
Liturgy and Liturgical Music, ext. 251
shonz@dor.org
Christine Wensel, Pastoral Associate,
ext. 224, cwensel@dor.org
Bea Hack, Liturgy Coordinator, ext. 231
bhack@dor.org
Pat Spinelli, Parish Visitor, ext. 232
pspinelli@dor.org
Susan Payne,
Director of Faith Formation, ext. 233
spayne@dor.org
Peggy Lynge, Leader of Family Ministry,
ext. 230, plynge@dor.org
Dan McBride, Youth Minister
stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com
Robin Hill, Middle School Youth Minister,
586-0598, walimu@hotmail.com
Rev. Robert Ring, Pastor, ext. 225
ring@dor.org
Deacon David Snyder, 586-5675
Victor Manuel Sánchez Durán,
Pastoral Year Seminarian
Victor13_64@hotmail.com
Stephanie Honz, Pastoral Associate for
Liturgy and Liturgical Music, ext. 251
shonz@dor.org
Christine Wensel, Pastoral Associate,
ext. 224, cwensel@dor.org
Bea Hack, Liturgy Coordinator, ext. 231
bhack@dor.org
Pat Spinelli, Parish Visitor, ext. 232
pspinelli@dor.org
Susan Payne,
Director of Faith Formation, ext. 233
spayne@dor.org

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:
Sally Schrecker, Operations Manager,
ext. 235, sschrecker@dor.org
Birdie Proctor, Secretary/Bookkeeper,
ext. 227, bproctor@dor.org
Elizabeth Finn, Secretary, ext. 223
efinn@dor.org
Barbara Thomas, Bulletin Editor, ext. 236
bthomas@dor.org
Jeffrey Stid, Chair,
Parish Council, 752-8272
James Schnell, Chair,
Finance Council, 267-7295
Suzy Ward, Chair
Stewardship Council 746-5676

Stephen Ministry,
Confidential Hotline, 586-5675, ext. 324
Elizabeth Ministry, 586-5675, ext. 345
Colleen Knauf, Director, Saint’s Place
46 S. Main St.
Phone: 385-6860, Fax: 385-3963
saintlady@saintsplace.org
In Residence at the Rectory:
Fr. Ray Booth
Fr. Al Delmonte
Msgr. Gerard Krieg
Fran Barr, Principal,
St. Louis School, 11 Rand Place
Phone: 586-5200 fbarr@dor.org
http://slspittsford.org/

Find us on Facebook:
http://www.facebook.com/stlouischurchpittsford

Page Ten
St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
March 9, 2014