**Building Toward Pentecost**

There are so many ways to explore the Sunday readings! At times, one story, one paragraph, one image, one sentence, even one phrase can capture our attention, leading us to hear God speaking directly to us; just the message we need. At other times, we may begin to see how the first reading and the Gospel connect, or may discover other connections, such that one reading helps interpret the other, and vice versa. Occasionally we may see a theme that seems to be woven through each of the readings.

Today, consider yet another possibility. It can also be fruitful and enriching to take a longer view: how the readings over a number of Sundays may be building upon each other, as we journey week to week. That is certainly true if you look at this Sunday’s scripture readings, those for the Feast of the Ascension, and the readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter, culminating in Pentecost.

Last week’s readings lay the groundwork. Though the Spirit wasn’t explicitly mentioned, the Holy Spirit was in the background of Paul’s journeys, of John’s vision of the new world possible in light of the resurrection, and in Jesus’ words about glorification. This week, the implicit is made explicit: the Acts of the Apostles tell us that at major turning points in the life of the community, the solution to a conflict was “the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours”. In the Gospel, Jesus specifically speaks of sending the Holy Spirit, and also speaks of what the Holy Spirit will do: “will teach you everything, and remind you of what I told you.” That’s very practical. Have you experienced the Holy Spirit reminding you of Jesus’ teaching or example just when you were in need of some guidance? I hope so!

The Holy Spirit will be in evidence more strongly yet when we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, this Thursday. Luke writes more about the Holy Spirit than any other writer in Scripture, telling us how the Holy Spirit truly directed the growth and life of the early church. While the Gospel won’t use the words ‘Holy Spirit’, being ‘clothed with power from on high’ happens through no other agency. Then next Sunday we will hear explicitly about the Spirit in the first two readings, and hear about the work of the Spirit in the Gospel.

The climax comes with Pentecost. The first reading from Acts of the Apostles will provide powerful images for the sending of the Spirit. St. Paul tells us about living in the Spirit, and in the Gospel, Jesus will circle back to let us know we will not be left alone – the Holy Spirit will keep us in touch with Jesus even after he has taken his place at the right hand of God.

So we can see how, after the resurrection, there was an ever growing awareness of the Holy Spirit. May our awareness of the Spirit in our life grow as well! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - May 2**
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a  
11:00 am Dorothy Bowen -  
Alan Caretta  
5:15 pm Art Bell - VFW Post 6105  
**Tuesday - May 3**  
1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
6:45 am Don Mattice -  
VFW Post 6105  
11:00 am Leon Proctor - Alan Caretta  
**Wednesday - May 4**  
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
11:00 am Sr. Margaret Louise Snider -  
Betsy DeBloom  
2:45 pm Mass at the Highlands Living  
Center for the People of the Parish  
**Anticipation Mass for Holy Day**  
5:15 pm Jamila Reaves -  
VFW Post 9251  
**Ascension Thursday - May 5**  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Acts 1:1-11/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or  
Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53  
6:45 am John J. Connolly -  
VFW Post 16  
9:10 am St. Louis School Mass  
Martin Wuest - School  
11:00 am Dr. & Mrs. William J. O’Neil -  
Family  
**First Friday - May 6**  
11:00 am John Ripton -  
Thursday Night Holy Hour Group  
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands  
Laurelwood for the Residents and Staff  
5:15 pm Pat & Nelly O’Connor -  
Mary C. Murphy  
**Saturday - May 7**  
9:00 am Anthony J. Costello -  
Tom & Barbara Miller  
4:30 pm Ida Tasciotti -  
Family  
**Sunday - May 8**  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 17:20-26  
7:30 am Francesca Leonardo -  
Daughter  
9:00 am Jessie Capuano -  
Family  
11:00 am Marie Mahar -  
Son, Dick  
5:00 pm Irene DeSantis -  
Joe & Megan DiPasquale  

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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.

*One lamp will burn  
In Memory of Anne Schmidt  
By Schmidt Family.*

All are welcome to spend an hour this May 6, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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**Pray for**

**Those Struggling With Depression**

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**Saturday & Sunday, May 7 & 8**

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**Sunday Communion Service - May 8**

The Highlands - Darlene Huver  
Heather Heights - Joe & Diane Salipante
Working Out the Kinks
As more and more Gentiles came to believe in Jesus, ready to become part of the community, the issue of whether they needed to abide by all of the laws of the Jewish tradition became quite hot. Did they need to convert to Judaism to become Christian? Our first reading reflects the decision on how to move into the future. Notice: they believed that if they approached the question prayerfully, debated back and forth, and came to an answer the majority could live with, the Holy Spirit could be recognized in the process. That the answer proved as effective as it did, confirms: the Holy Spirit guided the whole process.

Rich Imagery
Twelve tribes of Israel, 12 apostles, is it any wonder that John’s vision of the Holy City included 12 angels, 12 gates, twelve courses of stone for the foundation? Clearly the bond between the old and the new is revealed in this short passage. Even more inspiring? Why need a temple - God is the temple. No need for reflected light - Jesus is the light.

The Gift of the Spirit
As we move closer to Pentecost, John alerts us in our Gospel today that Jesus will be sending the Holy Spirit. How do we apply that the Holy Spirit “will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you.”? Praying to the Holy Spirit before reading the Bible, or other study of the faith is good. So too, praying to the Spirit when we are trying to sort things out.

Looking Ahead:
Seventh Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit
2nd Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Receive the gift of life-giving water
Gospel: John 17:20-26
That all may be one

Please join us…
St. Louis School
Ascension Thursday Mass
May 5th, 2016
9:10am
All are welcome

Ascension Thursday
Mass Schedule
May 4th - 5:15pm (Anticipation)
May 5th - 6:45am
May 5th - 9:10am (School)
May 5th - 11:00am

Save the Date!
Saturday, May 7
6:30—9 pm

Join us as we celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month! Bishop Salvatore Matano will preside at the Opening Mass immediately followed by a reception and a taste of Asian cultures.

St. Patrick’s Church
115 Maple Ave, Victor

For more information:
Elizabeth Johnston
(585) 328-3210 ext. 1358
ojohnston@cor.org

This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Cultural Diversity and the Asian Leadership Commission.
I Will
In years past, lawyers or financial advisors assisting someone with their will would have almost automatically asked "Do you plan on leaving anything to support your church (or synagogue)?" As a result, including the church in one's will was quite common. Many a retired priest can tell of a time when the roof was leaking, a boiler needed to be replaced, or some other emergency arose, and miraculously, the money appeared just in time through a bequest. Have you considered including a bequest to St. Louis Church, our school, or Saint's Place in your will? Have you suggested to family that, in your obituary, you would like to encourage friends or family to make a contribution to St. Louis? In this Easter season, pray about it please.

We are in need of adults to serve as volunteer money counters on teams that count, record, and prepare reports for weekend and other collections. The time commitment is Monday mornings for 2 or 3 hours, every other week. If interested, please contact Laurie Martin at lmartin@dor.org or 585-586-5675, ext. 222.

Update on Fr. Rick Frechette's accident:
Our parish friend, priest and physician, world renowned for his astronomical accomplishments among the poorest of Haiti was in a serious accident while on his return from his customary weekly burials. He is recuperating in Miami and most grateful to all for your prayers. More info at http://www.nphusa.org/haiti.

Fr. Rick is looking forward to visiting us on the last weekend of August, the 27th and 28th. He will speak at all masses (except the 5 on Sunday.) There will be a "Cookie Meet and Greet" on Saturday, August 27th at 7 PM to which all are welcome! For more information, contact Marcia Mendola at marciaandnick@yahoo.com.
Congratulations 1st Communicants!
This past weekend, there was great joy for our First Communicants and their families. Please share the joy, congratulate these young ones receiving the Lord for the first time, and pray that it will be the beginning of a wonderful journey with Jesus, a life enriched, guided and fed through the sacraments! We recognize and send our blessings to the following young children:

Claire Babcock
Thomas Bailey
Christopher Bergholtz
Matthew Blake
Nicholas Brand
Samuel Byrne
Gabriel Casado
Owen Cavalier
Colin Clifford
Irene Cranston
Ryker Deege
Ryan DeJoy
Gianluca DelGaudio
Davenel Denis
Chase Dermody
Kelly Dykens
Jack Eilertsen
Aubrey Farr
Elise Flannery
Sadjie Flannery
Olivia Foggetti
William Foster
Henry Fox
Lauren Garsin

Lorenzo
Geminiani-Vega
Angela Gerstner
Isabella Giacobbi
Ryan Giacobbi
Charles Glazer
John Halstead
Abigail Maria Hansen
Justin Hanson
Mason Harrington
Peter Hoffman
Hunter Jones
Eleanora Koltz
Josephine Korten
Colin
Kosmicki-Zappolo
Aidan Kress
Mads Kroll
Morgan LaTulipe
Colin MacPherson
Kirsten Matzky
Grace McKeown
Benjamin Merrill
Mairead Meyer
Mary Minnella
Jonathan Mintz
Madeline Moore
Kaylin Osborne
Grace Pepe
Elise Pinto
Kate Pinto
Jessie Powers
Calia Reder
Adrianna
Robinson-O’Connor
Kasyn Rogers
John Sciorrino
Steven
Schiortino
William Scott
Theresa
Sengenberger
Matthew
Stansbury
Ryan Steeley
Samantha
Stern

Sophia Tallarico
Parker Taylor
Elinor VanDusen
Brady Wachob
Liam Watt
Alexander Weimer
Reid Wilson
Shaila Yadar-Lapizco
Benjamin Zombek

Confirmation Make-Up (Attention 8th Graders!)
If you weren’t able to attend Saturday Confirmation prep we will be offering make-ups on the following dates:

- For those who missed the First Session on March 5, make up is **Sunday - May 15th** (1:45-4:45pm, in the Parish Meeting Hall)
- For those who missed the Second Session on March 19, make up is **Sunday - May 22nd** (1:45-4:45pm, in the Parish Meeting Hall)

We will attend 5:00pm mass afterward.
UNTOLD BLESSING
Three Paths to Holiness

John the Baptist’s statement, “Christ must increase and I must decrease,” defines what it means to be holy. The journey to sanctity involves knowing the truth about yourself and allowing God to work through you for the good of his creation.

Explore the three paths to holiness with Bishop Robert Barron: finding the center, knowing you are a sinner, and recognizing that your life is not about you.

Learn more about this journey by participating in Bishop Barron’s study program, Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness.

www.WordOnFire.org • UntoldBlessing.com

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Fr. Al Delmonte’s Vocation Story

In the 4th grade at St. Mary School, Auburn, NY, like my older brothers before me, I became an altar server. Father Dennis W. Hickey, later to become Bishop Hickey, was the young assistant pastor in charge of training new altar servers and taught us our first Latin prayers. I loved serving Mass. I never missed an assignment. Assignments for daily Mass were from Monday to Friday and if the early Mass was assigned to me, my parents never had to call me twice to rise from my bed because I wanted to serve. Among the priests living and ministering at St. Mary parish, I particularly liked serving at Fr. Mickey’s Mass because of his obvious devotion to the Eucharist. The seed of my vocation to the ministerial priesthood was planted then. I simply felt drawn to what the priest was doing at the altar - it’s very clear in my memory. I also served at weddings and was a member of one of the parish funeral crews. When I went to high school I continued all four years to volunteer for the Sunday Mass schedule.

In high school, I was part of the dating scene, went to the proms and other school dances, and even had a "steady" girl friend. But always in the back of my mind was, I believe, a call from God to be a priest. I made it known to the school's principal who was a priest and he encouraged me to pursue the call, which I did, and enrolled in first year college at St. Andrew Minor Seminary here in Rochester. During that year I discovered that I was nostalgic for the dating, socializing scene and that maybe marriage and raising a family was my real vocation, so I left the seminary at the end of the first year to pursue other goals. My parents were disappointed, but they never criticized my decision and continued to support my interest in another career.

Going back to college was priority " A " for me, but fiscally my parents would not be able to make that happen. My first job in my quest to save money was as a laborer for a building contractor whose daughter I was dating! In terms of financial security for matriculation, I knew I had to do something more, so I volunteered for the military draft in order to procure the benefits of the G.I. Bill of Rights. My thought, my inclination, my goal was to study communication, specifically radio/TV broadcasting. Walter Cronkite was my idol! That, I thought, was what I wanted to do with my life.

While I was serving in the U.S. Army as a Combat Engineer building pontoon bridges (engineering was the farthest goal from my mind!), I began to think again of the priesthood and went one evening to chat with the Catholic chaplain at the Post Chapel at Ft. Knox, KY where I was stationed. In short, he encouraged me to give it another try, and I remember walking back to the barracks that night feeling very happy, very much at peace. The seminary authorities here in Rochester accepted my re-application for studies.

It was, at first, a difficult readjustment to seminary life, but I really felt that this was God's call, this was where I was supposed to be, and God gave me the grace of perseverance. I was ordained a priest by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey on June 6, 1964.

I can render no new, revealing insights regarding the challenges the Church faces with the shortage of priests or the paucity of vocations. What I do know is that I am very happy to be a priest. Every night in prayer, without fail, I thank God for the gift of my vocation. I cannot describe the joy I feel when I preside at Eucharist, when I rejoice with a penitent in celebrating God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, when I baptize a baby or an adult, or when I see God's healing power at work in the Sacrament of the Sick. I will never be wealthy, nor will I ever be powerful as this world defines power, but I would not trade what I am and what I do for anything.

Join Us!

St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group

Mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy, but there is hope. St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group is a support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love.

- Begins Saturday, April 30 and will run for 6 weeks
- Meets on the St. Louis Church campus
- Sessions meet from 9:45 to 11:00am
- Offers a safe place to share your grief with others
- Provides love and support to help in the healing process

Be uplifted knowing the Lord blesses those who mourn.

Come and make new friends who are facing similar losses.

Let’s walk this journey together. For more information contact Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org.

SAVE THE DATES

FOR FRUIT OF THE VINE

We have two interesting speakers scheduled for Fruit of the Vine. The evenings begin at 7:00pm with a wine and cheese reception. Our speakers begin at 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome. Join us in the Parish Meeting Hall for an evening of friends, fellowship and enlightening speakers.

Tuesday, May 17
Father Bob Kennedy
“Will the Church Ever Change?”

Tuesday, June 14
Noëlle Hiester:
“Severe Mercy”
**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 Rochester, NY 14620

**May 2: Wait! How Many Gifts of the Holy Spirit Are There?**  
With Leslie Barkin, Youth Minister, St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon

**May 9, Pentecost: Jewish & Christian Traditions**  
With Fr. George Heyman, President & Associate Professor in Biblical Studies, St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry

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

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**Mass of Healing for Miscarriage and Infant Loss**

Saturday, May 7, 2016  
9:00 am

Church of St. Jerome, East Rochester  
Celebrant: Rev. William Leone

Light refreshments in the Church Hall immediately following.

The Church provides a means for mourning and support through the Liturgy of the Mass. Parents and siblings, grandparents, family members and friends are all welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of their child(ren).

If you cannot attend but would like to be included in a support group specific to Catholic miscarriage and infant loss or for further information please contact:  
Janene Loughran 329-1974 or janene_loughran@yahoo.com

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**First Friday**

You are invited to attend a **Year of Mercy First Friday Mass** on May 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester. This First Friday Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Confessions until 8:00 p.m., is the fifth in a series of special Masses to be held every month during the Year of Mercy (Dec. 8, 2015-Nov. 20, 2016).

Pope Francis has declared that passing through the Holy Door of Mercy, located in our Diocese at the inside center entrance of the Cathedral, will offer the possibility of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence, a remission of the temporal punishment due to sins, by participating in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist, praying for the Holy Father’s personal intentions, and praying the Profession of Faith (the Creed).

For more information and a complete schedule of the special Masses at the Cathedral, visit www.dor.org.
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