We Teach It All

Of the seven parishes I have served full time, four have had a Catholic school. Trained as a priest, I’ve seen clearly how, as I mentioned in last weekend’s homily, Catholic schools help children grow in the ‘eulogy virtues’. Prayer each day, working religion into various subjects, school Masses, other prayer services and liturgies, praying for those who are ill, making rosaries, various blessings, Mission Day, and most importantly, an atmosphere that says ‘our school family is a family of faith’, all of these help to form and shape children in goodness and holy ways that can last a lifetime.

What surprises me over and over, however, is that not only do Catholic schools excel in spiritual and moral development, they also are often on the cutting edge in other aspects of education as well. I am delighted to announce that our school is embarking on a new initiative that is on the cutting edge of approaches to academics. Work is underway right now to implement a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) approach. Just as Catholic schools have traditionally found ways to weave spiritual and moral learning into the entire curriculum, so a STEM approach is one that weaves scientific method, technology, and problem solving, engineering ways of thinking, and math into each subject. No expert myself, let me try to explain it as I understand it. The class does a science experiment. They learn scientific method, they use technology in the experiment, and to record results. Math also is used for measurements and analyzing the results. They write up what they have learned, and share it with others, using English language arts and communication skills. An effective way to learn!

It’s an exciting time for our school! While letting go of 6th grade hasn’t been easy, in the big picture, it helps us focus more fully on early childhood education and doing pre-school through 5th grade exceptionally well. It helps us support the wider Catholic school system, with junior highs which now are designed to serve 6th grade students. It also opened up space for a new science lab. Watch for details, as this new program takes off at St. Louis School!

Can you be a part of this new chapter? Absolutely! Look inside for information about the Trek for Tech Walk-a-Thon on May 29th. Be a sponsor. Walk. Get a great meal from Sticky-lips. Or, ask about making a leadership gift, or buying a brick in our campaign. We know many folks in our parish value the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics – if a sound education in these areas has contributed to your success, consider paying it forward.

Join me in a profound thank you to our Principal, Fran Barr, our school board, our teachers and staff, and all who give so much to make our school such a great learning, growing, living and loving environment. Peace to you all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - MAY 11**
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
11:00 am John Hoenig - Saint’s Place
5:15 pm Ginny Krieg - Sue Tierney

**TUESDAY - MAY 12**
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
6:45 am People Facing Serious Illness
11:00 am In Honor of St. Ann for a Special Intention - Ann Ricci
11:00 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 13**
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
11:00 am In Honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci

Anticipation Mass for Holy Day
5:15 pm Fr. Robert G. Smith - Judith Krehl

**ASCENSION THURSDAY - MAY 14**
Holy Day of Obligation
6:45 am For All Military Veterans
9:10 am St. Louis School Mass
John Flannery - Roger & Maria Powers
11:00 am Andy Eilertsen - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

**FRIDAY - MAY 15**
11:00 am Dick Schmidt - Family
5:15 pm Ginny Krieg - Judith Krehl

**SATURDAY - MAY 16**
9:00 am Tom O’Connor - Mary Jane Schwind
4:30 pm Irene Stephany - Ruth Tracy

**SUNDAY - MAY 17**
7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 26c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
7:30 am Anna (Toot) Sanger - Niece, Joan Auger
9:00 am Andy Eilertsen - The Quatela Family
11:00 am Dr. Gerard Joyce, DDS - The Crerand Family
5:00 pm Judene Baglieri - LuAnne & Marybeth

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**Requiem Aeternam**

*Carol A. Bagley*

*Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni, Jr*

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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 16 & 17**

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**SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE - MAY 17**

The Highlands: Dick & Marcia Hilliard  Heather Heights: Doris Wilmot

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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.

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*Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.*

Psalm 134:2
Wonders in Joppa
It’s quite the story. Cornelius, a centurion who was drawn to Judaism but hadn’t yet made the final step, has a vision. An angel tells him to send for Peter. Meanwhile Peter has a vision, telling him it is time to let go of the categories of clean and unclean, categories which kept Jews from associating with Gentiles. While thinking about what it means, the Spirit tells him to answer the door and go with the folks asking for him. Both men take the visions seriously. The delegation from Cornelius finds Peter, tell their story, and off Peter goes. Peter shares the Gospel with Cornelius’ household, and the Holy Spirit fills them all. It is enough to make it clear to Peter that these Gentiles should be baptized. The rest is history.

What do we see at work here? That God offers guidance through visions, through the Spirit, in intuitive ways. Men of faith take inspiration seriously and act on it. The result in this case: salvation for Cornelius and his household, growth of the church, and the discovery that the Holy Spirit had something new in mind. How does the Holy Spirit bring people together today, even folks who wouldn’t ordinarily associate with one another? Do we take inspirations seriously, even if they challenge our preconceived ideas? What doors might open if we did allow God’s plan to seep into our consciousness more often?

Where is God?
John doesn’t hesitate to share what he has discovered. First, look at the life of Jesus. God sent his Son to us, and Jesus offered his life on our behalf: there is God! It all begins with God loving us, sending the Son, redeeming us. Once we believe, our love for God begins to blossom. Being loved and loving God leads to our love for others. Wherever we see true, self-giving love, God is present. John tells us over and over, God is love. Where or when have you recently seen the kind of love that points to the presence of God?

Now We Remain
Last weekend, this weekend, Jesus repeats over and over through John’s letters and Gospel: remain in my love. How do we practically take the message to heart? Each day when we pray, centering ourselves in God’s love should be part of the process, as well as a fruit of our time in prayer. Some days that may be difficult. Distraction rushes in. Or anger, disappointment or hurt simmer below the surface. The wrong memories push aside memories of goodness and God’s blessing. We can take this Gospel to heart today by asking ourselves: when those things have happened in the past, and centering in God’s love was a struggle, what helped get me back on track? A walk, soaking in beauty? Music? A conversation with a friend? A psalm or Bible passage? The rosary? Knowing what worked in the past can be tremendously helpful when again we are finding ‘remaining in his love’ a challenge.
**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT HOUSE OF MERCY**

Mercy Spirituality Center offers a quiet place for holistic growth and healing. It is centered in an awareness of God's compassionate love and the hospitality of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. They provide opportunities for the formation of Christian leaders, to encourage people of all faiths to come and discern, claim, and respond to God's ongoing call.

Mercy Spirituality Center:
- offers a variety of daily, weekly and monthly spiritual opportunities for individuals, groups, parishes and organizations to discern, claim, and respond to God's ongoing call.
- has a lovely chapel which can accommodate 30 to 40 people comfortably; 12 bedrooms, large living and dining rooms and a beautiful library. Accommodations can be arranged for a stay of a few hours, overnight, or several days.
- Mercy Spirituality Center also hosts programs at other Rochester area locations including St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry.

For information about current spiritual offerings, call (585) 473-6893, email info@mercyprayercenter.org, or visit www.mercyprayercenter.org.

**QUICK ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL**

After the devastating earthquake in Nepal, Bishop Matano invited parishes to take up a second collection to assist Catholic Relief Services in their efforts to provide food, water, and help with long term recovery. Thanks to the recent changes in our tithing process, we had the money on hand to send a check from tithing immediately. Any additional assistance would be most welcome. Simply put an envelope in the collection next week with your name, address, and Nepal written on the outside and in the memo field of your check, and we will add that to the $1,000 we have already sent.

What will our money do? CRS and their partner Caritas Nepal are supporting 10,000 families with emergency shelter, blankets, water treatment kits and hygiene kits. Because this region is known for earthquakes, CRS had prepositioned emergency aid in nearby Bihar, India, so temporary shelter kits, water purification kits and hygiene kits for 2,000 families were transported to Nepal immediately after the quake.

Please keep all those affected by the earthquake and the rescue workers in your prayers. For more information or to give directly online, visit Catholic Relief Services online at CRS.org.

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**In Lieu of Flowers**

If you read the obituaries, then the phrase ‘In lieu of flowers’ is quite familiar. When you are called home to God, how would you like friends to mark your passing? As a final act, what could you ask folks to support? Have you had that conversation with your family? Please consider inviting friends to make a donation to St. Louis Parish, St. Louis School or Saint’s Place in lieu of flowers.

If your parent or loved one left no instructions, but loved their parish, had a commitment to Catholic Education or had a warm place in their heart for the ministry of Saint’s Place, let others know when you make arrangements with the funeral home and compose an obituary. It can be a powerful witness about what is truly important.

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**THURSDAY 12NOON, MAY 21**

The annual **Sunshine Luncheon** in the gym is a beautiful ministry at St. Louis. We need your help - especially with food preparation and helping the elderly guests in & out of the vans! Contact Lisa DePalma at 738-4884.

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Trek for Tech 2015
St. Louis School Walk-a-Thon

Sticky Lips Barbecue Fundraiser
Friday, May 29, 6:00 pm

Chicken BBQ/Pulled Pork Dinner
with 2 sides and cornbread - $13
6:00 PM TIL THE FOOD IS GONE
NEXT TO THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
PURCHASE AND TAKE HOME,
OR BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND STAY!

Annual St. Louis Haiti Task Force Meeting
Join us Monday, May 18, 7PM to 8PM in the Parish Meeting Hall.

- Learn how rewarding it is to be part of our efficient, effective task force.
- Hear updates about Fr. Rick’s work, esp. St. Damien Pediatric Hospital.
- Hear about St. Michael’s Woodshop, our new partner in helping Fr. Rick’s Haiti efforts. (Our 34th edition of ornaments will be made from hardwoods.)

Our Annual Ornament Sale will now generate opportunities for parishioners to help inner city young people gain life skills as they learn the woodworking trade. For decades our St. Louis Haiti Task Force has been making a difference locally and in Haiti!

If you cannot attend and want further information: please call Marcia Mendola 381-6872.

Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.
1 Chronicles 16:24

Our wish list seems never ending, but the reality is that with the continuous arrival of refugees our shelves are seldom stocked. There are always needs. So please, as you are doing your spring cleaning, consider donating unwanted but gently used items to Saint’s Place. We can pick up larger items, like furniture. Just call 385-6860 to schedule a pick up. Thank you!

Wish List

- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Sofas (not sleepers)
- End tables and coffee tables
- Dressers
- Twin and double sheets
- Blankets (all sizes)
- Comforters
- Towels (all sizes)
- Pots and pans
- Lamps (floor and table)
- Children clothing (sizes 1 – 5)
- Small and medium size men clothing
- Gently used mops and brooms
- Strollers
**Life! . . . In Focus**

"Do not let what you cannot do, interfere with what you can do." ~ John Wooden

Consider: beginning this week, do something you can do to help with a Life issue.

**Elizabeth Ministry Diaper Collection**

This Weekend, May 9 & 10, at all Masses.

All sizes of diapers are needed, and are greatly appreciated. The diapers will be shared with two organizations that Elizabeth Ministry is honored to support: Saint’s Place and Birthright of Rochester.

There will be Elizabeth Ministers and diaper collection bins stationed in the Church this weekend to receive donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting babies and their families.

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**St. Louis Women's Bereavement Group**

*Begins Saturday, May 30th at 5:45pm*

Mourning a loved one is never easy. Mutual support offers hope. We are starting a new support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love. The group will:

- Begin Saturday, May 30th and continue for 6 weeks
- Meet in the St. Louis Youth Room
- Start at 5:45pm (after the 4:30pm Mass) and end at 7:30pm
- Offer a healing place to share your grief
- Provide love and support for the healing process

The Lord blesses those who mourn. Let him lift you up. Please consider joining us, as we walk this journey together.

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**Save Our Fragile Planet**

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 P.M.

St. Catherine of Siena Church in Mendon

**Discussion leader: Sue Staropoli**

Sue Staropoli’s mission in life is to focus on supporting others on their personal/spiritual journeys. Sue realized the interconnectedness of all life. This is the essence of her mission to help create an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on the planet earth.

Discussion and reflection topics:
- Achuar People of Ecuador’s Amazon rainforest; State of our world; Where is our hope?; Where do we begin?:
- Slow down and listen; Become more conscious and aware;
- Become informed and active; Reduce Reuse and Recycle;
- Collective Political Action; Act Together.

There will be time for personal reflection in small groups.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ME** If you or a family member is ill, and would like to be included in the weekend 'Prayer of the Faithful', please call the Ministry Center (586-5675) to let us know. You can also come to the sacristy, and the name can be added to the General Intentions there. The same applies to have us pray for a loved one who recently died. To have the prayer request included in the bulletin, please call the Ministry Center or email cwensel@dor.org.

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**St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Monday May 18, Youth Room**

**Rosary at 6:45 PM**

**Business Meeting at 7:00 PM.**

We will be discussing the Membership drive that will be held Saturday and Sunday May 16 & 17, and also the Men's Conference that is on May 16 at St John Fisher.

The notice of St Louis Council's Fund Raiser with Den- ny's for Saint’s Place, went well. We will have a report of the fundraiser at the Council meeting as well as the Council's participation on helping at Saint’s Place on May 9.

Council elections were held at the April meeting.

The following men were elected:

- Grand Knight, Rick Whelehan
- Deputy Grand Knight, Dick Hilliard
- Chancellor, Dan Dwyer
- Recorder, Michael DeCocq
- Treasurer, Joseph DiPrima
- Warden, Walter McCanna
- Guard, Ronald Serio

The Officer's Installation ceremony will be in June.

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. We look forward to having you become a Knight of Columbus!

Please contact Grand Knight Rick Whelehan (585-797-4638 or wheels282@rochester.rr.com) or any Member of the Council to obtain an Application.

God Bless You and Mary Loves You,

Dick Hilliard, Deputy Grand Knight

St Louis Council is now on Facebook:

“Knights of Columbus St Louis Council 15833 Pittsford, N.Y.”

Search for us and “Like Us” in Facebook.

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Dear Teens,

Mother Teresa said: "Spread love to everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Remember this as you move through this week. Everywhere we go, there are people in need of love; at school, at home, on your sports teams and even in youth group!

Make it a great week. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!!

Molly and Mr. McBride

SPRING EVENTS
Sunday, May 10, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, May 17, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, May 24, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, May 31, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Reflections and Wrap-up
Sunday, June 7, Senior Send-Off and End of Year Picnic

UPCOMING EVENTS
June 29-30, Volunteer Opportunity to help with Saint's Place Sale (Details TBA)
July 10, 11 & 12, Franciscan University Youth Conference, Steubenville, Ohio
November 19-21, National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

ST. LOUIS CHURCH ANNOUNCES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015
MONDAY, JULY 20TH - FRIDAY, JULY 24TH
9:00AM to 12NOON

Climb into a world of God’s everlasting love! "Everest" is the ultimate adventure to explore God’s care and concern for all of us! VBS is filled with great music and songs, bible stories, crafts, outdoor games and delicious snacks. 3 hours of fun every day any child would enjoy!!!

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY JUNE 1ST
Registration forms will be located at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the Narthex of church, or you may pick up a registration form at the Ministry Center.

The program is for 4 year olds and children entering Kindergarten through Fifth grade in the Fall of 2015.

The cost is $50.00 per child with a maximum per family of $125.00 from June 1st to June 22nd. After June 22nd the cost will be $60.00 per child with a maximum per family of $150.00, so register early!!!

Youth who will be going into 8th through 12th grade are welcome to sign up to help, with a separate registration form, deadline for registration will be Monday, July 6th. Register ASAP! There will be limit this year of youth able to participate!

The absolute deadline for registrations will be Monday, July 6th.

Space is limited, classes will be closed once they have reached their capacity, so register ASAP!

HELP PROMOTE SAINT’S PLACE ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know that Saint’s Place has a Facebook page? Facebook is the No. 1 social medium for the audience that Saint’s Place needs to reach for potential volunteers and donors of goods and funds. Here’s how you can help: If you are on Facebook, go to facebook.com/saintsplaceroc and click “like” on the page. Then, invite your Facebook friends to like the page. Also, just as important, please “like” and then “share” Saint’s Place posts on your own Facebook page. (Just click on “like” under a post, then click on “Share” under a post, write a comment or leave it blank, then click on “post.”) Sharing our post greatly increases our reach and interaction with the community. Our Facebook page features a lot of the behind-the-scenes work that Saint’s Place is doing, and it showcases our volunteers and the refugees we are helping. Saint’s Place currently has a little over 200 likes on its Facebook page, and our goal is to reach 500 by the annual sale in July. If you are not on Facebook, share this information with your friends, children, or neighbors who are. Thanks for helping Saint’s Place grow and thrive!

ANNUAL SUPER SALE 2015
PREVIEW NIGHT
Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 – 8 PM
Admission $25 (pay at door)
Wednesday, July 8, 9AM – 7PM
Thursday & Friday, July 9 – 10
9AM – 4PM
Friday all day - ½ price!!!
Saturday, July 11, 9AM – 11:00AM
Bag Sale
1 bag / $7 . . . 2 bags / $10
More details to follow
Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a full course breakfast on Saturday, May 30th; program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at Noon at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester. Come and be inspired by our guest speaker, Monica Pierce, a Buffalo Catholic woman. Hear how God’s love and grace have seen her through family difficulties, depression and a suicide.

Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program. Early Reservations $18.00; after May 25th $20.00; Student $10.00. 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.

For more information, contact St. Louis Parish Co-Captains: Bill Conklin (wconklin1@gmail.com), or Kevin Parker (kevinparker@rochester.edu), or Dick Hilliard (bwgolf@hotmail.com or 585-943-1106)
**THE LAST WORD**

**Peace after Trauma**

God offers love, mercy and a return to a serenity of mind and soul to anyone who has been affected by an abortion. Free, confidential and compassionate help in understanding and receiving what God offers is only a phone call away. Please call Project Rachel today - at 888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435) to begin this journey of renewed hope and peace. Find more information at hopeafterabortion.org.

**Open House at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (1124 Hudson Avenue), the spiritual heart of Rochester’s Polish community, will be open to visitors who would like to learn about its beautiful artwork, architecture, and history on Sunday, May 17, from 1 to 4 PM. Parish historian Kathleen Urbanic and artisan Sandra Bialaszewski will be on hand to answer questions.

St. Stanislaus is among dozens of houses of worship throughout New York State participating in the open house weekend, sponsored by the New York Landmarks Conservancy which awards grants to historic religious structures through its Sacred Sites program.

For more information call the rectory at 467-3068 or email polishrochester@hotmail.com.

**Catholic Schools Golf Classic**

The 19th Annual Diocesan Catholic Schools Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015, at Greystone Golf Club in Walworth, Wayne County. Proceeds provide tuition assistance for exceptional hardship cases for students in the diocesan schools in our 12-county diocese. Teams, sponsors and donations of auction items and raffle prizes are being sought to help raise funds. For more information, please call 585-328-3228, ext. 1294, or e-mail shockwater@dor.org. To register, visit http://www.dor.org/index.cfm/news/news-docs/19th-annual-catholic-schools-golf-classic/.

**Women of St. Louis**

Have you ever wondered if you have a problem with alcohol? Has anyone ever told you that you should seek help? There is a Women’s group at St. Louis who meet once a month to deal with this issue and offer support. Call Fr. Bob (586-5675) for a meeting time and place.

**FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! MAY 16 & 17**

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

**Now and at the Hour of Our Death**

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. Go to www.CatholicEndofLife.org for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

**WEDDING JUBILEE MASS AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

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, May 17 at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. You do not need to register in order to attend. Any anniversary over 25 years will be listed in the online Courier.

If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50 and above) to be included in the Catholic Courier Marriage Anniversaries June Edition, please send an email, or a letter with the following information: Names, Church/Town where you were married, wedding date/year.

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