Here I am, Lord

Our retiree’s vocation stories reprinted. Victor’s ordination as a transitional deacon coming up. Perfect inspiration. Let me say a word about my vocation. Where does a vocation begin? Mine may have roots with my great grandfather, on my mother’s side. He was one of the founders of the First Baptist Church in Delmar. That certainly had an impact on family history, my mom’s deep involvement in the church, and my subsequent involvement as well. Did all that explicitly lead me to ministry or priesthood? No. Did it shape my faith, and the importance of Jesus in my life? Absolutely! Going to church, reading the Bible, praying, getting involved – these were just what you do! In elementary school, I was in the Royal Ambassadors, a Baptist organization for young boys, focused on mission. Who would guess that could plant seeds for a vocation to priesthood?

High School led to more involvement. Along with Sunday School and Sunday Worship, I was in the choir, at times filling in for the conductor. Solos were also part of the package, getting me comfortable before a crowd. My mom was organist, and Sunday School superintendent, so I was pretty close to what was going on in the church.

At Cornell, my freshman year, I couldn’t find a church anything like the one I grew up in. I also had some questions, so I started checking out various churches friends and fraternity brothers attended. Yes, almost half of my fraternity brothers attended church! Some were with me in Glee Club as well, so when the Glee Club was in New York to perform Beethoven’s Mass in C at Carnegie Hall, I joined them when it was time to go to Mass on Sunday. Yes, my first experience of Mass was at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, but I can see that had an impact on me.

The big turn came when I realized my decision to go to college, study chemistry, and perhaps go into research fell short. I started to lose interest, until concluding that was not to be my life. So I started praying. And praying. Lord, what should I do with my life? What is your plan? Here is the scary part. On another Glee Club trip, this time to Florida, the answer came. I went to bed one night never having thought about priesthood. I woke with a conviction: You are meant to be a priest. But I’m not Catholic yet! Doesn’t matter. And here I am today! More next week. Blessings to you all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - May 23**
1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
11:00 am  Tony Foti - Ken & Gerri Riedel
5:15 pm  Kathleen Wagner - Bill & Chris Brizee

**Tuesday - May 24**
1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
6:45 am  Michael J. Lowder - Peter DeMarco
11:00 am  Mary June White - Bill & Diane Knittle

**Wednesday - May 25**
1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
11:00 am  Anthony Greco - Bernadette Skobjak
5:15 pm  Louis Gallo - The Ray Mahar Family

**Thursday - May 26**
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52
6:45 am  Robert J. Kruger, Jr. - Peter DeMarco
11:00 am  Russell Petralia - Karen Crottinger

**Friday - May 27**
1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26
11:00 am  Florence Lennert - Ed & Joan Lennert
5:15 pm  Harold Barnes - Babette

**Saturday - May 28**
Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33
9:00 am  Anthony J. Costello - Mr. & Mrs. Warren & Suzanne Welch
4:30 pm  John Henry Ryan - Lorraine Iati & Family

**Sunday - May 29**
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11b-17
7:30 am  Martha Serio - Family
9:00 am  Ethel Whelan - Ellen & Larry Jensen
11:00 am  Wm. H. Perham, Jr. - Perham Family
5:00 pm  Denis Ward - Regan 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 a Special Intention By the Banas Family.

Requiem Aeternam
Rev. William J. Gordinier

Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29

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Sunday Communion Service - May 29
The Highlands - Darlene Huver Heather Heights - Ann Murty
Coming Into Focus

Deep relationships take time to develop. The process of truly getting to know someone unfolds slowly. Humanity’s relationship with God is no different. Many of our earliest ancestors believed in many gods. Slowly monotheism emerged. More time, and the understanding came that there is one God, but in a community of persons.

Our first reading reflects the Jewish notion of Wisdom, an entity in relation with God. Some would say these attributes of wisdom gradually folded into our understanding of Jesus, the Logos, the Word, who St. John tells us was with God in the beginning. Others would say Wisdom is more the prototype of the Holy Spirit. Either way, the first reading is a beautiful meditation! Take some time with it. Is your copy of *At Home with the Word* under some other books? Dig it out, or google ‘Sunday Readings’, and get to the NCCB website with the readings for each day and for the weekend.

Strange Boasting

It is beautiful the way Paul sets it out. “Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint.” Are these just words? Absolutely not! Paul does a beautiful job boasting of his afflictions. Check out how he goes about it in 2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10 Read it closely. Spend extra time with: “So I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.” See if you can get to the point of affirming, with Paul: “for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.” (Hint, think Paschal Mystery. Or think last Sunday’s homily, ‘submit, surrender, sweet, sweet surrender.’)

You Cannot Bear It Now

In our information age, the idea that someone doesn’t give us information because “we cannot bear it now” is a hard sell. But when we look at all that the Holy Spirit led the early church to know over time, of course all at once would never have worked! There may be a prayer suggestion here. When we want answers, want all the information, no stone left unturned, we might do well to contemplate this Gospel, and pray a bit differently. Rather than: “Lord, I need to know”, we might do better to pray: “Lord, give me enough understanding to take the next step, and help me be patient, trusting that the Holy Spirit will lead me into the truth when and as I need it.”

Understanding Bible Study

Bible study can take many forms, but no matter how structured, or led, some things are reliable. While we can all hear God’s Word proclaimed at Mass, Bible study provides a place to share with one another what we hear, how it engages the heart and mind, gain insight, and be inspired by one another.

A liberal arts education is more about learning how to think, analyze, and process information than absorbing tons of facts. Bible study is about learning how to hear God speaking to us through the Bible. Over time, one begins to also get the context of various passages, how the history of salvation unfolded, how the Bible is a library, not a book. Got Bible Study? We sure do!

Looking Forward to: (Corpus Christi) The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20
Blessed be God Most High

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Do this in remembrance of me

Blessed, broken and shared

Save the Date: Victor Sanchez will be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, May 28. Bishop Salvatore Matano will perform the deacon ordinations during a Mass beginning at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Victor’s first service as a Deacon will be Sunday, May 29 at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Louis, followed by a reception.

I Found It!

Did you know that St. Louis keeps an archive of weekend homilies on our website? You can find them by going to StLouisChurch.org/bulletin. This is our Bulletins & Homilies page, which has both the current homily as well as the current bulletin. There is a link on the bottom of the page to the Bulletin & Homily archive if you want to check out past homilies!
Welcome to St. Louis

If you are visiting friends in the area, and have come to pray with us today, welcome! We are glad you could join us. If you are in the area, and are checking us out, welcome! We all hope you felt warmly received, and found being with us to be a blessing. Perhaps you have been a few times, and are beginning to identify this as your place of worship. Welcome! We would love to have you register, and be an official member of the parish family. Just call the office to register. Finally, perhaps another parish is your home, but one of our Masses is at a particularly convenient time for you. Welcome! Please consider this your second home! Regardless of whether you are a first time visitor, or a life-long member, your presence is what makes St. Louis a place where other folks love to come. God bless you each and every one, and thank you for whatever ways you can support the ongoing mission of our parish.

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Sister Regis Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry way near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

Supporting Our Parish

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This Week’s Tithing Will Support Fr. Protus St. Louis School, Kenya

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Sister Stan - Nazareth Home For God’s Children

Sister Stan Terese Mario Mumuni is a Ghanaian national who has worked as a missionary in West Africa for over 18 years. Her dream was to establish a new orphanage to care for the “spirit children” of her local region of Northern Ghana. With almost 8 acres of land and the blessing of both her Bishop and the local Muslim village chief, Sister Stan and the Marian Sisters of Eucharistic Love were able to design and raise funds for a new orphanage, which is now complete.

The Catholic Diocese of Yendi is a very rural diocese in the northeastern corner of Ghana. Poverty is the lot of the people of Northern Ghana, and the majority of the people are illiterate. There is just one primary school and one health clinic to serve over 5000 people in this diocese. One of the most commonly held traditional beliefs of this area is that a child who is born with any physical deformity or disability, and also twins, are automatically “spirit children”, i.e. children who are bad omens for the family and the community at large. These children are traditionally killed. Sister Stan describes her response to this evil: “We give ourselves to God for the service of persons who are poor. We meet the needs of our dehumanized brothers and sisters, the most abandoned, the marginalized, and those cut off from the sunlight of human companionship in our large human family. We are called to the vocation of love.”

What greater act of love can one make than to give oneself wholly and entirely for the relief of the afflicted? To fulfill her dream of operating a new orphanage and caring for the “spirit children” of Northern Ghana, a new Religious Congregation called Marian Sisters of Eucharistic Love (MASEL) was established. Visit www.sisterstanschildren.org and find them at www.facebook.com/SisterStansChildren for the latest news.

Untold Blessing

Three Paths to Holiness

Join 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

Date, Time, Location

| Tues. 5/24–6/28 | Wed. 5/25–6/29 |
| 1:15pm OR 6:30pm | Reddington Hall |

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Shannon: stoot@eor.org
Confirmation Make-Up (Attention 8th Graders!)

If you weren’t able to attend Saturday Confirmation prep we are offering a make-up on the following date:

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.

Attention Parents!

If you have a child going into 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade...

and you can do one of the following: teach, cook, run A/V equipment, set up, clean up, stand around, sit around, show up for stuff...

**WE NEED YOU**

please help us evangelize and catechize teens and tweens on Sunday Nights after the 5:00pm Mass, for the 2016-2017 School Year!

1. No qualifications necessary.
2. No resume needed!
3. No interview required.

Contact Ted Bianculli, Youth Ministry Coordinator, tbianculli@dor.org.

World Youth Day USA
Rochester Youth Celebration

Thursday, July 29, 2016
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Come play, learn and celebrate our Catholic faith.

Be a part of the WYD celebrations right here in Rochester.

Registration: http://conta.cc/1pCmfwC

**Event Highlights**

Opening Ceremony Video Footage From Krakow, Poland
Holy Mass with Bishop Salvatore Matano
Candlelight Eucharistic Procession
Polish Festival & Games
Meet & Greet the Saints

**For Grades 6 - 12**
Catechists and Parents Welcome
Cost $20 per person

St. Jude Catholic Church
4100 Lyell Road
Rochester, NY 14606
A Work of Mercy

Call for Construction Help

Here we go!! St. Louis, together with our coalition member churches, begins construction of our 2016 Habitat House (320 Orange Street) on June 20. Our projected construction start depends on when the foundation excavation will be completed. In the coming weeks, we will be signing-up volunteers interested in providing “hands-on” help building our house.

St. Louis “Volunteer Coordinators” will be available in the Narthex following the Masses on the weekends of May 21/22 and June 4/5 to answer questions and sign-up interested volunteers, and hand out “On-line Registration & Scheduling Instructions” and the “Parental Permission Form and Agreement - Construction Volunteering.” Construction volunteers may be as young as 16, but those under 18 must have a parent's or guardian’s consent. Filling out the “Construction Volunteer Sign-Up Form” (below) in advance and handing it in on one of these cited weekends will help us speed up volunteer signs-ups. Prior construction experience “IS NOT” required, since construction site training and oversight is provided by a professional construction supervisor. The construction work schedule will be Tuesdays (11:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), and Wednesday through Saturday (8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Additional construction information including attire and amenities on site will be provided to volunteers upon registration and scheduling work. Questions can be directed to Bob Scholl (585-472-5067) and Rick Cusker (585-321-3673).

If you can afford the time, this is a wonderful and rewarding opportunity to work alongside a family in need together with individuals from our parish and other faith groups, as part of an interfaith initiative to improve our center city.

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[Data required for FCHH registration is in bold letters]

Name

E-Mail

Home phone ________________ Cell phone ________________

Number of days to volunteer: One / Two or more

Available for on-call work in the event of a cancellation: Yes / No

Construction skills (if you have any):

Do you want to register & schedule your work day on-line by yourself or with the assistance of a St. Louis Scheduler? (circle one) By yourself / With assistance

If “With Assistance” then provide the following required registration information:

Gender: Male / Female Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

Home address ________________________________

Emergency contact: Name ___________________________

Phone __________________________ Relationship __________________________

How did you hear about Habitat? ___________________________
**St. Louis Council Meeting**

On Sunday, June 12, after the 11:00 am Mass, the Officers of the St. Louis Council will be installed by District Deputy Anthony Angiotti.

Our Council Chaplain Bob Ring will bless our officers.

Following these services, there will be a light brunch in the Parish Meeting Hall.

All Officers, Members and Families are invited.

**Join Us, and the Lord**

You have heard of Eucharistic Adoration, but aren’t quite sure what it means? To adore means to love, cherish, venerate. In Eucharistic Adoration, one spends time in a spirit of prayerful presence before the Blessed Sacrament, in devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ. It is hard to find better words than those of Pope Paul VI:

“Therefore, the devotion prompting the faithful to visit the blessed sacrament draws them into an ever deeper share in the paschal mystery and leads them to respond gratefully to the gift of him who through his humanity constantly pours divine life into the members of his Body. Abiding with Christ the Lord, they enjoy his intimate friendship and pour out their hearts before him for themselves and for those dear to them and they pray for the peace and salvation of the world. Offering their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, they derive from this sublime colloquy an increase of faith, hope, and charity. Thus they foster those right dispositions that enable them with due devotion to celebrate the memorial of the Lord and receive frequently the bread given us by the Father.”

~ Eucharisticum Mysterium

We partner with St. John of Rochester in Perpetual Adoration. Want to know more? Ask Deacon Dave!

**Next Fruit of the Vine**

The evening begins at 7:00pm with a wine and cheese reception. Our speaker begins at 7:30pm.

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

Tuesday, June 14

Noëlle Hiester:
“Severe Mercy”
The Year of Mercy & the Consistent Life Ethic
Tuesday, May 31, 7:00 PM - Parish Mtg Hall

What is the MERCIFUL response to each of the Consistent Life Ethic Issues? How should we respond to issues such as abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia, poverty and violence? Of course, the answer is, “We respond with mercy!” But, what does that really mean in our day to day lives? How can we be agents of mercy to be a voice for life in our personal lives, our community and our world? Please come join us as we hear the Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator, Suzanne Stack, speak on “The Merciful Approach to Consistent Life Ethic Issues,” There will be opportunity for discussion and wine and cheese refreshments. 

A Year of Mercy Event

Mission Day Carnival
A fun day of fundraising

May 24, 2016
Hosted by Grades 4 & 5

Proceeds from Mission Day benefit our sister school, St. Louis School in Kenya. St. Louis School in Mautuma, Kenya began in 1998 when Fr. Protus Hamisi and Ms. Kathleen Carroll (then principal of our St. Louis School) had a “vision” to support the village in which Father grew up. Knowing education to be the key to a better life unattainable for so many Kenyan children, their plan was to start a simple stick and mud classroom. Our students here at St. Louis School have responded with great enthusiasm and have given contributions from the Mission Day over the last 15 years to support the Village School.

The enrollment has grown from 75 students to its present enrollment of 694 students (342 girls and 352 boys). As it has grown, the school now has uniforms, cement floors, student bathrooms, a water pump, electricity and a library facility. Ms. Carroll along with photographer, Ms. Keller have visited the Village School which is named St. Louis School. The Village School is very grateful for all that is being done, and they have a “vision” to increase the classrooms to accept more students up to Grade 8 and model the education that students receive here at Pittsford’s St. Louis School.

As stated by Bishop Philip in Kenya, “This St. Louis School in Mautuma, Kenya is the only school in Kenya that has been started and maintained by students, and we should be proud of the youth in the USA.” Contributions to this beacon of hope in Kenya will not only help the children of Mautuma but will also show our school children the ripple effect of their good deeds of Mission Days over the past 15 years.

Weddings Bells...

We pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding celebration:

♦ Erica Lavere & Paul DiMarco, May 21
♦ Kylie Kimber & Daniel Olson, May 28
♦ Heather Haffen & Brett Lane, June 4
♦ Christina Keltz & Richard Ruscio, June 11
Shopping for a Father’s Day Gift?
A ticket to the Diocese of Rochester Men’s Conference is a great choice!

 Doors open at 7 am
8 am Mass with Bishop Matano

Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J.
Founder & President Ignatius Productions, Scripture Scholar, Author, EWTN Host

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
The “Dynamic Deacon”
International Speaker, Author

Patrick Coffin
Host of Catholic Answers Live

Early Bird Tickets $45, includes lunch
$50 after September 1st
$25 Youth under 25

For more information, contact
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JOB POSTING FOR PART-TIME POSITION AT SAINT’S PLACE

We are presently searching for a part-time Manager/Administrator to report directly
to the Executive Director. Office experience at a managerial level is required.
The candidate must have computer skills including: Excel, Desk Top Publishing,
Outlook, Microsoft Word, etc. A great deal of correspondence is initiated by this person as well as
maintaining the relationship with Catholic Family Center and other agencies and civic organizations
who volunteer at Saint’s Place. Attention to detail is key because this person must schedule refugee
visits to the Clothing Closet, pick-ups of all furniture donations, and co-ordinate schedules for the
caseworkers at Catholic Family Center, our volunteers, and our drivers. This candidate must have
“poise under fire” and be very, very flexible. Change is the operative word at Saint’s Place. The best
benefit is knowing that every day you are making a significant change in the lives of our refugees.

Thank you, Isabel Miller, Executive Director of Saint’s Place.

Kindly send resumes to: saintlady@saintsplace.org
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