TRANSITIONING, PART FOUR

In case you weren’t at Saint Louis for Mass last weekend or you left Mass before it was over (wink, wink), we have a new pastor!

He is Father Mitchell Zygodlo, and he comes to us after serving as Catholic chaplain for twenty years in the United States Air Force. A native of Poland, he served in several of our parishes before the Air Force, including Saint Stanislaus Parish in the city, where he was the administrator. Since his retirement from the military at the end of 2018, he has been serving as administrator of Blessed Trinity and Saint Patrick’s in Owego, Tioga County.

Bishop Matano is also appointing Father Hoan Dinh as parochial vicar to Saint Louis. He has served most recently as pastor of Saint Matthew’s Parish in Livonia and Saint Mary’s Parish in Honeoye. However, he has asked to step away from pastoring responsibilities for a year while he continues to heal after some major surgery.

I don’t know much about the leadership styles or ministerial strengths of either of our newly-appointed priests, but I do know them to be friendly, outgoing, people-oriented men. So I suspect they will quickly fit right into the parish.

We had announced the previous weekend that Bishop Matano was continuing for another year the appointment of Father Juan Benitez as parochial vicar. This will provide continuity of priestly ministry in the parish. And Monsignor Krieg will also continue to serve as he is able.

The new priests will begin their new duties on Tuesday June 25, and the Pastoral Council is planning “welcome coffee hours” after the Masses on the weekend of June 29/30. Stay tuned for more details.

Let me offer a word of caution here, however: don’t get too comfortable having three active priests and one retired priest on the staff here. The priest shortage has not suddenly been solved! This is a temporary arrangement for the coming year. And in three to five years the scene in Pittsford, Mendon and Perinton will likely look very different. Although the Bishop raised the retirement age for priests the year after I retired at 70, those priests in my age cohort will soon be reaching the new age, and there is a good-sized number of them ready to retire. So the number of active priests in our Diocese will continue to decrease, and parishes will continue to cluster or close. Financial and human resources for support of parishes will continue to get tighter and tighter.

What can you do? Parents can encourage conversations with their sons and daughters about church vocations of priesthood and religious life. Just to pray with your children and encourage them to think of service to the Church as an option will go a long way. Parish councils and committees need to regularly consider the world beyond the parish boundaries, keeping an eye on demographics, joining with neighboring parishes conducting similar or identical programs, and staying in touch with the diocesan office of pastoral planning. More broadly, we can lobby for new models of parish administration (does it have to be a priest?), or we can ask about the qualifications of who can be ordained (does it have to be celibate males only?) or develop new and alternative forms of ministry. What else? Christ’s peace to you, Father Bob Kennedy
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - May 27**
**Memorial Day**
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26–16:4a
9:00 am Fleming Begaye - Jeff Mason

**Tuesday - May 28**
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
6:45 am Nancy Haupt - Angelo & Diana Nole
11:00 am Special Intention for Marcy Schaarschmidt - Linda McCauley

**Wednesday – May 29**
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Jn 16:12-15
11:00 am Funeral for Jane Wegman
5:15 pm Anticipation Mass for Holy Day for the People of the Parish

**Thursday - May 30**
**The Ascension of the Lord**
6:45 am Joseph M. Comerford - Kathryn McAlarney
9:10 am Alida Meyer - Harry & Linda Messina
11:00 am Sr. Mary Esther - Margaret O’Neil Midgley

**Friday - May 31**
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
11:00 am Rose Simone - Daughter
5:15 pm Luke Mauer - Angelo & Diana Nole

**Saturday - June 1**
9:00 am Special Intention for our Grandparents - Bryce & Asher (Being Baptized today!)
4:30 pm Ann & Dick Brimmer - McGrath Family

**Sunday - June 2**
Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/
Jn 17:20-26
7:30 am Martha Borchardt - Family
9:00 am Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren
11:15 am Elaine Perham (Anniversary) - Family
5:00 pm Dorothy Cusker - David & Karen Hester and Dr. John Pietropaoli - Family

**Special Intentions This Week:**
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.
To reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center.

One lamp will burn in Memory of Nicoletta Leonardo by Mary Sgabellone

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**Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2**

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**Sunday Communion Service - June 2**
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley Heather Heights - Jim Haefner

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St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY

May 26, 2019
{Sacred Scripture}

Our Weekend Scriptures:
Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
No burden beyond the necessities

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Vision of the new Jerusalem

Gospel: John 14:23-29
Peace I give to you

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

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.

Remembering with Prayer and Gratitude
Gracious God, with sadness, yet gratitude, we remember this Memorial Day the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Loving God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shrink from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Lord, send out your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones.

Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world. We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, cordially invites you to the Mass of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priesthood for two men on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.

Please join the Diocese in praying for these candidates as they prepare for ordination and begin their service to Jesus Christ, His Church and the People of God with undivided hearts.

For more information, visit www.catholiccourier.com
**Supporting Our Parish**

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The support of our Diocesan Missionaries by the Church of Rochester is a great piece of our history. We shared the gift of faith last weekend, **Diocesan Missions Sunday**, by helping our missionary friends, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chili. Thank you for your generous support, a living sign of our faith.

**“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 entryway 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. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT**

**FR. PROTUS ST. LOUIS SCHOOL, KENYA**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT**

**COMPASS CARE**

Compass Care is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to erasing the need for abortion by transforming women’s fear into confidence. Everything Compass Care does is geared towards reaching and serving women at-risk for abortion, in such a way that they go on to have their babies. Nearly 95% of Compass Care’s patients are at risk for abortion. Compass Care is reaching the right women at the right time. Abortion in Monroe County is down by 42%. Compass Care is based in Rochester, N.Y. on White Spruce Blvd. and can be reached at (585) 232-3894 or www.compasscarecommunity.com for more information.

**Volunteers Needed**

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

We are looking for an **office volunteer** to help out on Wednesday mornings. Your responsibilities would include answering the phone and door, scheduling Mass intentions with parishioners, and helping staff members with various projects. If you are interested and available on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30am, please contact Suzanne at 586-5675 or Suzanne.Montanye@dor.org.

**Thank you, Fr. Bob!**

Our Temporary Parish Administrator, Fr. Robert Kennedy will be leaving us during the week of June 25th. We will hold a farewell reception for him **following the 11:15am Mass on Sunday, June 23**. Please join us then to express our gratitude for his service to St. Louis Church. Refreshments will be served.
Faith Formation

Register today!!

K-5 Faith Formation
6-12 Youth Ministry
Eucharist
Penance
Confirmation 1 & 2

Please visit StLouisChurch.org/ff for registration and information

To keep shipping and material costs to a minimum,
the deadline for all registrations is July 15th. After this date, there will
be a $35.00 late fee automatically applied to all registrations.

Eucharist and Penance Sacrament registration:
All children must have completed either Grade 1 or one full year prior of Faith
Formation or attend a Catholic School to prepare and receive both First Penance
and First Eucharist. Both Sacraments are celebrated in Grade 2. Families need to
register for both Penance and Eucharist for the upcoming year.

Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 Sacrament Registration:
Year 1 Confirmation candidates must have completed one year prior of Youth
Ministry or attend Catholic School to prepare for year 1 (Grade 8) and year 2
(Grade 9). Registration is required yearly for both years of preparation.
Young Adult News

All young adults (18-35) are invited to the following events:

**Young Adult Meetup Discussion Group:**

*June 2nd and 16th* (future dates TBD) from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Library (Manse Building). This group will meet and discuss University of Toronto professor Jordan B. Peterson’s psychological approach to religion, Christian ideas and individual responsibility. Come join us for open and thought-provoking discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

**Young Adult Dinner:** All young adults are invited to make new friends and enjoy 5pm Mass and a Meal together on *Sunday, June 23rd from 5:00-8:00pm* (if you go to a different Mass, just come at 6:15pm for dinner) in the Parish Meeting Hall. You’ve worked hard all week so come and enjoy pleasant company in a relaxed atmosphere. It is hoped that this becomes a monthly social event to really build community! Please let us know you are coming by shooting an email to: dominic.salamida@dor.org or call 585-586-5675 if you have any questions or special needs (dietary, etc). Hope to see you there!

Youth Ministry News

Parents, be on the lookout for a letter (yes, good old fashioned snail mail!) coming to your homes soon outlining the goals of Youth Ministry, giving some details about future Youth Ministry offerings and clarifying what you should register your children for currently. We are also in the process of putting a calendar together and will get that out to you as soon as possible as well. For now, let me share with you what United States Catholic Conference identified as three main goals for Comprehensive Ministry with Adolescents for your reflection:

- **Goal 1:** To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today.
- **Goal 2:** To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
- **Goal 3:** To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

“So I ask you: Are you looking for empty thrills in life, or do you want to feel a power that can give you a lasting sense of life and fulfillment? Empty thrills or the power of grace? To find fulfillment, to gain new strength, there is a way. It is not a thing or an object, but a person, and he is alive. His name is Jesus Christ.”

(Pope Francis, World Youth Day, 2016)
Mark your calendar
Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale is coming…. July 9th -13th

Boxes are stacked, items are priced, details are being finalized. Volunteers have been working for months to ensure the success of our 2019 Annual Super Sale.

Now YOU can help!

- We are now ready for your Sale donations. Items that you think are not suitable for the refugees, all those collectibles, antiques, paintings, costume jewelry, or the good stuff, crystal, and china - just to name a few. If you have a high-quality piece of furniture. this is the time to call us to arrange a pickup. Please ensure that all items are in good repair, clean and ready to be displayed at the Sale.
- Make a monetary donation…the Sale is our largest fundraiser!
- Donate your time to volunteer on setup days or cleanup day.
- During the sale, bake a cake, cookies, bring a store brought snack to cheer the volunteers on as they endure the heat and hard work involved with the sale.

Thank you

Items not accepted for the sale:

- Entertainment Centers
- Sleeper sofas
- Large office desks
- China cabinets/buffets
- Adult books
- Broken toys, incomplete puzzles or games
The Story of Emil Kapaun

Why not watch this ½ hour video on FORMED.org to honor someone in the service this Memorial Day?

Servant of God Emil Kapaun is the most decorated Chaplain in United States history. This down-to-earth priest served as an Army Chaplain both at the end of World War II, and most notably on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea, making a name for himself with his fearless attitude and undying commitment to his men. This film features interviews with two of Kapaun’s fellow Prisoners of War, as well as footage from his 2013 Medal of Honor Ceremony.

To view this on FORMED.org, log in, then click “watch” at the top of the page, then “documentaries” and scroll down to the heading “Men and Women of Faith”. Click on the arrow on the right of that strand and you’ll see this video.

If you haven’t registered yet, create a free account at stlouischurch.formed.org. You’ll have access to hundreds of top-notch Catholic resources.

Contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org if you need assistance.

The Examen

Learn How to Pray This Prayer of Reflection With St. Ignatius!

Part of the rich tradition of the Catholic Church is recognizing the need to reflect on the day’s activities—to remember God’s invitation and our response.

Stillness, Gratitude, Reflection, Sorrow, and Hopefulness!

All packed into a 15-minute routine that frees your spirit at the close of the day.

When: Thursday, June 6th at 7:15pm
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

Wine and Cheese! Fellowship! Come and get to know St. Ignatius of Loyola better!
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.

When: Saturdays
Time: 9:45-11:15 am
Where: Manse

You don’t have to walk this journey alone. Let us walk with you.

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**HAITI TEAM NEWS**

*Re-investing in a child*: Several St. Louis parishioners presently help NPH (French, Spanish and Creole for *Our Little Brothers and Sisters*) provide basic necessities to orphaned Haitian children: food, a loving home, medical care, education, clothing etc. St. Louis as a parish has done this for Frankey Jean Louise for most of his 16 years of life. Frankey’s picture is in the narthex under the mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This handsome teenager writes how grateful he is to our parish for sponsoring him at NPH (sponsoring fee raised in the annual Corn Sale) and how very much he loves us for doing so. Team member Pat Kling corresponds with him to let him know that our parish family for him is mutual.

If you would like to have a personal relationship with an orphaned Haitian child by making a personal investment in a child’s future, please call Bob McNamara 585-381-5952. Bob is proud to tell you about his Godchild who despite her physical handicaps is an internationally recognized equestrian.

Web info at: [www.nph-haiti.org/sponsorship](http://www.nph-haiti.org/sponsorship)

This particular Corporal Work of Mercy would be a wonderful opportunity to enrich your children’s global humanitarian understanding despite your busy schedules.

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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To report a case of possible sexual abuse and to receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator:

**Deborah Housel**
(585) 328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
victimsassistance@dor.org

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**SPONSOR A STUDENT’S CATHOLIC EDUCATION!**

Please join the 23rd Annual Catholic Schools Golf Classic with *Golf & Games* on MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019 at The Links at Greystone. Proceeds from the tournament directly benefit the 2019-2020 Education Hardship Fund. You will receive a special School/Parish discounted golf rate of $600 per foursome, which includes all greens fees and carts, a BBQ lunch, 2 drink tickets per person as well as 4 tickets to the Awards Dinner. This year, again, we are including a lawn game competitions for those who do not golf. The School/Parish lawn game rate is $250 for a team of four.

Please register at [dorschools.org/golf](http://dorschools.org/golf) or contact Sharon at 585-328-3228 x1294 for further information. Many sponsorship levels are available. *Please join the fun!*

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**WANTED: Some Men of Note.**

The Acafellas, St. Louis’ a cappella men’s vocal group, is looking for additional singers for the upcoming year. If you are interested, contact Dick Yule at 585-381-2721 or coolyule@rochester.rr.com.
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