The Mystery of Vocation

Last week I wrote a bit about my experience of the call to priesthood. Each person in my seminary class had a unique story to tell. One had first studied law, became a lawyer, then was moved to consider a career and vocation change. Another had been the manager of a produce department in a grocery story. One had been preparing for a career in medicine in Italy, moved here to study for our diocese, but ultimately ended up as a priest and the president of a theological school in Sicily. Another from Montana had been a Franciscan, discerned that such was not his calling, left for some time, then followed the path to ordination for our diocese. Several followed a more traditional path: college, to seminary, to ordination. We had several who graduated with us or were ordained the year we were who began a year earlier, but then took a year off before ordination. One priest a few years ahead of us decided to take a year at a monastery for prayer to discern if ordination was right for him. That may seem extreme, and I assure you, many of his friends asked “What are you thinking?!” But ordination is a huge commitment for the person being ordained, as well as for the Bishop ordaining, and for the diocese. Interestingly, after taking a year off for prayer before being ordained, John not only was ordained – he eventually served as vocation director for our diocese!

Prior to ordination, a candidate always takes a week long canonical retreat, usually fairly close to the time of ordination. When I was in seminary, there was an even earlier and more lengthy time of discernment, called the ‘desert experience’. Mid-winter, the class went to the former Divine Word Seminary above Conesus Lake for a month long retreat. What an adventure! When we get together, we still share great stories about that cold, quiet, formative month!

I share these things for a couple of reasons. After sharing some of my vocation story, it is important to point out that the path is not a beeline to the holy oils. As you can read inside, Victor was not among those ordained this Saturday morning. He is on the path of some further discernment. Please join me in supporting him in that continuing journey of discernment!

A bit of other news: I am pleased to publically announce that Bishop Matano has decided to appoint one of our more recently ordained priests, Fr. Peter Mottola, to St. Louis. He will be serving here as Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor), while also serving in the Diocesan Tribunal one day a week. That the Bishop saw our parish as a great place for one learning the ropes is high praise for us all – congratulations! Fr. Peter has just finished his canon law degree at Catholic University, and has moved in. We will be formally welcoming him soon – watch for details! A blessed Memorial Day weekend to you all, Fr. Bob

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**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - MAY 30**  
Memorial Day  
*2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12*  
9:00 am Martha Serio - Family

**TUESDAY - MAY 31**  
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/  
*Lk 1:39-56*  
6:45 am Rose Simone - Family  
11:00 am Elaine R. Perham (Anniversary) - Perham Family

**WEDNESDAY - JUNE 1**  
*2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27*  
11:00 am Mary June White - Bill & Diane Knittle  
2:45 pm Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of the Parish  
5:15 pm Norma Graus Burgio - Knights of Columbus

**THURSDAY - JUNE 2**  
*2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34*  
6:45 am Art Milliman - Jeff Mason  
11:00 am Don Miner - Bill & Diane Knittle

**FIRST FRIDAY - JUNE 3**  
*Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7*  
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 Matthew Finegan - Joe & Carol Manzo

**SATURDAY - JUNE 4**  
*2 Tm 4:1-8/Lk 2:41-51*  
9:00 am Ruth Mc Ardle - Geri & Paul Dolan  
4:30 pm Samuel & Geraldine DiPalma - Family

**SUNDAY - JUNE 5**  
*1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17*  
7:30 am Anthony Costello - John & Beverly Fahey  
9:00 am Larry Stid - Family  
11:00 am William Jessen - Family  
5:00 pm John Pietropaoli - 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.

**Requiem Aeternam**  
All Our Parishioners and Loved Ones Who Have Died While Serving in the Armed Forces

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**Saturday & Sunday, June 4 & 5**

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**Sunday Communion Service - June 5**  
The Highlands - Marge Mancine  
Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley
Who Is This Guy?
The first reading from Genesis today mentions Melchizedek. Name sound familiar? Who is this guy? Well, he only appears in the Bible in the brief reference in Genesis, in psalm 110 (which we hear fairly often), and in Hebrews. He is the King of Salem (an ancient name for Jerusalem), and a priest. But that shouldn’t raise eyebrows. In many ancient cultures, the King, Pharaoh, top ruler, even in the Roman Empire, Caesar, was also a high priest. What stands out in Genesis is the implication that Melchizedek was Canaanite, not a Hebrew, and that he is so shadowy— we are given so little information about him. That provided the opportunity for the author of Hebrews to fill in the blanks, projecting a variety of things on to him. We only know a little—so Hebrews moves to describe him as being without beginning or end. That leads to the leap that he and his priesthood are eternal. Today, the Melchizedek reference serves as a reminder that offerings to God, including bread and wine, have ancient roots. How ancient? In Eucharistic Prayer one captures well the progression from the beginning, and the universality. “Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek ....”

Another Roman Missal Connection
Oh yes, so much of what we pray and how we pray at Mass is straight out of the Bible! In the Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Various Needs, we pray “Look with favor on the oblation of your Church, in which we show forth the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us ....” Sound like our second reading? It should. That is where it comes from!

Don’t Go Home Hungry!
Placing the Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes as our Gospel for this feast underscores how we are fed in the Eucharist, and when God provides, there is an abundance, with enough left over to share. How have you experienced needs and hungers being met in the Eucharist? How might you collect, and then share with others from the abundance?


Looking Forward to:
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24
Let the life breath return!

2nd Reading: Galatians 1:11-19
St. Paul’s conversion

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17
A great prophet has arisen

Dear Friends,
Not only does ordination seal a lifelong commitment to serving God and God’s people, it also establishes a permanent bond binding the candidate, his diocese and the Bishop. I will not be ordained this Saturday, but plan to further discern these awesome life directions. Please pray for God’s grace and mercy to guide me in that journey. Peace and gratitude to you all, Victor Sanchez

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
**St. Michael's Woodshop** is an answer to the prayers of many. In 1967, the late Sr. Pat Flynn, RSM, first started to build hope into the lives of Rochester inner city youth (ages 14-18). Today under the direction of James Smith, the Woodshop continues to teach the marketable skill of woodworking while offering life skills and character building to the dozens of youth who attend daily. Here, students learn to be contributing members of their family and of society.

Located at 691 St. Paul St. in Rochester, the shop is busy working on several projects for local businesses. It is making bookshelves for the Rochester Area Literacy Program, refinishing furniture and making frames for local customers and now, in answer to the prayers of St. Louis' Haiti Task Force, is making the 2016 ornaments for our 35th Ornament Sale to raise funds to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Haiti. (Fr. Rick Frechette who founded St. Damien Pediatric Hospital will be visiting St. Louis this August!)

For more info, visit [www.stmichaelswoodshop.org](http://www.stmichaelswoodshop.org). See the short YouTube video about the Woodshop at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SO3r-E2RND0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SO3r-E2RND0). Please call parishioners Jack Cargill 385-4705 or Marcia Mendola 381-6872, especially if you enjoy woodworking and would consider joining their effective team.

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**So That’s Where It Came From!**

Ever wonder when the idea of tithing began? The author of Genesis places it very early on – in the days of Abraham. Just check out the 1st reading this Sunday. By God’s grace our parish is able to tithe each week to a variety of ministries, because so many among us either tithe or contribute regularly as generously as they can.

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**BECOME A MEMBER**

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

Table fellowship was a huge part of Jesus’s life and ministry. His message: God calls all to the kingdom. We have but to accept the invitation and respond. In that spirit, we welcome all at St. Louis Church. We encourage all people to experience the Lord through our church and to become active members. Are you interested in becoming a parish member? Please visit [stlouischurch.org/become-member](http://stlouischurch.org/become-member) and fill out our online registration or contact Shannon Toot at 586-5675 to learn how to become a member.

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**

**Parish Meeting Hall**

**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](http://www.WordOnFire.org)  •  UntoldBlessing.com

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**RSVP by 5/20**

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Birdie: bproctor@dor.org
Shannon: stoot@dor.org
FAITH FORMATION FAMILY ZONE

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...

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.

Attention Grades 6-12!

June Summer Activities are here! Here’s a preview of what to expect:

Friday, June 10: Special Olympics Road Trip

Date TBA: A Day at Sea Breeze

Date TBA: Refugee Supply Run

Thursday, June 30: Saint’s Place Bucket Brigade

Details on these events are coming real soon, but if you can’t wait for those, please contact Ted Bianculli at 586-5675, ext. 234, or 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
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.
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.

He does a kindness who lends to his neighbor, and he fulfills the precepts who holds out a helping hand.
Sirach 29:1

The 2016 Sunshine Luncheon Was a Huge Success!

Through the work of many hands the St. Louis parish and school community shared their love and talents with the residents of area nursing facilities and our senior parishioners.

Grateful Thanks To:
St. Louis School 5th Graders
St. Louis School Music Programs
St. Louis School Art Classes
St. Louis School Girl Scouts
St. Louis Church Pastoral Care Team
St. Louis Church Knights of Columbus

Special Thanks To:
Those Who Prepared the Food
Those Who Assisted with Parking
Those Who Assisted with Transport of Guests
Our Hostesses
Those Who Set-up and Cleaned-up
Those Who Provided Office Support and Mailings
School Co-Chairs and Parish Co-Chairs
Our Photographer—Gary Eisenhart

Endless Thanks To:
St. Louis School Teachers and Staff
Mrs. Schrecker, Laura Camaione and Jose Rivera
Father Bob Ring & Monsignor Gerry Krieg

On Sunday, June 5 at the 11 AM Mass
Father Bob will celebrate a special bereavement liturgy remembering those parishioners whose funeral services were held at St. Louis during the past 6 months. The names of the deceased will be read at Mass. A reception chaired by Marge Mancine and Mary Stid will be held in Reddington Hall following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, June 19, Father’s Day, at the 9 AM Mass
Father Bob, assisted by Elizabeth Ministry members will recognize the babies who were baptized at St. Louis over the last year. Parents will receive a special blessing and a cross for their infant. There will be a reception for all in Reddington Hall following the Mass. All are welcome.
Mary, Mother of Vocations

When Mary told the angel at the Annunciation, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word,” she became the patroness of every priest and religious until the end of time. Her acceptance of God’s invitation to become His Mother made her the Mother of all vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

When she conceived Jesus Christ, she brought into the world the one from whom every vocation is derived. Except for Him, no one would be called, and except for His call, no one could respond. Mary is, therefore, Mother of Vocations because she is the Mother of the Great High Priest who calls others to share in His priesthood, and she is Mother of the First Religious who invites others to follow in His footsteps.

Mary is Mother of Vocations also by her example. It is by imitating her practice of faith, hope and charity that men and women are inspired to give themselves to her Son in the priesthood or the lifetime practice of the counsels. Only believers have a vocation; only those who trust implicitly in God’s promises respond to God’s call; and above all only those who love God in others deeply are preserved in priestly or religious commitment. In all of these, Mary is their model, and the more devoted they are to her, the more secure is their consecration.

Finally, Mary is the Mother of Vocations by her heavenly intercession at the Throne of God. It is through her maternal prayers that Christ gives certain people the grace to give themselves entirely to His Service. She obtains from Him the grace for them to be called; but she also tells them, as she told the servants at Cana, to be sure to do whatever He tells you.

There is no more effective way of fostering vocations than asking the Mother of Jesus to ask her Son to extend the invitation. And there is no more effective way of remaining firm in the priesthood and the religious state than to beg the same Mother for the grace of perseverance. “Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us,” should be our daily invocation.

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Saint’s Place Making a Home From Your Donations

From this
and this

to this

Home, sweet home … and a new beginning! New beds, pillows, sheets and blankets. Soon the pots will be used to make a first meal in this new home!

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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