Not Just for Kids

Take a leisurely stroll around our church. Bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees outside are responding to the sun. Inside, there are trees that give witness to how boys and girls who just made their First Communion have been responding to the Son. Please take time to check out their Jesus trees. When they began preparation for 1st communion, each child was asked to draw a tree, and then add leaves each time they loved like Jesus. Acts of kindness, praying for others, listening … you will discover wonderful variety among these Jesus trees, for even at a young age, there are many ways to love like Jesus. Take the time, appreciate a youthful view of life, the world through the eyes of a child. Jesus trees tie in beautifully with our second reading, which begins: ‘Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.’

In case you missed it, the First Communion liturgies were beautiful. Seeing the children come forward, surrounded by parents, often grandparents, and even extended family illustrated perfectly that parents and family are the first educators of children in the ways of the faith. Watch any weekend, as a mom or dad, or sometimes a grandparent comes to communion carrying a young one in their arms. That begins the process of handing on the faith, as the infant or child watches their parent receiving communion. While it may be a childlike desire that leads a child to reach out a hand, wanting to receive too, that desire can grow throughout life. Even in one’s senior years, we may see first the spiritual hunger, then the peace and fulfillment on the face of a fellow believer, and it stirs up the desire: I want to receive what they clearly are experiencing when they receive the Lord. By the way, don’t just be an observer! Share what you experience, ask others about their spiritual experiences. I invited our First Communicants to ask grandparents about what communion has meant to them over the years. Conversations like that in families and among friends are great ways to grow in our faith and our relationship with the Lord.

Sharing with others how we put our faith into action is not just for kids. Our Stewardship Council, Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Tithing Committee have all had a chance to reflect on the fruit that might come from a similar invitation to each of us. How do you love like Jesus? The focus will not be specific acts, but rather organizations or ministries through which we put our faith into action. There are several goals. One, to be inspired by how many ways people in our parish make a difference in the world. We also hope to link tithing more closely to organizations you know, love and serve. Hopefully, those looking for a place to share their gifts may benefit, as will the ministries/organizations. Watch for an adult version of a Jesus tree! Easter peace to you, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - May 4**
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
6:45 am Valeria Wischenjakow - Maria E.
11:00 am Ginny Krieg - Jo Petcoff
No 5:15 pm Mass Today

**Tuesday - May 5**
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
No 6:45 am Mass Today
11:00 am Communion Service Only

**Wednesday - May 6**
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
11:00 am Communion Service Only
5:15 pm Ginny Krieg - Molly & Tim Shine & Family

**Thursday - May 7**
Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
6:45 am For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am Nina Massarotti - Jo Petcoff

**Friday - May 8**
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
11:00 am Sr. Margaret Charles - Margaret Payne
5:15 pm Tom Bell - Family

**Saturday - May 9**
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
9:00 am John Hoenig - The Molinari Family
4:30 pm Ida Tasciotti - Family

**Sunday - May 10**
6th Sunday of Easter
7:30 am Francesca Leonardo - Daughter
9:00 am Andrew Dolan - Dolan Family
11:00 am Marie Mahar - Son, Dick
5:00 pm Greg Taylor - The Regan Family

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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 Dr. William J. O’Neil*
By Family.

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**Requiem Aeternam**

**Sister Joseph Gilmary Russell, SSJ**

**Sister Walter Anne O’Malley, SSJ**

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**Saturday & Sunday, May 9 & 10**

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**Sunday Communion Service - May 10**

The Highlands: Dick Lenio
Heather Heights: Richard Caruso
Who’s Who?

Our 1st reading weaves together a variety of characters, relationships, and Lukan themes. We have Saul, who began as a persecutor of the early Christians, but takes on the name Paul as he becomes a disciple of Jesus. Next we have John, a Jew from Cyprus who was renamed Barnabas upon becoming a Christian; Barnabas meaning ‘son of encouragement’ or ‘son of consolation’. We have Hellenists, namely Greek-speaking Jews from the diaspora (outside Israel) who were hostile to the Christian faith, who persecuted believers. Last, but certainly not least, we have the apostles.

Saul had been a leading persecutor of the church, so those he had formerly persecuted are naturally hesitant to trust him. Barnabas lives up to his name, as he shares with the others Paul’s story, and brings Paul into fellowship with the apostles.

For Luke, all disciples staying in communion with one another is important for true discipleship. Witness: Paul moves about freely, arm in arm, if you will, with the believers in Jerusalem, before he heads out on his missionary journeys. While the conflicts between Paul and the Hellenists may seem far from peace, the peace Luke is speaking about is within the church, and within each believer. Remember Jesus promising peace, but not as the world gives peace? The Holy Spirit as the source of peace and the source of the church being built up and growing are also key to the truth Luke wants us to know.

Questions Luke might ask: How are we doing with coming into and staying in communion with fellow believers, the church? Have we experienced that peace that transcends external trials and troubles? Build a relationship with the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit will bring us sweet communion and abiding peace.

More On The Spirit

John (in our 2nd reading) would agree with Luke – the Holy Spirit is essential. The way to union with God and to love-in-action toward one another is through the Holy Spirit. This passage makes it crystal clear. Faith and works go hand in hand. God’s central commandment:

believe in Jesus, and love one another; both/and. A good reflection point flows from the first sentence. What are some deeds that illustrate our loving in truth? Look around the church at the Jesus trees our First Communion boys and girls created. The leaves are acts of love. What leaves could go on your tree today?

The Verbs!

There are many different ways to mine the gold in the Sunday readings. Here is yet another. After reading through the Gospel, go back and collect a few key phrases. Verbs are often clues. Bear fruit. Pruned. Remain in me. Do any of these connect with the other readings? I see a line drawn between bearing fruit, the church being built up and growing in numbers, and love in deeds. Another clear line connects ‘remain in me’ in the Gospel, and the last sentence of the 2nd reading, ‘Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.’ As for the pruning – just ask any good gardener, vine dresser or arborist.

Early Risers

Could you get to church a little before the 7:30 am Sunday Mass? Then what is holding you back? You may be just the person/couple or family we are looking for to add to the list of those willing to set up for coffee hour after the 7:30 am Mass. It’s very easy; meet folks, enjoy camaraderie, put a leaf of your Jesus tree for doing a loving deed! Please contact Sally Schrecker, sschrecker@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 235.

Looking ahead:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Baptism and the Holy Spirit
2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Let us love one another
Gospel: John 15:9-17
That your joy may be complete

Lost and Found

Missing anything? In Church, lost items may be found in the chest of drawers just outside the sacristy.

Pray with Me

We have a prayer intention book at the main entrance to church. While prayer requests written there are not all individually read at Mass, others do pray for these intentions regularly, and at times we include an intercession for all of the requests in our prayer intention book.
RISING TO GENEROSITY

OUR GIFT TO THE LORD

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A Word from Our Stewardship Council

At our Stewardship meeting this month, one of the topics we discussed was mentoring. Many organizations establish this healthy pattern: someone serves as president or chair of the organization, while the vice-chair learns the ropes. Then, when the chairperson steps down, the vice-chair assumes the mantle, a new vice-chair is selected, and the process continues, providing stability and sustainability. In some cases, the past president also may assist, through continued mentoring. It is all part of succession planning, essential to the long term success of any group with a mission. This also helps encourage recruiting; continually bringing in new blood.

So our Stewardship Council encourages us all to pray. How can I contribute to the long term success of our various missions and ministries here at St. Louis? Have I been in a role for a long time, and should I step up efforts at recruiting, and prepare to do some mentoring? Have I stood on the sidelines? Is it time to step up and get involved? Maybe my gifts and talents are just the new blood needed to keep us growing and evolving. Is it time to share what I have learned in one capacity, by moving to another committee or ministry? This Easter season, as we move, Spirit-led, to Pentecost, is a great time to bring these questions to prayer!

Elizabeth Ministry will be collecting diapers at all weekend Masses on May 9 and 10.

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 that weekend to receive donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting babies and their families.

TUTORS NEEDED!

The Saint’s Place Tutoring Program that meets on Thursdays at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit is in need of 10 tutors. Our college tutors leave the beginning of May. The commitment is for 8 weeks (May 7 - June 18). We are located at 835 South Ave. near Highland Hospital. We tutor from 4:45p.m. - 6:00p.m.

If you cannot make it every week, we can still use your help. Tutors are needed for 1 girl (5 yrs. old), 5 boys (7-12 yrs. old) and 3 adult women. We also need help in the PreK with 5 (3-5 year olds). Our tutors are high school students, college students, and adults.

The experience is sure to enrich your life. If you can help, contact Geri Dolan at 278-8244 or gdola45@rochester.rr.com.

THURSDAY NOON, 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.

THANK YOU for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will strengthen the Church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org and search "home missions."
Please Join Us…

May Crowning
May 8 at 9:10am

The sixth-grade students will lead the school in a celebration honoring Mary with music, prayer and song.

Trek for Tech Walk-a-Thon

St. Louis School
Friday, May 29, 2015
6:00 pm

St. Louis School is proud to be the leader in Technology education within the Diocese of Rochester. Donations from this fundraiser will help with many needed technology upgrades including educational software renewal for our classrooms, tablets and laptops for Instructional Support Staff and upper grade classrooms, video equipment (camera/tripod) for school events, library server hardware renewal, additional classroom printers, upgraded office computer hardware/software, and Science Lab computer hardware/software.

May Day of Prayer:
“Mary Mother of God”
– Presented by Sr. Carole Proia, SSJ

Honoring Mary in May and throughout the year

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
Notre Dame Retreat House
(5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY)

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation for this day. The fee is $25.00 which includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9:00am with refreshments and concludes with mass at 2:00pm.
WHO ARE THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS?

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you will join nearly 2 million Catholic men and their families throughout the world.

Have you ever wondered what one man can do? If so, you’ll find the answer in the Knights of Columbus. We are united as brothers, united in service to our Catholic Church, to our communities, parishes, schools, neighborhoods, and to many in need, on your street or across the world.

Our order is the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world. It was founded by one man, a priest, Venerable Michael J. McGivney in 1882 who left us our mission as catholic men united in the principles of our order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

If you are interested in helping those in need, in serving your God in so many ways, in growing in your faith, and in having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you!

Join St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus during their membership drive on May 16 & 17.

Let’s make St. Louis Parish a complete Knights of Columbus Parish!

Venerable Michael McGivney (1852-90), Apostle to the Young, Protector of Christian Family Life and Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Intercede for Us.

 MEET US AT DENNY’S!

The Knights of Columbus St. Louis Council #15833 is holding a special fund raiser with Denny’s Restaurant on route 31 in Perinton Hills Mall (across from Wegman’s) near route 250 on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 5:00pm - 9:00 pm

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Saint’s Place. Please try and stop in for dinner or a snack to help Saint’s Place.

You do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a parishioner of St. Louis to participate.

Thank you, and God bless!

On Monday May 18 the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting in the Youth Room. We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by a 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 Denny'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.

Did You Know? During the Year of Faith, the Knights of Columbus supported the restoration of the ancient Madonna del Soccorso fresco, Our Lady of Help, “the most revered Marian image in St. Peter’s Basilica.” Read about it at http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/beauty-our-lady-help.html
Dear Teens,

May is such a beautiful month to be living in Rochester. After a long and dark winter, the blooming trees, green grass and wildlife are a sight for sore eyes. Each of these things is a gift from God and a reminder of His love for us.

Spend some extra time outside this week and thank God for the beauty that surrounds us!

Have a great week! Hope to see you on Sunday night!
Molly and Mr. McBride

Spring Events
Sunday, May 3, Teen Mass 5:00 pm.
Dinner meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
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!

Saint’s Place needs volunteers who can assist on the van and truck with picking up donations and delivering household set ups to the refugees. You must be able to lift heavy items. Hours: Mondays through Thursday from 8:30AM until about 1PM. If you can spare one morning every week or two, we would be extremely grateful. We are starting our busy season and some extra hands would be a blessing. Call 385-6860 for more information.

KITCHEN TABLES If you have one sitting in your basement or garage, please consider donating it to a refugee family who has no place to eat their meals. We can pick it up! Call 385-6860 to schedule a pick up.

Urgent Needs: Towels (any size); Hangers (all types)

Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534, Isabel Miller Executive Director.
Saint’s Place Ministry Hours: 46 S. Main St.: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays.
St. John of Rochester: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.
Phone: 585-385-6860 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org
Fresh Wind in Our Sails
The 2015 Season Continues

The Synod on the Family
The Perspective of Married Couples

Wednesday, May 6, 7 to 8. 30 pm

This is a follow-up to our March program, when Bishop Clark gave a comprehensive overview of the Synod on the Family which is to resume in October. You need not have been to hear Bishop Clark to take part in this conversation. Barbara and Jack Clarcq, Bob and Janet Fein and Barbara and Bob Finsterwalder were asked what positive points they would make if they were invited to speak at the coming Synod. Come, hear their thoughts, and add your own as we hone our perspectives and our language and draw encouragement from them and from each other.

Fresh Wind in Our Sails in a series of programs about faith and life, offered at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. 150 French Road.

You are welcome to attend! Just call the Fresh Wind phone line, 585.641.8184, and let us know you’re coming!

B/C377: From the Lord’s Supper to the Holy Mass
Instructor: Rev. George Heyman,
Tuesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, 7 weeks, begins May 19.

From their earliest recorded moments Christians have celebrated their faith in the risen Lord Jesus with a meal which was both physical and spiritual. This course examines the development of this uniquely Christian ritual meal tracing its roots from the earliest biblical record through its late antique, medieval and modern forms. Great for the Formation of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Deepen Your Love for the Blessed Sacrament. More Information at:  http://www.stbernards.edu

Urgent Need

Summer Altar Server Schedule
Due to many liturgical minister requests for times off during the June, July and August schedule, I am in dire need of altar servers. If you can help out ministering extra weeks during these months, I would appreciate a response either by e-mail or phone.

ALTA SERVER TRAINING

There will be altar server training for interested boys and girls on Saturday, May 9 from 10:30 – 11:45 am and on Wednesday, May 13 from 3:15 – 4:30 pm. If there are any interested adults who would like to serve at a particular Mass, especially during the summer months, please contact me.

Thank you!
Bea Hack, bhack@stlouischurch.org or 586-5675 ext. 231.

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THE LAST WORD

Let us be “protectors” of creation... protectors of one another and of the environment.
—Pope Francis

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.

Email: newsroom@CatholicCourier.com
Mail: Wedding Anniversaries
Catholic Courier
P.O. Box 24379
Rochester, NY 14624-0379

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.

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The members of the Becket Hall Community of 2014-15
Mr. Steven Lewis, Mr. Stephen, Naum, Mr. Joseph Maurici, Fr. William Coffas, Fr. Jim Lawlor

2015 Diocesan Social Ministry Conference
Care for God’s Creation and the Poor
Saturday May 9, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Road
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Registration & Hospitality 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
$15 registration fee, includes lunch and materials

Morning Guest Speakers
Dr. Gerry Gacioch, Catholic Climate Ambassador for the Catholic Climate Covenant on “Catholic Social Teaching and Climate Change”

John Strazzabosco, trainer for Focus Plus mentoring program on “The Anatomy of Poverty: What Traps People in Generational Poverty”

Afternoon Program
Meet in small interest groups to learn and share to enrich your ministry

To register: Go to www.stbernards.edu, click on “Course Offerings”, then click on “Continuing Education & Special Events”
Or contact Marvin Mich at 585-546-7220 ext. 7021; MMich@efcrochester.org or Ruth Marchetti at 585-546-7220 ext. 7099; RMarchetti@efcrochester.org

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