WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REJOICE IN GOD’S MERCY.

May 8, 2016

THIS WEEKEND:
Seventh Sunday of Easter

After 9:00 am Mass,
Procession to Mary Fountain
Garden for May Crowning by Faith
Formation Families. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)

MONDAY - MAY 9
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse
3:30 pm - Children’s Choir Practice, Church

TUESDAY - MAY 10
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse
9:45 am - Mass at Heather Heights
7:00 pm - Symbolon/A Walk Through the Mass, Parish Meeting Hall

WEDNESDAY - MAY 11
7:00 pm - Gospel of Luke, Reddington Hall Lower Level Learning Center
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Rectory
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Group, PMH

THURSDAY - MAY 12
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

FRIDAY - MAY 13
9:10 am - St. Louis School May Day Service
7:00 pm - Challenge Teen Girls’ Group, PMH

SATURDAY - MAY 14
Second Collection Diocesan Missions
Food Collection Sister Regis Food Cupboard
9:45 am - Women’s Bereavement Group, RHLL Learning Center
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)
6:00 pm - Ultreya (Pot Luck Dinner 5:45 pm), PMH

PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 15
Second Collection Diocesan Missions
Food Collection Sister Regis Food Cupboard
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Children’s Choir
11:00 am - Mass, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
1:45 pm - Confirmation Prep Make-Up for First Session, PMH
5:00 pm - Mass

Bless all the women
in our lives who model for us the love of a mother. Protect them and encourage them to love as you have loved us.

Happy Mother’s Day

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Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - MAY 9**
11:00 am Ruth McArdle - John & Jo Hallagan  
5:15 pm Frank Cantatore - VFW Post 16

**TUESDAY - MAY 10**
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
6:45 am Anthony Davino - VFW Post 16  
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish  
11:00 am Andy Dolan - Family

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 11**
11:00 am Ruth McArdle - Flanigan Family  
5:15 pm Ann Virginia Krieg - Judith Kiehl

**THURSDAY - MAY 12**
6:45 am Charles Samples - VFW Post 7417  
11:00 am Gi Raj - Asha Paul

**FRIDAY - MAY 13**
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
11:00 am Reynaldo Perez - Wife & Children  
5:15 pm Gloria Hetterich - Mary C. Murphy

**SATURDAY - MAY 14**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17  
9:00 am Richard Schmidt - Family  
4:30 pm Patrick J. Pietropaoli - Julius & Bridget Coletta

**SUNDAY - MAY 15**
Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/  
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26  
7:30 am Marcella S. Taillie - Michener Family  
9:00 am Thomas Bell - Children  
11:00 am Ray McKenna - Regan Family  
5:00 pm Gerard Fromm - Patrick & Gail Burke

### 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 Mary Fragossi by her Daughter.

**Two lamps will burn**  
In Memory of the Banas Family by the Family.

**Requiem Aeternam**  
Patricia A. McCabe

### Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15

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Sunday Communion Service - May 15  
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley  
Heather Heights - Jim Haefner

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The Mission Begins

Death is an ending, right? Not in God’s plan! Our 1st reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts Stephen’s ‘falling asleep’. Rather than a tragic account of brutal death, bringing an end to Stephen’s life, Luke points out the real significance. Not an ending, his stoning was a beginning. For him, a beginning of life in glory with his risen Lord. For the church, the beginning of the mission to the Gentiles.

The result of the persecution culminating in Stephen’s death? The apostles faith was strengthened by the witness of how he forgave his enemies and entrusted himself to Christ. With that witness, the apostles fled Jerusalem. They began preaching in the diaspora, and the mission to the Gentiles began. Paul is present at the stoning, thus, in an ironic way, present as the Gentile mission is about to begin. (And he will benefit from Stephen’s prayer that his persecutors be forgiven!)

God often brings purpose and blessing out of tragedy. When have you seen that happen? Take a moment or two this week to pray about it!

Don’t Forget the Bleach

The 2nd reading speaks about washing our robes. Is that just about the day we were baptized? Well, baptism is when we received a white robe. Keeping it clean is not easy. Sin has a power not to be underestimated! But Jesus’s death and resurrection bring us forgiveness, allowing us to wash our robes. Our participation in trials and sufferings out of love, when tied in with the sacrifice of Jesus, help bleach away our selfish ego. How do each of the sacraments help us to ‘wash our robes’? Pray about that a bit!

Becoming One

Our Gospel today allows us to overhear Jesus praying for unity: our unity with God, and our unity with one another. What virtue is presented more in the New Testament than any other? One of the cardinal virtues, prudence, justice, fortitude, or restraint? No, as important as those are. Faith or hope, among the three theological virtues, no. Paul puts it plainly – the greatest of these is love. Unity is only possible when we put love first. Bringing it home, where is unity lacking among my relationships right now? How could love make a difference?

Looking Forward to: Pentecost

Three Readings Aren’t Enough!

Pentecost will celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit, the beginning of the church, the culmination of the Easter season. Far too important to capture it’s meaning in one set of readings, the church gives us 8 different readings. So if your missal is different from what you hear at Mass, it isn’t because you are on the wrong page! The missal just doesn’t always give every one of the choices.

Sisters of St. Joseph Hosting Women’s Rights Leader from El Salvador

On Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12 the Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting 2 events to benefit women of El Salvador. These programs are co-sponsored by SHARE El Salvador, along with their leader, Maria Gertrudis Mejia (Tula), who labors for economic and social development in her country. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

On Wednesday, May 11, the “Women of the Well” will present “Certain Women,” at the SSJ Motherhouse Chapel, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is the powerful story of four American church women – Maura Clark, Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan – who served the people they loved in El Salvador and were killed there on December 2, 1980. Their discipleship is an inspiration to us all.

On Thursday, May 12, there will be a benefit concert at St. Monica’s Church, 831 Genesee Street, at 7:00 p.m. Several local groups will participate.
The Sister Regis Food Cupboard was named for Sister Regis Straughn who started the food cupboard in 1965 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Woodward Street in Rochester. Several years ago the pantry, serving the Northeast neighborhood of Rochester for over 55 years, moved to its current location on Bay Street in the same building as Matthew’s Closet. Our own Fr. Ray Booth was a good friend of Sister Regis; both served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish for many years. In March of 2011, a fire devastated the food pantry but they came back stronger than ever with the help of many people and organizations in the community.

- The pantry serves approximately 963 households in a month. Many who come are receiving public assistance for the first time. Eligible clients can visit the Food Cupboard once a month on a walk-in basis. Prospective clients must bring criteria such as identification cards for each family member, financial income information, etc., for proof of eligibility. The cupboard is open Monday & Tuesday from 12-3pm and Thursday from 12-2 pm.

- Mercy Sister Julia Norton is the director of the Sister Regis Food Cupboard, and she very much appreciates our help to meet the needs of those experiencing tough times in Rochester. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for the clients and volunteers of the food cupboard.

To learn more of many volunteer opportunities such as stocking the shelves, taking care of the clients, cleaning and doing the necessary business and secretarial work, contact Sr. Julia at (585) 454-6766.

If you would like to assist with delivering the food collected at St. Louis for the Sr. Regis Food Cupboard, please contact Christine Wensel, Pastoral Associate, at the Ministry Center: (585) 586-5675, ext. 224 or cwensel@dor.org.

WE OBSERVE DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY.
Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of pilgrimage as Church. This is the message of the new evangelization. Our dedicated Sisters of St. Joseph marking fifty years of presence in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile have been on pilgrimage sharing their gift of faith and service to God’s people. We are called to help them next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

I WILL
In years past, lawyers or financial advisors assisting someone with their will would have almost automatically asked "Do you plan on leaving anything to support your church (or synagogue):" As a result, including the church in one’s will was quite common. Many a retired priest can tell of a time when the roof was leaking, a boiler needed to be replaced, or some other emergency arose, and miraculously, the money appeared just in time through a bequest. Have you considered including a bequest to St. Louis Church, our school, or Saint’s Place in your will? Have you suggested to family that, in your obituary, you would like to encourage friends or family to make a contribution to St. Louis? In this Easter season, pray about it please.

HELP WANTED
Someone with access to welding equipment to make small repairs for St. Louis - broken folding chairs, basketball rims, etc.

Contact Sally @ 586-5675, ext. 235 or sschrecker@dor.org

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

**Confirmation Make-Up (Attention 8th Graders!)**

If you weren't able to attend Saturday Confirmation prep we will be offering make-ups on the following dates:

- For those who missed the First Session on March 5, make up is **Sunday - May 15th** (1:45-4:45pm, in the Parish Meeting Hall)

- 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.
We are very pleased to announce that the Finger Lakes STEM Hub has chosen to recognize the **St. Louis School STEM program** at the STEM Hub Recognition Awards Luncheon! The intention of these awards is to showcase the excellent programs already existing in the Finger Lakes STEM Hub nine county area, including the counties of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

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**Fruit of the Vine**
Tuesday, May 17
Father Bob Kennedy
“Will the Church Ever Change?”

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 enlightening speakers.

Next Fruit of the Vine:
Tuesday, June 14
Noëlle Hiester:
“Severe Mercy”

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**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.*


**DATE, TIME, LOCATION**

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

*Reddington Hall*

**COST / REGISTRATION**

| Material Cost | $15 |
| RSVP by 5/20 |

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God of Second Chances

Have you ever heard of the "God of Second Chances?" I am sure God has given each of us many second chances.

When I was in the eighth grade at St. John the Evangelist School (that was way before Father Kevin was co-pastor there!), I thought about being a priest. Way back then you could go to a high school seminary and start your journey, but I really wanted to go to Aquinas.

When I was graduating from Aquinas, I thought about it again - but I was going steady with this girl and well - I put the idea away until my sophomore year at Villanova. Then I talked it over with a priest who said the magic words: "GIVE IT A TRY - YOU WON'T KNOW IF YOU DON'T TRY." I tried and it took.

I have never wanted to be anything other than a parish priest - that is, where the church lives, grows, thrives. The church is the people - the people are the church - and to me, and most of us, - the parish is the church.

I started my priesthood in rural Ontario - was promoted to the suburbs (St. Joe's in Penfield), then to the city (Holy Family), Inner city (Mt. Carmel) and then to pastor at North Chili (St. Christopher's) and finally Webster (St. Paul's). I truly have loved, learned, served, grown and been challenged in each parish and it has always been the people - the church, the individuals and groups with needs and gifts who allowed me to walk with them at precious moments of faith. What a privilege!!!!

When I retired 10 years ago, Fr. Jim Schwartz was moved with compassion (or the desire to have someone he could beat at golf) and he invited me to St. Louis. For me it has been a great fit. What a joy to welcome Fr. Gerry, then Fr. Al, and then Fr. Kevin - 3 different gifted people to share life, laughs, ministry - the common call to serve all of you, the church, (as long as Fr. Kevin does most of the work and attends all the meetings).

My witness to priesthood is simple - what a joy-filled, happy, blessed, rewarding, fantastic life. As the songwriter said "Who could ask for anything more?" To anyone thinking of priesthood, - or church ministry of any kind, I pass along the advice that I received, GIVE IT A TRY. You won't be sorry.


Note: Fr. Ray has been retired for 16 years and Fr. Bob became our pastor in July 2011 after Fr. Kevin retired.

For more information, contact
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ST. LOUIS WOMEN’S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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.

- Begins Saturday, April 30 and will run for 6 weeks
- Meets on the St. Louis Church campus
- Sessions meet from 9:45 to 11:00am
- Offers a safe place to share your grief with others
- Provides love and support to help in the healing process

Be uplifted knowing the Lord blesses those who mourn.

Come and make new friends who are facing similar losses.

Let’s walk this journey together. For more information contact Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org.

Officers to be Elected at the May meeting are:
Grand Knight: Dick Hilliard
Deputy Grand Knight: Michael DeCocq
Chancellor: Dan Dwyer
Treasurer: Joseph DiPrima
Warden: Joseph Salipante
Recorder: Mark Abbott
Inside Guard: Ron Serio
Outside Guard: Greg Lane
Trustee 3 Years: Rick Whelehan

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St Louis Council can pick up one of the applications in the hallway by the Narthex or contact one of our members. Any Questions please contact the Grand Knight Rick Whelehan at 585-797-4638 or e-mail: wheels282@frontier.com.

ST. LOUIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting, Monday, May 16
Parish Meeting Hall

Hope everyone had a Happy, Holy Easter!

Our meeting begins with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and a business meeting following at 7:00 PM. Our meeting agenda includes discussing the Membership Drive held on April 16 & 17 at all the Masses. It went very well. Nine new members were signed up.

Under New Business, we will have our Council Elections. (All offices are for one year, nominations are not closed until the election at this Meeting, every office can be contested except the Financial Secretary who is appointed by the Supreme Council.)
St. Louis Saturday Night Bistro
May 21 @ 5:45 pm
Parish Meeting Hall

It’s Nice in Nice

Menu
Nicoise Salad
Pan Seared Salmon
Green Beans
Strawberry Shortcake

$15 per Person
BYOB

RSVP by Monday, May 16
586-5675 or
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FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! MAY 14 & 15

- 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

The Lyric Chorale, Chrisanne Yule, Director, presents:

“War and Peace”
Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: St. Louis Church, 64 S. Main St., Pittsford
Tickets: $15; $13 seniors and students; available in advance at www.lyricchorale.org

Description: The program begins with A Tribute to the Armed Services, a medley of the “Hymns” for the five branches of the U.S. Military Forces. We then continue with musical reflections on the emotional cost of war, in works such as Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ye, I’m Goin’ Away, The Blue and the Gray, and In Flanders Fields. The second half focuses on the hope for peace and a better world with works such as Incription of Hope, I Dream a World, and Freedom Trilogy. Please join us for this moving and inspirational concert.

Young Adults, Don’t Miss Out
Theology on Tap Monday Night at 7:00 pm
Beale New Orleans Grille Bar
689 South Ave., Rochester 14620
Rochester, NY 14620

May 9, Pentecost: Jewish & Christian Traditions
With Fr. George Heyman, President & Associate Professor in Biblical Studies, St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith.
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