**Novembering**

Harvests are gathered in, the leaves begin to fall, earth prepares to go to sleep for the winter, and as the church year moves toward its close, we are all invited to think of the last things. November opens with All Saints Day, then All Souls. We put out Books of Remembrance, offering special prayers for our deceased loved ones. This week we had a funeral planning workshop. Today we have readings about the afterlife. While our culture tends to idolize youth, and deny aging and death, our faith has a different perspective. Age can bring wisdom, a priceless gift. While we are bound to experience losses as we move through the years, these can teach us what is of true value. Most counter-cultural of all, we believe death is not just an ending, but a glorious new beginning.

The funeral liturgy is one of the church’s most finely tuned and effective liturgies. The prayers, the pace, the flow of the ritual; simple things like gathering near the font, blessing the casket, placing the pall – simple, reverent gestures help mourners express their grief wordlessly. The liturgy moves through the Word to Eucharist, Christ’s victory over death, helping build confidence in the Lord’s promises of an eternal life with Him.

The funeral liturgy can be beautiful, honoring the deceased with reverence, celebrating the paschal mystery, providing great solace to family and friends. But to accomplish those ends, folks with key roles need to understand the rite: its design and flow, what can enhance, what detracts. Selecting music is not just remembering the deceased’s favorite songs. Silent Night may be beautiful, but does it contribute to the movement or meaning of the rite? Musicians must know the difference between performance and musical prayer. What may surprise many, the ritual specifically states there is no eulogy for Holy Eucharist. Speaking in remembrance of the deceased.

More and more often, folks unfamiliar with Catholic faith and ritual are asked to speak at a funeral. Too easily it ends up a eulogy, which might be fine as a stand-alone piece. But the purpose and style of a eulogy is different than what the funeral liturgy requires. A typical eulogy may be a detailed biography. Or it may include stories that are part of the process of remembering and grieving, but have nothing to do with virtues, faith, how we see God’s love in this person’s life. Stories that may be appropriate for a wake or a meal after the funeral, but not for Holy Eucharist. Speaking in remembrance is sharing a story that reveals the deceased’s goodness, and God’s grace; naming a virtue the person lived; how their example is worth treasuring and emulating. To ensure that funerals preserve holiness of Eucharist and the dignity of the deceased, we need to require remembrances to be reviewed in advance, for the sake of all who worship here. For help if asked to speak, please just ask! Peace to all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - November 11
Martin of Tours, Bishop
Veterans Day
Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
11:00 am Richard Spiegel - Family
5:15 pm Joe & Mary Jo Gomes - Family

TUESDAY - November 12
Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Wis 2:23–3:9/Lk 17:7-10
6:45 am Paul Spinelli - Mary Jane Schwind
11:00 am Theodore M. Rozanski - Daughter & Family
11:00 am Communion Service at Heather Heights

WEDNESDAY - November 13
Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
11:00 am The Rodriguez Family - A. U.
5:15 pm Ray Mahar - Dick & June Mangan

THURSDAY - November 14
Wis 7:22–8:1/Lk 17:20-25
6:45 am Susan Everdyke - James Sedita
11:00 am Paul Spinelli - Sarah Petcoff

FRIDAY - November 15
Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of Church
Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
11:00 am All Souls - A. U.
5:15 pm Paul Kircher - Robert & Joan Daly

SATURDAY - November 16
Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Virgin
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
9:00 am Capt. Luke Wullenwaber - Ryan & Molly Hickey
4:30 pm Ida Tasciotti - Louis Tasciotti

SUNDAY - November 17
33rd Sunday in Ordinary time
Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
7:30 am Amy Gaesser - Alan Gaesser
9:00 am Mary Gallagher - Bob & Cathy Nealon
11:00 am Gerri Shetto - Fred & Karen
5:00 pm Mary Moraca - Mary Mattis

REQUIEM AETERNAM
Frederick Snyder
Patricia MacDonald

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 for Joseph Connolly
By Doris Cournoyer.

One lamp will burn
For a Special Intention.

Available now at all Church entrances over the next several weekends, are Books of Remembrance for inscribing the names of beloved deceased.
We invite you to write in them the names of people whom you would like this community of faith to lift in prayer to God throughout the month of November.

Saturday & Sunday, November 16 and 17. Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - November 17
The Highlands: Doris Wilmot
Heather Heights: Pete & Gerry Shea
OUR GIFT TO THE LORD
Our presence, our offering

November 3
Attendance ............ 1,779
Collection ............. $20,263.00

Beyond Zacchaeus:
One verse in every six in the first three Gospels relates, either directly or indirectly, to money. Sixteen of our Lord's 44 parables deal with the use or misuse of money.

A loving, joyful, liberal giving to the Lord's work is an acid test of a spiritual heart, pleasing to God.

William E. Allen

Did you miss last Sunday?
Catch the homily on our website:
www.stlouischurch.org

OUR GIFT TO THE LORD
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Support the Collection for “The Archdiocese for the Military Services”
November 9 & 10

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE!
A Special Collection for “The Archdiocese for the Military Services USA” will be held at Masses this weekend. This collection offers each of us a substantial way to "serve those who serve." Funds raised will help the Archdiocese for the Military Services bring the Church’s full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform as well as their families and patients in the nation’s VA Medical Centers. They will support religious education in remote locations, priestly formation of new chaplains at a time of critical shortage, and financial planning to meet the challenges of shepherding a global archdiocese that is present wherever U.S. military personnel are stationed. Please support this cause and our troops! Make checks payable to St. Louis Church with Military Services in the memo/notes field.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Thursday, November 14 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall to review the very successful All Souls' Day liturgy and reception on November 2nd and plan for several Advent activities including the cards for the homebound and the Christmas poinsettia as well as 2014 events. We will also review our service to the homebound and hospitalized, including communion visits. Please consider joining our committee. For additional information, please contact either Cris Wensel, Pastoral Associate at 586-5675 ext.224 or email cwensel@dor.org; or Peggy O’Neil Midgley, Chair at 383-8879 or email pomidgley@yahoo.com

The Pastoral Care Committee thanks everyone who attended the special All Souls’ Day Eucharistic Celebration and helped and provided goodies for the reception attended by over 60 persons.

2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

We are God’s Helping Hands

As of Tuesday, November 5, we have received 347 pledges and contributions of $127,718.00 which is 57.14% of this year’s $223,500 goal!

Thank you to all who have responded so far. If you have not yet responded, please place your pledge card in the collection basket or mail it to the Diocese. If you can increase your contribution, we’d be grateful.

For those who missed it, this year’s CMA video can be seen at www.dor.org.

Just click on “Watch the Video”, on page one of the marquee.

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ELDERBERRY EXPRESS

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL’S WOODSHOP

For 44 years, the Sisters of Mercy sponsored an outreach ministry called St. Michael's Woodshop. This past June, the sisters of Mercy handed over its sponsorship of the woodshop to Church of the Assumption in Fairport and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Rochester. June also marked the arrival of a new executive director, James Smith, who previously worked in youth ministry and in maintenance at the former Light of Christ Parish. Trained as a skilled painter and welder, he envisions the woodshop program as providing life skills and employment training in addition to teaching woodworking and picture framing, shop safety, the use of tools and woodworking skills ranging from identifying wood to measuring and cutting accurately. In the fully equipped now reopened woodshop located in the former Bausch and Lomb building on St. Paul St., the sisters and volunteer wood craftsmen have taught 100's of inner city youth. In this Christian setting, young people are encouraged to rise above their impoverished situation by learning the carpentry trade and encouraged to finish school and get jobs. Next week's tithe to the Woodshop will help buy materials. Volunteers and mentors are needed so the woodshop can serve more young people. To volunteer to help with the workshop, e-mail James Smith at stmichaelswood@live.com.

Our presence, our offering

November 3
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A Giant Step
The martyrdom recounted in today’s 1st reading was not just about eating forbidden food. Why was this family ready to resist, even to the point of death, every effort of Antiochus to wipe out Hebrew religion, in order to replace it? Read 1st Maccabees 1:43-63 to find out (but be prepared to read of terrible depravity). We can admire this family’s incredible conviction, and the deep trust in God, and also pray for those who today suffer terrible persecution for their faith. Though it gets gruesome in details, read 2nd Maccabees 7:1-41 for the whole story, and to hear the mother of these courageous sons speak. You will see who taught them courage!

We also hear this reading in November, as we reflect on the ‘last things’, for it reveals development in the idea of the life hereafter. While the Egyptians and other of Israel’s neighbors had a belief in the afterlife early in their history, such was not the case in Israel. In much of the Old Testament, there is little about the afterlife save a notion of some shadowy half-existence in a place called Sheol. After the Babylonian Exile however, and exposure to Persian ideas about life after death, the sages and the people began to ponder questions of the life hereafter much more deeply. This passage, from the time of the Maccabees, is a giant step forward. Notice closely that the idea of resurrection of the dead comes from deep reflection on the nature of a just and loving God, and from the experience of a relationship with the God of eternal life.

An Encouraging Word
How best to encourage a community of believers, or a fellow believer? II Thessalonians shows one powerful way. Pray for them. Entrust them into God’s care. Ask for their prayers, so that the Gospel might spread, and others come to faith. When spending time with this reading, reread it several times, looking deeper and deeper into Paul’s confidence in the Lord, and his love for the people in Thessalonica. Notice too, in asking for prayers for himself, the main thrust is the request that they pray for him, so that the Gospel will advance and his mission succeed. Great insight in how we might pray for each other! Try praying for someone today, asking that God encourage and strengthen them for every good deed. See where it leads your spirit.

Reduco ad Absurdum
It is an old form of argument. Disprove a proposition by illustrating that absurd conclusions result from accepting it, or result from taking it to its logical conclusion. So the Saducees, who did not believe in resurrection of the dead, set up a crazy scenario in the Gospel today, setting a trap, not exploring a genuine question. Jesus briefly passes over the crazy scenario, pointing out that getting married is a this-worldly activity. His real focus is not on marriage, but on God, who is God of the living. He uses a method of argument from scripture that we may not easily follow today, but the conclusion is unassailable: all are alive in God, now, and always.

Do Not Be Afraid
It is a refrain we hear over and over in the scriptures …”do not be afraid, I am with you.” Scottish philosopher & theologian John Macmurray contrasted ‘illusory religion’ and ‘real religion’ this way. Illusory religion promises: “Fear not; trust in God and he will see that none of the things you fear will happen to you.” However, real religion teaches us: “Fear not; the things that you are afraid of are quite likely to happen to you, but they are nothing to be afraid of.”

To start our Advent season, the three parishes of St. Louis, Transfiguration and St. Catherine of Siena have invited Fr. George Heyman, Professor at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry to speak on Wednesday evening, November 20, at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine’s. He will introduce the season of Advent with an overview of the infancy narratives and provide their connection between the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome to come and hear his presentation. Our three parishes will then extend this experience by holding a three-session Little Rock Infancy Narrative Scripture Study. The cost of materials is $15. Materials will be available at the study sessions. If you miss a session at your home parish, feel free to come to that session at another church. You are welcome at all three parishes. More information coming soon!
**Five … Four … Three … Two …**

With only two weeks left in this Year of Faith, an Internet search found “12 Ways to Live the Year of Faith” from www.dioceseoflacrosse.com.

1. Bring a friend to Sunday Mass
2. Be committed to daily prayer as a family
3. Place a crucifix or holy picture in your home
4. Study the Faith in a group
5. Go to confession
6. Volunteer in the parish
7. Participate in a Bible study
8. Help a neighbor in need
9. Pray the Act of Faith each day
10. Read the documents of Vatican II
11. Read the life of a saint or another Catholic book
12. Take ten minutes each day to read from one of the Gospels

Anyone who has checked out the USCCB listing of “10 Ways …” typically used for this column (http://www.usccb.org) will recognize many similarities, but also differences including the encouragement of several group-centered actions and the inclusion of the Act of Faith. Certainly, our faith should be studied, as well as shared, with others and St. Louis provides a variety of excellent opportunities for both. As Father Bob says – check the bulletin.

An Act of Faith prayer, encouraged any time but especially when we feel our faith is being tested or during temptation, may simply be My God, I believe in you, or similar wording. The traditional prayer found at many websites is: O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Thoughts on the Year of Faith, the 12 Ways, group study or the Act of Faith, or anything else? Please see me after Mass sometime or contact me at 1deacondave@gmail.com.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

**REMEMBERING NYS FALLEN MILITARY**

As we celebrate Veteran’s Day, let us not forget to remember the NYS military that have died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Take a moment and walk down the hall outside of the Parish Meeting Hall to learn about some of the fallen. Unfortunately we can not provide histories of all the 300+ individuals who sacrificed their lives for our freedom; the name of each deceased NYS service person is listed. If there is someone close to you who has died in these wars is not listed and you would like their name added, please contact Birdie at the Ministry Center and we will be glad to add their name. This memorial will be displayed for the month of November.

**Do You Love Sharing Your Faith With Others?**

If you are one among us who find it easy to talk with others about God’s love for us and how the St. Louis Community demonstrates that love, please take some time in prayer and think about joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team. We are looking for individuals who like to help other adults discern and learn about becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. You will become part of a team that teaches about our Church, our Catholic faith, and what it means to walk with Jesus and make disciples. Gather with us for an information and orientation session on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Hall.

**Do You Enjoy Reading and Discussing A Good Book?**

With the colder weather coming, we will need to find activities to do while we are inside. Why not join a book club? St. Louis will be starting such a club on Thursday, November 14. There will be two sessions on the same day, an afternoon session at 1:00 pm and an evening session at 7:00 pm. We will meet every other week.

The first book we will read is: The Shattered Lantern – Rediscovering A Felt Presence of God, by Ronald Rolheiser.

“In our busy, fragmented world, it’s increasingly difficult to find spiritual meaning in our lives. Even religious people often feel that God’s presence is far away from them. As the atheist philosopher Nietzsche said, the lantern of the divine light has been shattered.

In Shattered Lantern, Rolheiser looks at how atheism and disbelief have crept into our world, and how in the face of it, we can restore the shattered lantern and bring back the light of God. He shows that the way to overcome self-involvement and an obsession with achievement is not by learning more or trying harder, but by living in a different way.”

The book is available on Amazon.com or at Barnes and Noble. If you would like to join us, please read the first chapter so we can discuss it at our first gathering. A reflection guide is at the end of the book. For more information, please contact Cris Wensel at: 586-5675, ext. 224 or by email: cwensel@dor.org.
HOLIDAY GIFTS

WHAT GOES TOGETHER BETTER THAN “Thanksgiving” and “Pie”!

A HOLIDAY PIE SALE is again being conducted to raise funds for our next Habitat house project in 2016 as a member of Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP).

Like last year, pies are prepared by Kelly’s Farm Market of Hilton. They grow the fruit so the pies are made with the freshest ingredients. These extra deep 10” homemade fruit pies, made from scratch without preservatives, weigh approximately 4 ½ lbs., provide 8 to 10 generous servings and are absolutely delicious!

The pie selections include Apple Crumb, Apple-Raspberry, Pumpkin, and Christmas Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, & Pineapple), selling for $15.00 each. An Apple Crisp with no crust sells for $11.00. These pies freeze well so consider ordering for both Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Orders will be taken in the Narthex before and following all masses next weekend November 16 & 17. Ordered pies will be available for pick-up Tuesday, November 26, 2 days prior to Thanksgiving.

This has been a popular fund raiser and profitable since we earn about 40% from each sale. Thanks to all who help fund our next Habitat house project through our pie sale. You are making a difference in the lives of many people, one family at a time. Call Bob or Rosemary Scholl (585-381-3760) with any questions regarding the pies.

HABITAT 2013 HOLIDAY PIE SALE ORDER FORM

(Please print clearly)

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In lieu of, or in addition to pies, I’m making a donation to Habitat of: __________________________

If paying by check, please note “Pies” & make checks out to:
St. Louis Catholic Church

GRAND TOTAL: __________________________

Our Parish Haiti Task Force enthusiastically announces

ST. LOUIS’ ORNAMENT SALE IS NOW IN FULL SWING FOR THE 32ND YEAR!

Check our parish website: www.stlouischurch.org/news for answers to most of your questions:

What do the new angels and hearts look like? ... Where to purchase them? ... Why are we selling them? Who made and gift-packaged them? ... How to place large orders? ... How to sponsor a child?

Supporting our cause by supporting this Sale, will make your Holiday gift-giving easier, meaningful, memorable, effective and tax deductible!

These ornaments are perfect also for many other occasions: Baby's First Christmas, Baptism, First Communion, Birthday, Valentine’s Thinking of you, Get Well ….

You can also see them and the list of participating merchants displayed in the Narthex under the Our Lady of Guadalupe mosaic.

Donation of $6 each.

Camp Stella Maris Summer Camp registration now open. Located just 30 minutes from Rochester on beautiful Conesus Lake, CSM offers traditional weeklong overnight sessions (ages 7-15), Day Camp (ages 5-12), Overnight Experience 1 and 2 night program (ages 6-10), 4 Day Stay (ages 7-15) and LIT (age 15) & CIT (age 16) programs. Campers experience personal, physical, emotional and spiritual growth in a safe, caring, and faith-filled environment.

Go to WWW.CAMPSTELLAMARIS.ORG or call (585) 346-2243 to register.
**Saint’s Place**

**Coats Needed**

*all sizes ~ adults and children*

With the arrival of fall, and the cooler weather, there is an urgent need for **CLEAN**, warm winter coats.

If you have a coat that you seldom wear, one that is too small or too big, or that almost looks like something you already have, consider donating it to a very worthy cause. Your **gently** used coat will keep a person very warm as they walk to the market or wait for a bus to transport them to school or work. Taking the extra time to wash and make sure the zipper works on your coat ensures that newly arrived refugees will receive the respect and dignity that they so deserve.

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**Saint’s Place**

46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534

Colleen Knauf, 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. Fax: 585-385-3963 or saintlady@saintsplace. org, or www.saintsplace.org

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**Knight’s Blessing**

On November 23rd at the 4:30 PM Mass, Father Bob will bless the **New Knights of Columbus St Louis Council** officers and members. Father Bob will be led into Church by the Master and the Color Corp of the 4th Degree. This is a special time not only for the Knights and their Families, but for the Parish also in welcoming the **New Knights of Columbus Council at St Louis Church**.

The Knights already have plans for programs to offer help within the Parish and the Community, reflecting the purpose upon which the Knights were founded: “CHARITY” “UNITY” “FRATERNITY” and “PATRIOTISM.”

Starting in December, we will begin all our council meetings by saying the Rosary; we plan on having a Corporate Communion every quarter. Assist Seminarians, with monetary help through the RSVP program, is a very important project for the Knights. Pro-Life will also be a part of our programs as well as Special Olympics.

If there is something in the Parish that we can help with, please let Grand Knight Roland Schindler know. Most importantly, we need to build our Membership. If you have been thinking of joining, ask a member, or call Roland at 385-1696. He will welcome your call! There are prospect cards in the church pews. We are not a separate part of the Church or Parish; we plan on making the Council a big part of both. **We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd of November at the 4:30 PM MASS for the Blessing of the Knights and the New St Louis Council.**

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The **NEW** St. Louis Council of the Knights of Columbus was established on October 22, 2013. A business meeting followed with the nomination of officers, yearly dues, and the name of St. Louis Council, all voted on and unanimously approved. Elected Officers are: Grand Knight, Roland Schindler; Co-Chaplain, Fr. Robert Ring; Co-Chaplain, Msgr. Gerald Krieg; Deputy Grand Knight, Richard Whelehan; Chancellor, Leonard Bullard; Recorder, Michael DeCocq; Financial Secretary, Michael Savka; Treasurer, Joseph DiPrima; Warden, Jeffery Mason; Trustee, Richard Hilliard, Former Master; Trustee, Pat O’Connor; Trustee, Vincent State; Inside Guard, Walter McCanna; Outside Guard, Merrill Whitney; and Advocate, Peter Glennon.

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**UNIFORMS...HELPING REFUGEE STUDENTS SUCCEED AT SCHOOL**

Saint’s Place recently purchased 150 hoodies and 50 shirts for the refugee students that attend the Rochester International Academy. These items are part of their school uniform. After years of trying to find “uniform” type of clothing for our refugee students, the decision was made to work with Rochester International Academy, where most of the refugee children we assist will attend school. Since the refugees have no money to purchase uniforms and brown hoodies with a Rochester International Academy logo and they were not something we had at our clothing closet, this seemed a very logical solution.

The Rochester International Academy is located in the old Thomas Jefferson High School on Edgerton Park. The school was started two years ago and has a mission to provide new refugee and immigrant students with an instructional program that simultaneously develops English language proficiency while facilitating their acquisition of content knowledge. The Principal of the Academy, Mary Andrecolich Diaz states that students come speaking no English and they have cultural differences that they struggle with.

Students spend 2 to 4 semesters at the academy then move on to a school of their choice. Teachers say that the students have a strong desire to learn, and work extremely diligently to reach their goal of learning English. Because of the generosity of our many donors, Saint’s Place is happy to be able to provide this support for the refugee students. Thank you!
“A New and Different Life With Christ”

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

As Christians, our hope is grounded in our belief in the resurrection of the dead. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encounters some people who do not believe in resurrection.

Jesus' response to the Sadducees shows that sometimes we miss the most important things about what God has planned for us because we get stuck in the details of human existence. Jesus wants us to open our minds and hearts to the possibilities that God has in store for us. Our faith tells us that when we die our life is changed, not ended. This is good news because we know that we will continue to share a relationship with God even after our death.

A tree needs water, soil and sunlight to live. When a tree is cut down and used to make firewood or something else it no longer needs the water, soil and sunlight. It has a new purpose.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we also will not need the same things we did when we were alive. Instead, we will have a new and different life with Christ.

Hi Gang,

I hope you are all well and enjoying life. Here is an updated calendar of Youth Group events. We have some service projects coming up which are a great way to enter into the Thanksgiving and Advent Seasons. I hope you can join us and like always, bring a friend. You can reach me at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com or call at 261-2266 with any questions.

Hope to see you soon, Mr. McBride

Upcoming Youth Group Events ~ Please Join Us!

Sunday, November 10, 12:30-5:30 pm.
Service Project at St. Michael's Church. 12:30 - 3:30 pm. At 4:00 pm we celebrate Mass with their community. We finish at 5:30 pm and return to St. Louis.

Sunday, November 17, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.
Special blessing for NCYC Pilgrims.

Wednesday, November 20 - Sunday, November 23.
National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis

Sunday, December 1, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.
Teen Mass and dinner.

Saturday, December 7, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.
Service Project at St. Francis Cabrini Parish in the City. We will provide an educational and recreational program for children whose parents are on retreat.

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.
Mass and youth group meeting.

Saturday, December 14, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Service Project, Bethany House Christmas Party at St. Mary's Church.

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.
Teen Mass and dinner.

Sunday, December 22, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.
Teen Mass and Youth Group Christmas Party.

A Better Marriage: Jesus tells us not to exalt ourselves; not to be filled with pride and self righteousness or we will be humbled. We are called to imitate our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is meek and humble of heart. Do you show this attitude of heart in your relationship with God and others? Are you kind and loving putting them ahead of yourself? Discover the love and joy that God wants you to experience in your marriage - sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in Canandaigua, NY on Nov. 15-17, 2013 or Feb. 7-9, 2014; for more information visit our website at: www.wwme-wny.org, email Applications@wwme-wny.org or call (877) 697-9963.

Schedule Change!!!
The Youth Group’s Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 5:45 pm and Sunday, November 17, 6:15 pm has been POSTPONED!
CELEBRITY INFINITY CRUISE
An Immersive Wine Cruise!
Two days in the ports of Paris, Bordeaux; Bilbao, Spain; plus Vigo, Spain and Port, Portugal. Join Fr. Bob and some of his classmates for the sights, September 19, 2014. Contact Candi at Escapes Travel, escapesinc@live.com or at (585) 672-1516 for the cruise itinerary and booking offers. Early booking deadline is Nov. 10!

HELP NEEDED
AT 9:00 AM COFFEE HOUR!!!

The families that have kept the 9:00 am Coffee Hour going – while their kids were in grade school – are “aging out” of the family mass and moving on to the adult/teen masses. The roster of families committed to this ministry is severely depleted.

To keep the 9:00 am Coffee Hour going, we need families willing to take a turn at hosting. Hosting means coming at 8:40 am to put on a fresh pot of coffee before mass begins, acting as servers/hosts during the coffee hour and then cleaning up the pots and putting away supplies. Families are usually out the door by 10:45 am.

Volunteering as Coffee Hour hosts is a great way to minister to our faith community; and something that the whole family can do together. Please consider taking a turn at keeping this ministry of hospitality and community going.

Contact Sally Schrecker at sschrecker@dor.org to join.

“WORKING OUR WAY THROUGH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS”
Holidays can be stressful for everyone but particularly for those who have lost a loved one. Join us for an insightful, yet practical look at a very tender issue at Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, NY on Thursday, 11/21, 7:00PM – 8:30PM (NOTE: RESCHEDULED DATE) in the Double Room of the Parish Life Center.

Our presenter is Theo Munson, Manager of Caregiver and Bereavement Services at Lifetime Care's Hospice of Rochester. Questions? Please contact Margie Benza at margie4@frontiernet.net or 248-2427 x244.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! NOVEMBER 16 & 17
- 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

Recycle bags are always welcome & appreciated!

DAVID HAAS WITH LORI TRUE
Church of the Transfiguration,
Concert, Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 pm
$15 Advance ($20 door)

Liturgy Workshop, Nov. 16,
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
$30 Advance Ticket Includes Lunch

Join us for a wonderful concert and/or workshop with David Haas, well known composer and musician (You are Mine, etc.) joined by Lori True. Order your tickets today through (transfigurationpittsford.org). Complete the order form and mail it to or stop by the parish office at 50 W. Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, NY 14534. Your tickets held at the door.
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