HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Sometimes the most challenging conversations are the most important: being vulnerable in sharing a hurt, risking a dream with someone else, sorting out the deepest things inside. At this time of year, through our Sunday readings, Jesus invites us to contemplate the last things: the end of the world, the end of our life. The church invites us to apply what we hear. Am I ready if the Lord were to call me home tonight, tomorrow, or at a time I least expect? Will I have enough oil for my lamp, to light the way?

Spiritual and practical are not mutually exclusive realms. Having the conversation about these things with family and those closest to us is important, both spiritually and practically. What does death mean to me? Do I have fears? As the time approaches, how will my faith make a difference? Practically, if I should become ill, will I bring my family together so we can celebrate the sacrament of anointing? How tightly will I cling to life? Will I know when to let go? The sacrament of anointing is a healing sacrament, providing help in the fight to live. It can also bring peace when it is time to let go. But being caught short at the last minute hinders either of those graces. Have the conversation.

Identifying a health care proxy is very practical, but discussing what our faith has to offer regarding these matters is eminently spiritual. How else can one negotiate the path between accepting that death is part of life, while honoring the gift of life, accepting that the Lord asks us to leave the decision to His providence, and infinite love? A living will is a real gift to family, but only if they know what our wishes are, and what values shape those wishes. Have the conversation.

Funeral planning is not just for those in hospice care. The diocese asks all priests to have funeral plans on file at the pastoral office. Think through, not just ‘what is the simplest or easiest’. It is not easier to minimize the funeral rites, including calling hours and a funeral. What will help those I love, friends, family and acquaintances pay respects, support one another, and grieve well? Calling hours are not an inconvenience; there is both practical and spiritual wisdom to this important part of our tradition of honoring those who have died and caring for those grieving. See inside about an upcoming planning workshop, and have the conversation.

Financial considerations are not only practically necessary, but spiritually important. What does my will say about what I value, the legacy I wish to leave, my relationship with the Lord? Have I discussed these things, so close to my heart, with those I love? Will deciding what I would like people to contribute to in my honor be a last minute decision, or carefully thought out? Have the conversation.

The conversation can bring peace, now, and at the end. Peace to you always, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - November 13**
Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
11:00 am William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family
5:15 pm Those on Our Books of Remembrance

**Tuesday - November 14**
Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10
6:45 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Intentions of Lillian Jabbour - Carol Duffy

**Wednesday - November 15**
Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
11:00 am Walter Seastrom - Richard Baum
5:15 pm Special Intention

**Thursday - November 16**
Wis 7:22—8:1/Lk 17:20-25
6:45 am Victims of Shooting in Texas
11:00 am John Henry Ryan - Family

**Friday - November 17**
Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
11:00 am Michael Petrina - Peter & Pat Spinelli
5:15 pm Idalia Soto-Castro - Lourdes Peckham

**Saturday - November 18**
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
9:00 am Philip DiPasquale - By His Children
4:30 pm Ida Tasciotti - Family

**Sunday - November 19**
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
7:30 am Charlie Brown - Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Coan
9:00 am Joseph Salipante - Flo & Jack Battaglia
11:15 am Donna Rose - Fred & Karen
5:00 pm Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Dinh Tran & 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 reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

Three lamps will burn In Memory of Bucky Barvinchak by Aunt Marise & Uncle Ralph, Grandma & Grampa Barvinchak, & Dad.

Available at the Church entrances 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.

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**Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19**

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**Sunday Communion Service - November 19**
The Highlands - Fred & Marie Lapple Heather Heights - Darlene Huver
**Our Offering of Time & Treasure**

**Even in Death**
Including St. Louis Church, school or Saint’s Place in our will is a wonderful way to support ministries that we value, even after God calls us home. Another way to extend the blessing: let our family know that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be offered to St. Louis Church, school or Saint’s Place. Upon the death of a loved one, think prayerfully – where would my loved one want contributions to be made in his or her memory? A beautiful way to let folks know what our loved one believed to be truly important, what we learned from them regarding what is truly important!

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$22,651.00

**Got Calendars?** At this time of year, we all seem to receive unsolicited calendars from charities, home services, etc. Rather than throw them out – please save them for Saint’s Place to be part of our household setups for refugee families. They are happy to receive a calendar. The calendars can be put in the Saint’s Place drawer in the north entrance (piano side) of church. Thank you!

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**Percentage Of Goal**

41%
The Wisdom Shelf
As you know, the Bible is not a single book, but really, a library. For us, the Old Testament library has 4 shelves, The Pentateuch, The Historical Books, Wisdom Literature, and The Prophets. (Our Jewish brothers and sisters divide the Hebrew Scriptures into three sets of scrolls, the Torah, or Teachings (the 5 Books of Moses), The Prophets, and the Writings).

Our wisdom shelf includes 7 books, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Sirach, Psalms and Song of Songs. One characteristic of wisdom literature: the books often focus on daily life experience. How do we deal with the various situations we can find ourselves in? How do we achieve a good life? In large part, these books are teachings intended to build character. (For more, go to the USCCB website, Bible tab, Books of the Bible, The Wisdom Books). This weekend we hear themes basic to wisdom literature: the wonder and beauty of wisdom, the gift that wisdom is for us, and that wisdom actively seeks us out. Like God, wisdom seeks us as we seek her. Take time to reflect on this reading. Think about wisdom seeking you!

Not Left Out!
1 Thessalonians is the first of St. Paul’s letters, and the oldest book of the New Testament, written around 52 AD. At that time many Christians were expecting Jesus to return any moment. So when some of their fellow believers died before His return, the big question: what about them? Will they miss out? Today’s first reading is St. Paul’s answer: No! But how do you describe what you know in your heart, and know through the indwelling of the Spirit (the love of Christ will keep us always with the Lord, and together), though you don’t have the exact details? Paul found the answer in familiar imagery from experiences of God in the Hebrew Scriptures: the voice of the archangel, the trumpet of God, the Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. No, those who have died will not be left out! They will be raised first, and we will join them. The most important take home, the reason we do not grieve like others? We, and our fellow believers, shall always be with the Lord.

Before Going To Bed
Although the Gospel today concludes with the admonition to stay awake, notice: all ten of the virgins fell asleep. Neither the wise nor the foolish ones got in trouble for sleeping. What separated the wise from the foolish: being prepared! The application to daily life can be very practical. When we go to bed, how prepared are we? What would having oil in our lamps look like?

How about reviewing the day, giving God thanks for blessings, asking forgiveness for opportunities missed or failings, perhaps a prayer for those we are having trouble forgiving, and a prayer for peace and reconciliation. In the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office, or Breviary), Night Prayer includes the Canticle of Simeon, with the antiphon: Protect us Lord, as we stay awake, watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace. Then, before the antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there is the blessing: May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death. Amen. (USCCB website, Prayer & Worship tab, Liturgy of the Hours to learn about this official prayer of the church. You can pray the Liturgy of the Hours by going to Universalis on the web, or using that app.) What oil is in your lamp at the end of the day?

Preventing for Next Weekend:
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10 – 13, 19 – 20, 30 – 31
She works with loving hands

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 6
Let the day of the Lord not overtake you like a thief

Gospel: Matthew 25:14 – 30
Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master’s joy

St. Louis Pray-ers
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Ephesians. 6:18

Is praying for others a ministry for you? Contact Cathy Malik, Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care (585-586-5675) or via email at Catherine.Malik@dor.org. Be part of our ministry of prayer!
Farewell Gathering for Father Peter Mottola

This Sunday, November 12, 12:30 p.m.
Parish Meeting Hall
Light Refreshments

Join us as we wish Godspeed to Father Peter in his new assignment as Parochial Administrator at St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, with continuing work at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, effective November 14, 2017.

“Word of Life”, which is part of the Focolare spirituality. You are most welcome to join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm in the O’Connor Library in the Manse. (This is the brick building to the right of the main church entrance.)

The Word of Life, a sentence of Scripture, is offered monthly as a guide and inspiration for daily life. We read that sentence and the commentary (which is translated into 96 different languages and dialects and reaches more than 14 million people worldwide), and then offer our thoughts about how it applies to our lives. At the start of the next session, we share how we applied that verse in our lives as we encourage each other to imitate Christ.

For more information please email Fr. Juan at Fr.Juan.Benitez@dor.org or Kathryn at kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org.

Why Be Catholic? (RCIA)

Come and See!
Are You Curious About What Catholics Believe?
Have You Thought About Becoming Catholic?
Join us Wednesday evenings to explore the Catholic faith.
You are welcome here, whether you are Christian or non-Christian, a believer in God or not, or even if you are a Catholic but are unsure of what we believe.
If you are seeking something more, come and see.
Dates: Wednesdays
Time: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Where: The Manse (The building near the main entrance of our church.)
Please register!
kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext. 224
Ministry Minute:

Geri and I have been members of St. Louis Parish for 21 years. One of the big reasons we have come to love this parish and the people in it is that we have been involved by volunteering. Over the years we have volunteered in many areas including St. Louis School, Liturgy Committee, Parish Council, Year of Mercy Team, the Seminarian Support Group, the communion ministry, and Saint’s Place and their tutoring program.

I’d like to share with you a few thoughts about the Communion ministry which I have been doing now for 6 years, once a week on Tuesdays. My calling began years ago when my friend Richard was in the hospital a good part of the last two years of his life. I would visit him during my lunch hour, so when I saw an article in the bulletin asking for volunteers, I started visiting and distributing Holy Communion to the hospitals and nursing homes. This has broadened me and led me to step out of my comfort zone to serve others.

The patients visited are so grateful to receive Holy Communion. They often open up and tell me about their lives and families. You too, could bring the Lord to others, and experience him in this ministry. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and join one of the many ministries St. Louis has to offer.

God Bless! Paul Dolan

2017 Otto A. Shults Lecture & Advent Liturgy

The Otto A. Shults Lecture Series on Spirituality was born of the dream of Mr. Otto A. Shults, a faithful and generous advocate of St. Bernard’s Seminary, predecessor of St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry. Following her husband’s death, Mabel Shults vowed to continue the family’s commitment to theological and ministerial education by endowing this Lecture Series, now in its 41st year.

Come join us as The Right Reverend Gerard D’Souza, 6th Abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee presents, "Truly You are a Hidden God: Faith, the Contemplative Gaze and the Eucharistic Presence of Christ Jesus" followed by an Advent Liturgy and a reception sponsored by the St. Bernard's alumni of Rochester and Syracuse.

St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry
When: Wednesday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m.
Where: 120 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618

Kindly RSVP by emailing Corinne DerCola at Corinne.DerCola@stbernards.edu by November 29!

About the Presenter:
Abbot D'Souza was born in Qatar and raised in India, where he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology. After seminary studies in Mumbai, he moved to the United States, where he earned a master's degree in religious studies from the Institute of Religious Studies in Yonkers. In 1992, he entered the Abbey of the Genesee, a cloistered Trappist monastery near the Geneseo campus. D'Souza took his solemn vows in 1999, completed priestly studies at Catholic University and was ordained in 2001. He is the sixth abbot in the 61-year history of the Abbey of the Genesee.

Remembering: On Thursday, November 2, All Souls' Day, the parish community gathered for two special Masses of Remembrance at 11 am and 7 pm. At each Mass, the names of our deceased loved ones whose funerals were held at St. Louis during the past year were read with prayer. Our priests delivered very uplifting messages of consolation and liturgy concluded with Father Bob singing "Ave Maria." Our Pastoral Care Team held a reception immediately following each Mass in the Parish Meeting Hall. Thanks to all who offered bereaved parishioners the opportunity to commemorate the life of their loved one.

Pastoral Care Committee

Funeral Planning Workshop
Our church has a rich tradition that honors those who have died, and provides comfort and peace to the grieving. A funeral can be a source of comfort to immediate family, it is also a time hearts are naturally more receptive, paving the way for people to reconsider their relationship with God.

Next Sunday, November 19 at 12:30pm we will have a funeral planning workshop, to look at our Catholic rites surrounding death, especially the funeral rites. Since we are all terminal, the workshop is for any and everyone. There will be plenty of time for questions. Hope to see you there!

Could I Pray For You
Before Mass begins, have you ever considered asking the person sitting near you if they would like you to pray for them, and if there is any particular need of theirs you might pray for at this Mass? Step out of your comfort zone. Give it a try!
ST. LOUIS 36TH ANNUAL ORNAMENT SALE
has commenced as of Halloween and continues through New Year's Day.

Since all parishioners and beyond can be considered members of our Team helping Haiti due to parish tithing, and Annual Corn and Ornament Sales – you will welcome some good news.

♦ Holy Childhood, which has made our ceramic ornaments for 30 years is back to partnering with us in this huge effort to support parish friend, Passionist Priest and Physician Fr. Rick Frechette with his very successful St. Damien Pediatric Hospital located on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. This is Haiti's only children's hospital and only hospital free to the indigent. www.nph.usa.org/haiti/stdamien

♦ St. Michaels Woodshop – students of the art of woodworking have handcrafted from various hardwoods 2,100 beautiful crosses for our sale. What a lovely gift for any occasion (First Communion, Get Well, Thinking of You) to show you are a proud follower of Christ!

♦ An anonymous donor has challenged us to earn a matching grant of $25,000 to help Haiti.

♦ To accomplish this goal, at our church sale, SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS will be available for a $25 donation each.

Our Sale in St. Louis’ Narthex will be after all masses, Dec. 2 and 3. For your shopping convenience, several stores around the Greater Rochester are already selling the ornaments.

Available NOW and until New Years Day. Look for the GIFTS OF LOVE Baskets:
in Pittsford: St. Louis Ministry Center, Pittsford Dairy, Make Waves, One World Goods, Chandelier Boutique, and Pittsford Canandaigua National Bank, Pittsford Florist

in Rochester: Parkleigh, The Pendleton Shop, Wisteria, The Creator's Hands, Sayari Creations, the Canandaigua National Banks at Henrietta and Brighton; and at Sacred Heart Cathedral

in Fairport: Lu's Back Door, Lombardi's Gourmet Imports

in Webster: Hegedorn's Market, Warren's Paint & Decorating Center, Goodie Shoppe, Danwins Pharmacy, Barry's Old School Irish Pub, Holy Trinity Church and the offices of Holy Spirit, St. Rita and St. Paul churches

in Greece: Rockcastle Florist

in Mendon: Canandaigua National Bank;
in Canandaigua: Edelweiss Properties Realtors, LLC

Ornaments are stocked by the shops pro bono. Please thank them on behalf of all benefiting from this sale. Ornaments are gift-giving ready with gift card included. Your donation is $8 per ornament (no tax). Cash or, please write checks to: St. Louis Hunger

Check our parish website www.stlouischurch.org and/or call: Marcia Mendola (585-381-6872) for more info.
Notre Dame Club of Rochester & St. Louis Present:
Christian Ethics in a Contemporary World
Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 pm, Parish Mtg Hall

Our lecturer is Dr. Joseph Kelly, Professor Emeritus at Nazareth College where he taught in the Department of Religious Studies for 27 years, and prior to that, taught Scripture at St. Bernard’s Seminary for 11 years.

In today’s world, Christians are constantly confronted by complex ethical issues. How do we respond to these difficult dilemmas? People decide how to act on the basis of their formation, sometimes called their world view. This lecture will explore the various worldviews that are prominent in the contemporary world and attempt to show why the practice of the Christian Worldview provides us with a foundation for integrating our beliefs and practice into a meaningful way of living in today’s society. 

Pastoral Care Committee
The Pastoral Care Team will meet Thursday, November 16 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall to plan upcoming Advent activities.

These include sending holiday greeting cards to the homebound as well as distributing angel ornaments, and helping Father Bob plan the Blue Christmas service. We will also review the All Souls’ Day liturgy and reception.

Our meetings are brief and all are welcome to attend.

Please consider joining our committee and offering your service to this very important ministry. Please contact Cathy Malik, Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care at Catherine.Malik@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 228, or Peggy O’Neil Midgley at pomidgley@yahoo.com or 383-8879.

St. Louis Knights of Columbus, Next Meeting, Monday,
November 20, Parish Meeting Hall

We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and a business meeting at 7:00 PM.

Our annual Charity & Benevolent Raffle Ticket Donation Drive was held October 21/22 after all weekend Masses. It is great to be a part of an organization that is strong in our church and community!

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St. Louis Council or who have any questions, please contact Joseph DiPrima, our Membership Director, at drdiprima@gmail.com; or Grand Knight Michael DeCocq, 585-314-8835, or at e-mail: depepsi@frontiernet.net. Thank you, & God Bless, Michael DeCocq

Pittsford Food Cupboard
Thanksgiving Needs

When PFC is open during the holiday season, they move 4 families through every 15 minutes which equates to feeding 900+ people during Thanksgiving. The following items are needed:

- Turkey
- Turkey Gravy
- Stuffing Mix
- Dessert Mix or Pies
- Canned Applesauce
- Boxed Potatoes Mixes
- Dinner Rolls
- Bread Mixes
- Canned Corn
- Green Beans
- Peas
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cornbread Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Jello and Pudding
- French Fried Onion Rings

Food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard in the drop off drawer in the entryway near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

Christian Love: Feeding the Hungry,
November 18 & 19
Food and Other Items for Sister Regis Food Cupboard

- 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
Giving thanks

Later this month we will give thanks for the blessings we have received throughout the year. Yet God’s gifts don’t just come once a year, so neither should our gratitude. Try these tips to model gratitude for children all year round:

Say it out loud. Let your children hear you say “thank you” often. Not only does it demonstrate gratitude, saying the words will keep you from taking your blessings for granted.

Share a gift. When you are at the dinner table on Thanksgiving, and at other times of the year, take a moment for each person to name something for which they are thankful. Hearing how God has blessed the people around you will remind you of the personal love he has for each of us.

Don’t complain. Griping and gratitude don’t mix. Children notice when our words don’t match our attitudes.

Live thankfully. Each day, look for small blessings and pleasures. Noticing them will help you remember that God makes all things well and deserves our thanks.

Matthew 25:31-46, “You did it for me.”

In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the separation of the sheep and the goats. In Jesus’ time, sheep and goats were treated similarly and were herded together, but were separated at a certain point. Jesus compares the separation of livestock to the separation of people at the end of time—between those who really believed Christ and followed him faithfully and those who didn’t.

The evidence of our faith in Christ will be how we treated people in need. How do we respond to others’ suffering? Do we try to make it better or turn away? What ultimately prevented the “goats” from entering the Kingdom of God was not that they harmed anyone, but that they stood by indifferently and did nothing.

What can a parent do? Teach your children to look out for the needs of their peers and to treat them with kindness, as if it were Jesus himself who was lonely, hungry, without a jacket and so on. Jesus counts even the smallest kindness done to someone in need as done to him, personally.

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. This is a day when we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (1646). The Lateran Basilica was built by Emperor Constantine and is the pope’s cathedral. The Church-wide feast of the Lateran’s dedication is an expression of the Church’s unity with Rome.

Nov. 18 – St. Rose-Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Visitation nuns at age 19. After the French Revolution, she came to the Louisiana Territory as a missionary in 1818. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi River, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

Nov. 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.

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