WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REMEMBER.

November 26, 2017

THIS WEEKEND:
SUNDAY:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
10:00 am - No-Faith Formation Classes
6:15 pm - No MS & HS Youth Groups

THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)
MONDAY - NOVEMBER 27
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Parish Mtg Hall

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 28
7:30 am - Sunday's Scriptures, Manse
1:00 pm - Prayer Study, PMH
4:30 pm - Faith Formation Classes Kdg to 5th Grade
7:00 pm - Prayer Study, PMH

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 29
6:30 pm - CYO Mandatory Parent Meeting, PMH
7:15 pm - Why Be Catholic, Manse Mtg Room
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 30
6:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 1
11:30 am - 4:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church
1:00 pm - Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 2
9:45 am - Women's Bereavement Group, Manse Mtg Rm
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)
5:45 pm - Advent Bistro, see p. 8)
Christmas Ornament Sale to Benefit
St. Damien's Pediatric Hospital in Haiti

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2nd Collection for Catholic University of America
Christmas Ornament Sale to Benefit
St. Damien's Pediatric Hospital in Haiti
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Faith Formation Classes Kdg to 5th Grade
11:15 am - Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30 pm - 90th Birthday Celebration for Msgr Krieg, PMH
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)
5:45 pm - Advent Bistro, see p. 8)
Christmas Ornament Sale to Benefit
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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
for the First World Day of the Poor

Let us love, not with words but with deeds

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’” - Mt 25:34-36

Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - NOVEMBER 27**
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
11:00 am Irene & Daniel Hurley - The St. Louis School Community
5:15 pm Jason Jablonski - Young Family

**TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 28**
Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
6:45 am Those in Prison
11:00 am Mary Ann Dyzak - Norb & Marlene Figurski

**WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 29**
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
11:00 am Wendy Santa Maria - Bernadette Skobjak
5:15 pm Yolanda Basso - Jeff & Alice Dmochowski

**THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 30**
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
6:45 am Eleanor Hockenbrook - Lucille Newell
11:00 am Susan Meloni - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

**FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 1**
Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
11:00 am Mary Ann Dyzak - Norb & Marlene Figurski
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for the People of the Parish
5:15 pm Deceased in our Book of Remembrance

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 2**
Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
9:00 am Idalia Soto-Castro - Olek Family
4:30 pm John Pietropaoli - Family

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3**
First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
7:30 am Greg Barr - The McDonough Family
9:00 am Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren
11:15 am Marie Mahar - Son, Dick
5:00 pm Charles E. Smith - Wife

**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 Jack & Paul Decker
By Mary Jane & Family.

Do not neglect hospitality,
For through it some have Unknowingly entertained Angels.
Hebrews 13:2

All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, December 1, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm.
Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.

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**Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3**

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**Sunday Communion Service - December 3**
The Highlands - Richard Caruso        Heather Heights - Peggy O’Neil Midgley
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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On-line Collection

Month-to-Date $40,006.50

This Week’s Tithing Will Support
Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN)

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support
St. Damien Pediatric Hospital - Haiti

This pediatric hospital is one of Fr. Rick Frechette's many successful endeavors near Port-Au-Prince. Fr. Rick, our parish friend, Passionist priest and physician, thanks us for our support over the last 26 years. In the beginning, we helped him provide only for orphans. Then the big earthquake, hurricanes, famine, continuing government unrest and hospital strikes, HIV and cholera epidemics caused his need to grow the orphanage and its small hospice into a large hospital. Today our investment in Fr. Rick's yeoman efforts show: NPH (Our Little Brothers and Sisters) orphanage is home to 460 kids, (while educating an additional 350 students in their on site school). The hospice is now a state of the art hospital which employs 450 Haitians and provides more than 90,000 services annually. Although Fr Rick's efforts are multifaceted throughout Haiti, the St. Louis Haiti Team has decided to focus on supporting just one of his main projects – St. Damien Pediatric Hospital.

St. Damien is the only free standing pediatric hospital in Haiti. It plays a vital role in the health care of Haiti’s most vulnerable children and high risk pregnant mothers. St. Damien is now being asked to plan for an even heavier caseload, as Doctors Without Borders are planning to close their trauma units and the United Nations is leaving Haiti. For more info, Google: St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti.

Parish contacts: Bob McNamara 381-5952 or Marcia Mendola 381-6872

St. Louis has been offered a challenge: To support St. Damien, Haiti's only children's hospital free to the indigent, an anonymous person has offered to double St. Louis' fundraising efforts up to $25,000 for this calendar year. Next weekend's parish tithing gift commitment of $1,000 will become $2,000 due to this person's generosity.

I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Sister Regis Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry-way 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.

There will be a second collection next weekend, December 2 & 3 for the support of Catholic University and other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.
**The Table of the Word**

### Preparing for Next Weekend: (Christ the King)
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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<th>Ezekiel 34:11 – 12, 15 – 17</th>
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<td>1 Corinthians 12:20 – 26, 28</td>
<td>In Christ all shall be brought to life</td>
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<td>Matthew 25:31 – 46</td>
<td>What you did for the least, you did for me</td>
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### Our Weekend Scriptures:
**First Sunday of Advent**

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<th>Isaiah 63:16b – 17, 19b; 64:2 – 7</th>
<th>Rend the heavens and come down!</th>
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<td>2nd Reading:</td>
<td>1 Corinthians 1:3 – 9</td>
<td>We are called to fellowship with Christ</td>
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<td>Gospel:</td>
<td>Mark 13:33 – 37</td>
<td>Be watchful! Be alert!</td>
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**Gathering the Sheep**

Sheep were scattered when it was cloudy and dark? What is that about? The exiles in Babylon, and other Jews scattered outside the land of Israel might have thought Ezekiel’s ‘cloudy and dark’ was quite the understatement for the devastation wrought when their nation fell and they were torn from their homes. But Ezekiel’s promise in our first reading, that God himself will gather the flock back together, pasture them and give them rest – tremendously welcome words! Seeking the lost, binding up the injured, healing the sick: that is who God is, and what God does. For us suburban folk though, destroying the sleek and strong may not seem right. But think of an alpha ram, taking the best of the pasture, driving the weak away, bullying at every turn, and it will be easier to comprehend that part of Ezekiel’s prophecy.

**Firstfruits**

It is a concept found in many religious and spiritual traditions across the ages. Farmers select some of the very first produce of the harvest. By offering it to God, they show their gratitude for the growing season, for the fruitfulness of the fields, while seeking God’s blessing. This ties in with the idea of tithing, namely that one gives first to God, from the ‘firstfruits’, if you will; not what is left over, if anything. In our second reading, Paul uses ‘firstfruits’ as a metaphor. He sees Jesus, the first to rise from the dead, as an offering to God; after the first fruit is offered, then we all can be harvested into eternal life.

**What You Did For Me**

Spend time meditating on it, and today’s Gospel gives some practical advice for daily life. At the end of the day as we examine our conscience, we might ask ourselves: where there people in need I could have assisted, yet I failed to do so for self-centered reasons? Were there times I did do something for a person in need? I can thank God for that grace. With a bit more prayer and reflection, we can take the Gospel as an amazing invitation: Jesus telling us, “You want to see me? You don’t have to wait! Pray for the grace to see me in those in need, and you will see my face!” Many have, and you can too!

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**Ending the Year Well**

We are deeply thankful for every contribution to St. Louis of Pittsford, no matter how large or small; we deeply appreciate your generosity and faith-filled commitment to our ministries! Many people choose to make year-end gifts and donations. If you do, in addition to a contribution to the parish, please seriously consider a generous contribution to our Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) if you have not yet made a pledge. We really would love to reach our goal before Epiphany - it would be an Epiphany! Here are two important things to keep in mind:

- If your intention is to make a stock donation, please contact Shannon Toot at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, for further details.
- Per IRS regulations, any contributions for 2017 will need to be received by December 31, 2017.

**Little Blue Books**

Who would think that six minutes a day could change your whole experience of Advent? Read the odds and ends about saints and various traditions on the left side of the page, work your way through the infancy narrative of Matthew’s Gospel, and spend some time with the Lord, and you will be amazed at what Advent can become in your life! Pick up a little blue book at church entrances and keep it handy every day!

**Thanksgiving Blessings**

Many thanks to all who brought in non-perishable food and paper products to the Thanksgiving Day Mass for the Pittsford Food Cupboard and the cloistered Carmelite nuns at their Jefferson Road Monastery. Your generosity to share your abundance with others is appreciated very much. We are also grateful and give thanks to those who took time from their holiday weekend to deliver the items.
Powers Farm Market
Live Nativity Display

We’ll be collecting adult-size mittens & hats for the Open Door Mission.

Witness the nativity story as you’ve never seen it before, featuring a special performance by the St. Louis Choir.

Wednesday, Dec 13th. Open House. 7pm.

All are welcome!
In Their Own Words:

The St. Louis Bereavement Ministry has been active and going strong for three years already! Our mission is simple – to let our grieving sisters and brothers know that the St. Louis Parish family continues to hold them up in their time of sorrow, and to offer opportunities for community engagement and healing. As the facilitator of the women's bereavement support group, I'm continually humbled and honored to walk with the women on their journey through grief. Their stories are moving; their faith is inspiring. The women who participate in this group have expressed deep gratitude for the support they receive at the meetings, and for the new friendships that provide ongoing support outside the group.

The group is comprised of a nice mix of women who have recently lost a loved one within the past year together with women who have lost a variety of loved ones over the course of 1-20 years! Not everyone in this group is a widow.

We hope to offer a men's support group soon! If you'd like to participate in this powerful and life-changing ministry, call or email me, Kirsten Redfield, and 278-3501 (keredfield@gmail.com); or call or email Cathy Malik at the Ministry Center, at 586-5675, ext. 228 (Catherine.Malik@dor.org). Please feel free to reach out to us if you would like more information about what is currently happening in the Bereavement Ministry, if you would like information on resources available to people who are grieving, or if you need to talk to someone. You don't have to journey through grief alone – we are here for you.

Peace & God’s Blessings, Kirsten Redfield, Bereavement Ministry Facilitator

THE HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2018

Each year the Diocese of Rochester and Bishop Matano honor and celebrate graduating seniors who go beyond the normal call to their Church, Family and community. Please consider nominating a senior that you feel exemplifies the criteria listed below.

-Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
-Has been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community.
-Has been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.
-Is a practicing Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester and attends Mass.
-Is currently a high school senior.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE SAINT LOUIS MINISTRY CENTER.

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 10th

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

BEAT THE BUSTLE

fill your soul.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2017
7:00 PM—9:30 PM
PARISH MEETING HALL
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

PLEASE REGISTER AT HTTP://WWW.STLOUISCHURCH.ORG/
FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KATHRYN.MCALARNEY@DOR.ORG OR LEILA.KACZMAREK@DOR.ORG
The True Meaning of Christmas

Searching for that Perfect Gift for the Person that has Everything?

You know they don’t need another sweater, tie or gadget. Why have something sit in their closet or take up shelf space until they decide to “recycle” it? Give a gift that always fits - an Angel Tree gift in their honor! If you let us know what you are purchasing and for whom it is being purchased, we will send that person an acknowledgement card. We will need the name and address of the person you are buying the item for in their honor. You can call us with the information or attach a note with the gift.

The true spirit of Christmas is giving and sharing. Saint’s Place gives new items to each arriving family – household items, clothing, food gift cards, and so much more throughout the year. Over 1,200 gifts were donated last year through our Angel Tree. These items, large or small, generously donated by you, bring such happiness to the recipients. They are so appreciative! Without your generosity this would not be possible. Last year our supply of new items lasted until August. That was an awesome feat! This year we are hoping to increase the number of gifts, so we will be able to give new families that arrive even in the fall of next year a new item or two.

Thank you for helping provide Christmas miracles all year long!

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

Join us to Celebrate Msgr. Gerry Krieg’s 90th Birthday!
Sunday, December 3, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall

“Every place I’ve been has turned into Camelot for me”
BEGIN DECEMBER RIGHT

GROWING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

THE ST. LOUIS SCHOOL GLEE CLUB INVITES YOU TO SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WITH TWO VERY SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS!

All are welcome to join our Glee Club for caroling and Christmas cheer at Candelight Night in Pittsford on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:00-6:45pm beginning at Finucane & Hartzell Law Firm (6 N Main St., Pittsford).

The next day, Wednesday, December 6, our Glee Club will be caroling at area nursing homes. Join them at Eastview Mall between 1:00-2:00 pm near JC Penney as they perform the music of Christmas for shoppers.

Menu

Stuffed Pork Loin w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Rainbow Carrots

Dessert
Festive Red Wine Poached Pears

Come One! Come All!

Bistro Night!

Saturday, December 2, 5:45 p.m.
Parish Meeting Hall

$12 per person – BYOB
Reservations Only Please
Payment Appreciated by November 29 Deadline.

If you would like to participate in the planning, please call Cathy Malik in the Ministry Center at 586-5675, ext. 228.

Please make your reservations by calling Shannon or Sue at 586-5675, no later than Wednesday, 11/29/17.

PREPARING FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

An Advent tradition at St. Louis is to make available addresses of those individuals from our parish who are homebound or in area nursing facilities. Baskets containing these addresses will be at each entrance throughout Advent. You are invited to take one or several addresses and send an Advent/Christmas greeting to the individual. Each year we receive many, many notes of appreciation from the recipients who are delighted to have been remembered by so many people. It is truly a highlight of their Christmas holiday. Thank you for helping us to continue this joy-filled tradition.

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Fr. Juan and Don Murray are hosting a reflection group called “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.) (Meets this Monday, Nov.20)

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.

True Reformers
Presented by Dr. Christopher Blum

Meet the Six Great Saints of the Catholic Reformation

Join Dr. Christopher Blum on a pilgrimage with the saints who led the Church’s rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. Beautiful, engaging and informative, this most recent program by Augustine Institute Studios unveils the power of the human heart’s free response to God’s grace.

True Reformers makes it easy to understand this difficult and controversial time in history. I loved learning about how the lives of saints influenced the culture.”
—Christine from New York

True Reformers is a timely series available through our parish subscription to FORMED.org. Meet these six great saints of the Catholic Reformation and other first rate resources on FORMED.org today! Just go to FORMED.org and use our parish code: KMFHWV. Contact Kathryn for help registering. Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, or 586-5675, ext. 224

Next Weekend, December 2/3
Gifts of Love Ornament Sale
After all Masses.

This year, Holy Childhood ceramic angels (embellished with 14 ct. gold stars) and wood crosses handcrafted at St. Michael’s Woodshop. $8 donation for each ornament benefits St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Haiti. (p.3)

Save Around Coupon Books available for a $25 donation. We are trying to earn a matching grant of $25,000. If you make a direct donation to St. Damien Hospital (envelopes available in Narthex beneath our Lady mosaic), tell NPH that you are from St. Louis Church to insure your gift goes toward the grant being offered!
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