What Kind of Parish Home?

What do we want St. Louis to look like next year? Building on the past, let’s pray that all who enter our doors will experience welcome and hospitality. That parish doors swing wide open to convey a gracious welcome. The stranger will always be treated as a guest. People linger and engage one another. Those with different needs are accommodated; our parish and people will not only welcome new people but also new ideas and fresh ways of doing old business, but changes that new people bring into any team of council will be met with a flexible and hospitable spirit. A perfect way to live the Year of Mercy.

Let’s pray too that we recognize where we can find the mercy we need – the scriptures, the sacraments, community life, in one another, and most of all, in a deep and rich relationship with Christ. Then, may we grow ever better in recognizing our mission to not only receive mercy, but to bring mercy into our relationships, and to reach out to those most in need of God’s mercy. Not just through prayer, but by our actions and commitments.

Our weekend liturgies are a place to experience God’s mercy. Let’s build on that. Yes, you can help by your conscious, active participation. Not just making Sunday mass an important part of your life, but by coming prepared. Take some quiet time to think about what you will be bringing to the celebration. Pray in advance, and perhaps even look over the readings, so that God’s Word can reach into your heart more deeply.

Consider exploring a new ministry or involvement this coming year. It will be a blessing to the parish, and certainly a blessing to you. You have something to offer the community, what will it be in the new church year that lies ahead. Not ready to make a decision? Pray about it this Advent!

May God helps us end this church year well, and enter the new one, ready to respond to God’s call. Peace to you all, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - NOVEMBER 30**
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
11:00 am In Honor of St. Anne - Ann Ricci
5:15 pm Mary Hingst - Aunt Lorrie

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 1**
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24
6:45 am Jack & Paul Decker - Family
11:00 am Martha Dooley - Jeanette Fisher

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 2**
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
11:00 am Jack Connolly - Martha & John Dreste
2:45 pm Mass at the Highlands Living Center for People of the Parish
5:15 pm Joseph & Kathleen Dean - Family

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 3**
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
6:45 am Doug Kessler - Bea Hack
11:00 am Marie Mahar - Son, Dick

**FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 4**
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
11:00 am Charles Stich - Mary Kay Mahar
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for the Residents & Staff
5:15 pm Michael Whalen - Sue & Jack Holland

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 5**
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
9:00 am James & Elizabeth McAndrew - Family
4:30 pm John Pietropaoli - Family

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6**
2nd Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
7:30 am Luigi & Mary Mendola - Nick & Marcia Mendola
9:00 am Angela Tomczak - The Tomczak & Catalanello Families
11:00 am Andrew Meloni - The Sherwood Family
5:00 pm Maura Deasy - The Regan Family

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**Special Intentions**

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

- One lamp will burn In Memory of Maria Hoang Thi Phach By Ho Dinh Tran Family.
- Two lamps will burn In Memory of Peter Mendola By Nick & Marcia Mendola.

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**Saturday & Sunday, December 5 & December 6**

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**Sunday Communion Service - December 6**

The Highlands: Doris Wilmot  
Heather Heights: Richard Caruso
**Preparing the Way: First Sunday of Advent**

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**Looking Ahead: Second Sunday of Advent**

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<td>I always pray with joy for you</td>
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**The Book of Consolation**
The book of Jeremiah is a complex one, poetic oracles and prose woven together. Quite likely, various collections of oracles were compiled over time. The first chapters often highlight the covenant between God and the people of Israel and Judah, their failure to live the covenant, and the likely fall of the kingdom as a result. The last three chapters are filled with hope, hence the name often used, ‘the book of consolation’. God will do a new thing. From the wreck caused by sin, God will raise up a new leader, who will restore God’s people. No wonder this messianic foreshadowing opens the season of Advent for us this year!

**A Great Advent Prayer**
Looking for a really good, yet simple prayer for Advent? Let our passage from St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians provide one. Good for Advent, good anytime. “Lord, please help me increase and abound more and more in love for my family, my parish family, and for all people.”

**Raise Up Your Heads**
Our Gospel today is from Luke’s adaptation of the ‘little apocalypse’ in Mark. As is often the case in apocalyptic, there are echoes from earlier works, like Joel, Isaiah, Wisdom, Zephaniah. Apocalyptic writings can be frightening, with intense, overlapping images, evoking the kind of overwhelming, overpowering change that would be needed to get this world from its current state to totally in tune with God’s will. This passage presents some serious reassurance. While those who have left God out of the picture, and who are in rebellion against God may die of fright, the faithful have nothing to fear. “Hold you head high ... your redemption is near at hand.” Still scary? Come to a Bible study and learn more about the various kinds of writing and diverse thought-worlds that are preserved in the Bible!

**How Does That Work?**
What is Bible study all about? What can I expect? Well, Bible study can take many forms. It usually evolves over time as a group studies the Bible, in order to meet their needs, interests, personalities, and where the Spirit leads. But no matter how it is structured, or how it is led, you can count on some things. Bible study provides a place to discover how other people hear and read the Bible. At Mass, God’s Word is proclaimed to the community. Bible study is a place the community can share with one another what they hear, how God engages the heart and mind through the Bible. It’s a place to gain and share insight, to be inspired by one another.

A liberal arts education is not primarily a place to memorize a ton of facts. It is more about learning how to think, analyze, and process information; to develop skills. Bible study is about learning how to hear God speaking to us through the Bible. Over time, one begins to also get the context of various passages, how the history of salvation unfolded, how the Bible is a library, not a book.

Still a little reluctant? Take your copy of *At Home with the Word* (you must have one!). Start Read about studying and praying Scripture, and during Advent, read the readings each week, plus the Scripture Insights. By the New Year, you’ll be hungry for Bible study! Got Bible Study? We sure do!

**Magnificat Breakfast for Men and Women**
Bishop Salvatore Matano is the guest speaker at the Magnificat Breakfast on Saturday, December 12.

Men and women are invited to a full course breakfast. Seating at 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9:30a.m. and ends at Noon at the Radisson Hotel 175 Jefferson Rd, Henrietta NY. Come and be inspired by our Bishop, sharing his journey of faith. Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program. Early reservations $18.00; after December 7 $20.00; Student $10.00; Clergy and Religious complimentary. Registration required for all; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. For more information: call Kathy Murty at 436-1284. Register through Paypal by visiting our website: www.MagnificatRochester.org.
I Can Do That!
Do you know anyone who has been away from church for quite a while, or anyone who doesn’t have a parish home? We have room here at St. Louis at each of our Masses, and with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and all that is happening in our world, many folks may be more receptive to what a church home can offer. Invite that person who has been away, or who doesn’t have a church home – let them know right now is a great time to try out coming back to church, a great time to try out our parish, a great time to taste what our Catholic church has to offer. We believe, we belong, we invite others to join us!

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 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 Birdie Proctor at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, for further details.
- Per IRS regulations, any contributions for 2015 will need to be received by December 31, 2015.

Thank you to all of those who have generously responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal so far! Please remember, the CMA is our fair share of the budget for the ministries supported by our diocese. Any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! Especially if you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge this year. If you are moved to take an envelope and give a bit more than you already have, bless you!!

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.

There will be a second collection this weekend, November 28 & 29 for the support of Catholic University and other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.
Over the past few months you may remember hearing about the Year of Mercy. The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and will end on November 20, 2016. St. Louis has been blessed to have a number of volunteers who have been preparing for the Year of Mercy since May of this year. You also may have attended or will attend some of the events they have planned for this upcoming Jubilee year.

In order to begin the Year of Mercy with an understanding of what the Year of Mercy is all about here is some information to help us get started.

**WHAT IS THE YEAR OF MERCY**

**The Year of Mercy** is an invitation — an invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity. Pope Francis is offering us the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God. Encountering mercy means encountering God. It can transform our life, our relationships, our work, and our ability to embrace and experience all of life.

Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the Year of Mercy — a special period, also known as a Holy Year or Jubilee Year, for the Catholic Church. It is a time for the Church across the world to take approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. Pope Francis has asked us as individuals and as a Church “to be a witness of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (Pope Francis’ Announcement of the Year of Mercy). Beginning December 8, 2015, the Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful towards others. You can read more, visit the Vatican’s official website for the Year of Mercy.

**WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR**

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic church has called jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special jubilee years from time to time, known as extraordinary jubilee years. The Purpose of a Jubilee Year is to help people grow spiritually, strengthen their faith, and encourage works of service, and to promote unity within the Catholic Church and society in general. The last Jubilee Year was in 2000, called for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

**WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE GIVEN DURING JUBILEE YEAR?**

Like any Jubilee Year, a person can receive a plenary indulgence for the Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence removes all of what is called “temporal punishment” due to sins that have already been forgiven. Sin and evil are real. Every sin, large or small, is in some way a rejection of God. “Temporal punishment” is the natural consequence of that sin, the necessary purification following forgiveness of sin.

Throughout the Year of Mercy you will find information in the bulletin about how we can participate in the Year of Mercy, events that will be held at St. Louis during this Jubilee Year and other opportunities to learn more about how Pope Francis is calling the Catholic Church all over the world to be “Merciful Like the Father.”

“**AH, MERCY. THIS IS THE NAME OF GOD.**”

~~~~ Pope Francis
Villa of Hope Stocking Program

It’s that time of year again when St. Louis School families fill Christmas stockings for children from the Villa of Hope. In years past, SLS families have filled over 120 stockings, which we are hoping we can do again this year!

Villa of Hope’s Holiday Wishes Stocking Stuffer program relies on the goodwill and support of the St. Louis School community each year at holiday time to fulfill the wish lists of the youth and families in order to give them a holiday celebration that they may not otherwise be able to experience.

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The formation of a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) group at St. Louis has now begun and sign-ups will be on-going. St. Louis adorers will share the chapel at St. John of Rochester (which presently offers PEA), alongside the St. John's adorers. Adorers can commit to a specific hour each week to be with Our Lord, or be available as a substitute, if needed. Also, everyone is invited to stop in at any time, day or night, even for just a few minutes.

Each week, certain hours will be focused as priority hours to consider. This week, we are focusing on Tuesday hours as a priority. If you can commit to any hour on Tuesday, or if not, then at any other times during the week, or would like to know more about PEA or the formation of the St. Louis group, please see Deacon Dave, or contact him at deacondave@gmail.com, or Barb Snyder at twosnyders@gmail.com. You may also leave your contact information at the parish office.

NEXT WEEK – AFTER ALL St. Louis MASSES

at side doors and in the narthex

GIFTS OF LOVE

St. Louis' 34th Annual Ornament Sale
to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti

“Rustic chic” angels and stars uniquely made of hardwoods or tree or tabletop at St. Michaels Woodshop (where urban youth come to gain a marketable skill while learning life skills)

Gift packaged with card at Holy Childhood

$7 donation each, cash or check payable to: St. Louis Hunger

Please visit the parish website to see samples and stores offering them pro bono now until New Year's.

Information about St. Michaels Woodshop at: www.stmichaelswoodshop.com
Information about St. Damien Pediatric Hospital at: www.nphusa.org/stdamien

List of stores and samples also in the narthex
Or call, Marcia Mendola anytime for store most convenient to you: 381-6872

Restore my joy in Your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
Psalm 51:14

Unwrap THE GIFT OF ADVENT

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever™ Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God’s great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life.

To learn more or sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com

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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! 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 for whom you are buying the item 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 a few new items to families that arrive even in the Fall of 2016.

Since January 2015, Saint’s Place has assisted almost 700 newly arrived refugees. By the end of December that number should be close to 750 newly arrived refugees.

Thank you for helping provide Christmas miracles all year long.

PART-TIME JOB

Saint’s Place has an immediate opening for a part time driver/crew manager

Mondays – Thursdays from 8AM until 1PM  
20+ hours a week  

Must be able to lift furniture and have a valid driver’s license.

Call Michele at (585)385-6860 or email michele@saintsplace.org to apply or for more information.

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!
To: St. Louis Faith Formation Students
On "Candlelight Night" in Pittsford, December 1st, from 5:00pm 'til 9:00pm, come join us in a candlelight walk starting at 5:00 pm from the Manse at St. Louis to the corner of Main & State Streets in the village, singing Christmas carols along the way.

There, in front of the Goodwill Drop-off store, we will be staffing a table offering hot chocolate & donuts, compliments of St. Louis parish, sharing our faith throughout the community.

Along with carolers, we need volunteers to assist with serving the goodies and chatting with visitors throughout the evening.

If you can help, please contact Carol McManus at 248-3886 or by e-mail: cmcmanus679@gmail.com.

We would greatly appreciate your participation and help!

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The Lyric Chorale, directed by Chrisanne Yule, presents a holiday concert:

“Gloria!”

Saturday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis Church, 60 South Main St., Pittsford

Tickets: $15 adults; $13 seniors & students. Advance tickets available at St. Louis Ministry Center (586-5675) or at www.lyricchorale.org.

Please join The Lyric Chorale as it presents “Gloria!”- magnificent choral music for the holiday season featuring Vivaldi’s Gloria. The program also includes works by Charpentier, Telemann, Nelhybel, and beloved carols such as Bring a Torch Jeannette Isabella, Pat-a-Pan, and He is Born.

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Appalachian Winter
Sunday, December 6, 3:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Church
534 Oxford Street, Rochester

Looking for something to do with the whole family that is fun and free? Come to an afternoon of music! Church of the Assumption’s Music Ministry is presenting the Christmas cantata “Appalachian Winter” by Joseph M. Martin and directed by Janie Marini. Members of the Sunday Choir, the Youth Choir, along with guest musicians will be performing a program of narrations, Scripture, and traditional American music that tells the story of Christmas. No tickets are required and the program is appropriate for all ages. Free will donations will be accepted. Can’t make it on the 6th? Join us at Church of the Assumption on December 13 at 2 PM for the same program. For more information contact Janie Marini at jmarini@dor.org or 585-388-0040 ext. 327.
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