Start Right Now!

Does this sound familiar? “Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present your child for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he or she is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him or her up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him or her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his or her heart. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism.” It should. We hear it at every baptism. But what if your own knowledge of the faith is kind of shaky? You can recite the creed, but not explain it. How do you share the faith if it isn’t really clear in your own mind? What about when children (or others) start to ask questions?

This weekend we will begin distributing At Home with the Word. It could be the answer! There is an introduction to what a Lectionary is. An introduction to the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of John, and to St. Paul and his letters. There is a brief piece about studying and praying scripture. But the heart of the matter comes each week. You will have the Sunday readings for the year, all in one little book.

Too many people decide “I need to start reading the Bible”, and start at the very beginning. They slog through Genesis and Exodus, sleep through Leviticus, and bored and weary, stop reading. What a tragedy! They never get to the heart of the matter! Using At Home with the Word first prepares us for the bible readings we hear at Mass, increasing our ability to really engage those passages. In time, we have stepped into every part of the Bible.

Background is always helpful when reading something not totally familiar. Each week At Home with the Word offers a section, Scripture Insights, which provides just enough background to open up readings, sending the advance Bible reader to new insights, while helping the beginner get their feet wet. The reflection questions connect the Word with our daily life, whether we are a beginner or a veteran of Bible study.

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### Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - November 6**  
Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14  
**In Honor of St. Ann**  
11:00 am - Ann Ricci  
5:15 pm - John Anderson - The Rooney Family  

**Tuesday - November 7**  
Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:12-24  
6:45 am - All in Our Book of Remembrance  
11:00 am - Terry Garcia - Mary Ann Greco  

**Wednesday - November 8**  
Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33  
11:00 am - Susan Meloni - Dorothy Lada  
5:15 pm - Paul J. Lapp, Jr. - Ted & Bridget McGraw  

**Thursday - November 9**  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/  
Jn 2:13-22  
6:45 am - People of Our Parish  
11:00 am - John Mangan - Mary & Doug Baldy  

**Friday - November 10**  
Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8  
11:00 am - Deceased Members of Seton 53 - Ann Members  
5:15 pm - Ann Brimmer - Family  

**Saturday - November 11**  
Veterans Day  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/  
Lk 16:9-15  
9:00 am - Joseph Lagas - Family  
4:30 pm - R.J. Pound - Mezzoprete Family  

**Sunday - November 12**  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/  
Mt 25:1-13  
7:30 am - Virginia Scholl Hanson - Bob & Joan Farnam  
9:00 am - Donnie Vigna - Marilyn Penzimer  
11:15 am - Joseph Salipante - St. Louis Knights of Columbus Council  
5:00 pm - Charles E. Smith - Wife  

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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 reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.  

One lamp will burn in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
For favors granted  
By CAS.  

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**Sunday Communion Service - November 12**  
The Highlands - Peggy O’Neil Midgley  
Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley  

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**Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12**  

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**Requiem Aeternam**  
**Deceased Military Veterans**  
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.
Our Offering of Time & Treasure

Thanks to your presence, our Sunday Masses offer an oasis of peace and the warmth of community for all who come through our doors. Thanks to your Sunday offering each week, not only can we celebrate the Eucharist worthy and well but, your offering also supports all of our many ministries that make St. Louis such a wonderful place to belong, and make it possible for us to do as Jesus teaches, sharing our bounty through parish tithing, and our ministry of Saint’s Place. God bless you!

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On-line Collection

| Month-to-Date | $84,383.00 |

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 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.

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Mexico Earthquake Fund

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support House of Mercy

House of Mercy was founded in 1985 by Sister Grace Miller and the Sisters of Mercy. The purpose for House of Mercy is to help with homelessness in Rochester, NY. House of Mercy serves over 4,000 people a month, providing food, clothing, shelter, advocacy and a spirituality based on the Beatitudes. Their ministry operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week on a small shoestring budget and still has never turned anyone away. House of Mercy has a very small team which provides distinctive and compassionate assistance to those in need.

The House of Mercy continues to be a beacon of hope for the poorest of the poor; they never give up on the people they serve. Each month they provide safe overnight shelter for 570+ of Rochester’s homeless citizens. More than half of the $5 million needed to fully fund and support the new House of Mercy has been pledged to cover construction costs. At the end of the year, they hope to move from Hudson Avenue into their new home at 285 Ormond Street. They need your support to fully fund this venture. Learn more at http://houseofmercyrochester.org/.

Isn’t it a gift to be able to walk into our church and feel at home? To see young and old listening together, praying together, singing together? From our youngest altar server to our oldest usher, people of every age helping one another see and experience God in God’s good people gathered together. Thank you for your presence, and for helping make our parish such a prayerful, welcoming place! Thank you too for investing in the vision, the mission of Christ that we do our best to live out here. If you were here for the 1st time today, please, come back often!

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Our Goal: $251,896.00

Percentage Of Goal: 36%
God’s Gift of the Word

Opening the Scriptures:
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8 – 10
Don’t break faith with one another

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b – 9, 13
Sharing the Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 23:1 – 12
The humble will be exalted

Last But Not Least!
Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament. The name means ‘my messenger’. This anonymous prophet spoke well after the people had returned from Exile. Returning from Babylon, they were initially grateful to return home. The hostility they faced from the people of the land only served to strengthen their resolve to rebuild the temple, and be faithful to their covenant with God. But as time passed, zeal faded, and Malachi is addressing priests and people who had become lukewarm, and were cutting corners on the covenant in a variety of ways. Rather than sacrificing their best offerings to worship God, they were bringing diseased, lame or otherwise inferior animal sacrifices. Marrying those of a different religion was leading to watering down the faith or turning to other gods, while divorce was becoming a major issue. Today’s passage addresses the temple priests, whose fidelity to the covenant was becoming compromised. What else can one find in this short book? A prediction of the coming of the day of the Lord, preceded by a return of Elijah to set the stage. Thus the idea in the beginning of the New Testament that John the Baptist was Elijah, returned to open the new era.

Burdening Others
Though our Gospel reflects a specific issue during the time of Jesus’ ministry, there is an essential point that extends far beyond the Scribes and Pharisees. There are times when any of us may be called to help others recognize the demands of faith. We see something that is inconsistent with living the Gospel. Or we need to urge someone on to greater accountability. Or even repentance. Here is the question Jesus asks through this Gospel. Are we just laying a burden on someone else, or are we taking time to truly understand, and lifting a finger (or even more) to help them?

Preparing for Next Weekend:
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12 – 16
Wisdom is found by those who seek her

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18
God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep

Gospel: Matthew 25:1 – 13
Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!

Join the Prayer Network
Jesus taught “about the necessity for [us] to pray always without becoming weary.” [Luke 18:1] If you would like to participate in the new Ministry of Prayer at St. Louis Church, please contact Cathy Malik, the Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care in the Parish Ministry Center at 585-586-5675 or via email at Catherine.Malik@dor.org.

Working Within
In the second reading Paul reminds the church community in Thessalonica of his bringing the Gospel to them. The last sentence introduces a concept well worth reflecting on. Paul observes that not only did the people receive the Word of God as truly from God; he adds that the Word of God is at work in them. God’s Word can work within us, softening the rough places, stretching our heart’s capacity to love, helping us see things through God’s eyes, in short, transforming us. Perfect thought as we begin distributing At Home with the Word. Take a copy home, so that in this coming year, God’s Word can be even more effectively at work within you. Read the scripture readings before you come to Mass, and you will be amazed at how that enhances God’s Word starting to work within!

Encouraging Vocations
Have you noticed an increase in the number of Altar Servers at Mass? Fr. Juan has done a fantastic recruiting job: we now have 101 servers! What better way to promote vocations? Engagement in the Mass at an early age can have a lifelong impact. Consider thanking our servers when you get a chance. More encouragement yet!
Farewell Gathering for
Father Peter Mottola

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.

PRESIDERS OF SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

Please join us for a refresher retreat on your vital ministry! We will hold a review session after the
11:15 am Mass THIS Sunday, November 5, 2017 in the Parish Meeting Hall from 12:30 - 2:30pm
about your Ministry of extending the Eucharistic experience. Gather with a light meal at 12:30 p.m.,
while we discuss the impact of the Year of the Eucharist on our ministry and refresh our minds and
bodies. This will be followed by a little retreat in the Church sanctuary to revitalize our spirits. Please
contact Cathy Malik (Catherine.Malik@dor.org) in the Ministry Center at 586-5675 to let us know if
you can join us.

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.)

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.
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 2019 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., providing 8 to 10 generous absolutely delicious servings.

The pie selections include Apple Crumb, Apple-Raspberry, Pumpkin, and Holiday Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, & Pineapple, selling for $17.00 each. An Apple Crisp with no crust sells for $12.75. These pies freeze well, so consider ordering for both Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Orders will be taken in the Narthex before and following all masses the weekends of October 28 / 29 and November 4 / 5. Ordered pies will be available for pick-up Tuesday afternoon, November 21, 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. (As we did last year, we are opening up our pie sale to businesses and corporations who would like to order pies for a Christmas time delivery. These orders will likewise be taken during October and November, and the pies can be delivered directly to the business’s address. If interested, please call Bob or Rosemary Scholl for further information.)
One of the most positive and exciting endeavors at Saint’s Place is our Tutoring Program, which has been assisting, guiding and teaching refugee adults and children for over fifteen years. The dedicated volunteers, under the amazing leadership of Geri Dolan, have truly made a significant difference in the lives of refugees. Geri has enlarged, enhanced and guided the program. Her tireless efforts have ensured the success of so many refugees.

The reality is that the refugees must assimilate, must learn English, must get jobs and must ensure that their children are succeeding in school. In order to break the chain of poverty, which surrounds the refugees, learning English, staying in school, and becoming citizens are key to their future success.

Marvelous success stories are happening every day at the tutoring program, i.e., refugees are passing their citizenship exams, qualifying for better jobs because they now speak English, students are being accepted at colleges, students are graduating from colleges, and grade school students are learning to read. All these accomplishments – large and small – are occurring on a weekly basis.

Recently, two young boys, one from Iraq and one from Somalia, were hesitant to start our tutoring program. They initially were afraid, and not very willing to participate. At times there were even tears. A tutor remembered that we just received new pajamas donated by a company in New York City, and she quickly presented the boys each with a pair of super hero pajamas and the smiles and laughter started.

This seemingly little act of kindness made a huge difference. It opened the door to the beginning of an educational opportunity that is sure to influence the rest of their educational days.
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 19, 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

SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING

Don’t forget to sign up for the Social Ministry Convening, 9:00 am—1:00 pm on Saturday, November 11 at St. Joseph’s Parish Ministry Center, 43 Gebhardt Rd., Penfield. We’ll be featuring a poverty simulation, an eye-opening experience of 4 weeks in the life of a low-income family and a dialogue with Erica King from Catholic Family Center. Erica will help us understand an approach to providing services that helps us draw out the strengths of the people who come to us in need. Since rolls are assigned ahead of time, RSVPs are required by November 6. Email rmarchetti@cfcrochester.org or call 585-546-7220, ext. 7099.

Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, on this day, help us remember those who gave of them-selves to keep us safe and secure. En-kindled in our consciences a desire to serve those who served their country selflessly. Give us the grace to aid those who have given aid and protection to us and others both here and overseas. Let us never forget the causes for which they fought or the bravery they showed on the battlefield. May we always be mindful of those who paid the price for our freedom, just as your Son gave his life to free us from the bondage of sin. Amen.
Follow God’s best friends to Heaven

God wants us to get to know his best friends, the saints. In fact, the saints were such good friends to him on Earth that they get to spend eternity face-to-face with him in Heaven. Learning about God’s best friends can help us to become one, too.

Choose someone new. Choose a saint you don’t know but would like to meet. Research the saint whose feast day falls on each family member’s birthday or learn about the patron of your diocese or parish. Discover what made him or her a saint and brainstorm ways you can imitate such holiness.

Choose a cause. Is there an event from the news that has touched you or your family? Find a saint devoted to that cause. For example, St. Vincent Ferrer, the patron of reconciliation, might be a good choice if you are praying to end a conflict. St. Thomas More, the patron of politicians, can intercede for our elected leaders.

Choose a habit. To help practice more virtue in your family, pick one and find a saint who exhibited it. St. Teresa of Calcutta illustrates kindness as she showed extraordinary kindness to the poor. St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe would be a good model of generosity, since he generously gave his own life to save that of a man with a family.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

All who die in God’s friendship go to Heaven. But if we haven’t properly atoned for our sins, we are purified in Purgatory first. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Purgatory, “a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven.”

Praying for the souls in Purgatory helps them pass through faster than they would otherwise. “Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin” (2Maccabees 12:46).
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