Who’s That Knocking?

The readings this weekend invite us to continue reflecting on prayer. I sat in prayer with these scriptures, later we reflected on them at Bible study, and now sitting at the keyboard, the words ‘Who’s that knocking’ come to me. Numerous songs have that title. The Spirit was leading me to the one written in by Fletcher Johnson in 2003.

Little boy with an empty bowl.  Woman with a water jug,
He ain’t eat in I don’t know when. Woman with an empty water jug.
Little boy with an empty bowl.  She wants a drink and nothing more.
I better let him in.  I better let her in.

The song goes on, with verses including an unborn baby, a man in chains and prison stripes, little girl, she ain’t got no coat. But catch the last verse:

Homeless shepherd at my door.
You know I’ve seen him somewhere before.
Homeless shepherd at my door.
I better let him in.

Today Sirach speaks to us about the weak, the oppressed, the widow and orphan crying out to God, with prayers that pierce the clouds. How does God respond? Through you and me, those of us who spend time in prayer, who have let the shepherd in. Once the homeless shepherd finds a home in our heart, things begin to change when others knock at our door.

Looking at the tax collector in the Gospel, I picture a humble sinner, truly contrite, knocking at the door of heaven, seeking forgiveness. As I wrote last week, that humility is stirred in us as we begin Mass with a penitential act, calling upon God’s mercy. One form of penitential act at Mass even includes the tax collector’s contrite gesture, as we strike our breast in the Confiteor (I confess….). Unfortunately the Pharisee in the Gospel doesn’t seem to be truly knocking, but I picture the homeless shepherd, knocking at his door, even if the answer from inside the Pharisee’s silo is slow in coming.

The passage we heard from II Timothy? I hear the words of someone who indeed let in the homeless shepherd, and far more. First, hearing the knock, he let the shepherd in. Then in prayer, the acquaintance grew to deep friendship. Additional words come to mind, ‘mi casa es su casa’ (my house is your house). From answering the Lord’s knock, to inviting the homeless shepherd in, to sharing a home together, to dwelling in the house of the Lord …. Such is the journey of prayer. The quiet confidence in our second reading clearly is the fruit of years of prayer.

One last connection to our Mass each week. In the Eucharistic prayer, we remember the Lord pouring himself out as a libation, an offering to the Father. In the sacred action and holy remembering, we connect that sacrifice with our halting attempts to pour ourselves out in love and service. May we all experience the Lord rescuing us and bringing us home safe! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - October 28
Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
11:00 am Elmer Fisher - Jeanette Fisher
5:15 pm Paul Spinelli - DeBloom Family

TUESDAY - October 29
Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
6:45 am Pat Murphy - Peter & Pat Spinelli
11:00 am Rosa Guerra - Olivares Family

WEDNESDAY - October 30
Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
11:00 am Mary Ellen Harkness - Family
5:15 pm Peter F. Blaschuk - Lori & Tim Camp

THURSDAY - October 31
Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
6:45 am Paul Spinelli - Lucille & Jim Newell
11:00 am Louise Carcelli - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

FIRST FRIDAY - November 1
All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
6:45 am For the People of the Parish
9:10 am School Mass, Stanley M. Banas - Banas Family
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands
11:00 am Paul Spinelli - Barbara Thomas
5:15 pm June L. McHugh - Dr. Joseph McHugh

SATURDAY - November 2
All Souls’ Day
Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40
9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Louis Church
4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Trombetta Family - Family

SUNDAY - November 3
31st Sunday in Ordinary time
Wis 11:22--12:2/Thes 1:11--2:2/
Lk 19:1-10
7:30 am Erich Kinne - Former Students in Germany
9:00 am Francis Offen - John & Lisa Creary
11:00 am Bill Thaney - Irene DeSantis
5:00 pm Mary Moraca - Dave Kessler

Celebrating Eucharist

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.

Three lamps will burn In Memory of Lori Pillittere.

Requiem Aeternam
Edward Lada
Prudence Damia

Saturday & Sunday, November 1 and 2. Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - November 2
The Highlands: Mary Ann Monley
Heather Heights: Marge Mancine
**OUR GIFT TO THE LORD**

October 20

Attendance ............. 1,756
Collection ............. $15,626.00

Our gift to the Lord each week is not a literal libation, but it is the way we pour ourselves out: in the way we have lived the week, the love we have shown, the thanksgiving we offer in our Sunday Eucharist, the way we support the life of the parish. For your choosing St. Louis as the place to make your return to the Lord, thank you!!

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Pittsford Food Cupboard stocked. If the third weekend of the month doesn’t always work for you to bring in food, at the entrance by the grand piano at the front of church, there is a drawer for contributions to the food cupboard where you can donate any time. There is also a basket in the Narthex near the handicap entrance where contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

No Waste Here!

Posted in the kitchen of the Parish Meeting Hall is a list of places that accept donations of left-over, perishable food, whether from coffee hour, or any other function. Thank you for helping get food to where it is needed and appreciated!

**Missions of Faith**

Many thanks for your generosity last weekend for the universal Church on World Mission Sunday.

“This year’s theme “Do good on earth”, was taken from the words of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the young Carmelite sister who is patroness of the Missions. It was our call to put faith into action.

Your offerings answered the Lord’s call to each of us to be faithful witnesses to the entire world. Through us and our prayers, the poor of the Missions will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham
Apostolic Administrator of Rochester

**STEWARDSHIP**

**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SOJOURNER HOUSE AT PATHSTONE**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SAINT’S PLACE**

Saint's Place is a volunteer organization, based on Christian values, that provides household goods, clothing, and education to legal refugees of all races and creeds who settle in the Rochester, NY area, to escape violence, discrimination and poverty in their homeland. Each year, Saint's Place assists hundreds of newly arrived refugees arriving through the Catholic Family Center's Refugee and Immigration Department. Visit us at www.saintsplace.org.

**OUR 32ND ANNUAL ORNAMENT SALE NEEDS YOU!**

Do you have an hour or two to spare on Wed., Oct. 30?

We will be making and then delivering the store display baskets at Marcia Mendola's home all afternoon so that your favorite shops will have them by Halloween: (partial list) Pittsford Florist, Pendleton Shop, Beads n’ Things, Make Waves, Lu's Back Door, Parkleigh, Lombardi Imports, Wisteria, The Generosity Store. Please join us at 10 Rippingale Rd., (in Sherwood Community) when you can between 1 and 5pm that afternoon. Any questions, call Marcia at 381-6872. To learn about the beneficiary of the Ornament Sale (St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti), visit: www.nph/haiti.org

**Winter is Coming - Collection Project**

Joshua Holfoth is a parishioner and local Boy Scout whose Eagle Scout project will benefit local refugees through Mary’s Place Outreach. Mary’s Place is a non-profit refugee outreach center in Northwest Rochester. Their mission (much like Saint’s Place) is to reach out in love, hope, and service to refugees of all faiths and nationalities. Josh is placing collection tubs in various churches and places to collect personal products for refugees, such as deodorant, soap/shampoo, toilet paper, towels and socks, and gently used winter gear such as coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves. While through Saints Place we serve refugees in a huge way, it seems while collecting from other churches, Josh should be able to get some help from us too. TUBS ARE IN THE NARTHEX; COLLECTION ENDS MONDAY OCT. 28TH. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL**

As of Tuesday, October 22, we have received 252 pledges and contributions of $89,365.50 which is 39.98% 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.
Beyond the Caricature

If we rigidly stick to the text in our Gospel, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous...’, then few of us would be quite as crass as the proud (and arrogant) Pharisee. Even Luke’s intro, telling us that ‘Jesus addressed the parable to those convinced of their own righteousness, who despised everyone else’, could lead us to think he is talking about someone else ... we don't despise everyone else after all! But are all of us tempted at times to compare ourselves to others? Are any of us immune to pride? Does the struggle to stop judging others ever end? Perhaps this Gospel does have something to say to all of us. Perhaps we might pray: ‘Lord, if I forgot that I was a sinner, you reminded me today. Please be merciful to me, a sinner.’

Early Bible Study

If you have read Who Wrote the Bible (by Richard Elliot Friedman), you know that the many different traditions woven together in the Pentateuch (first 5 books of the Bible) turn naming an author into a mystery story. Similarly, scholars argue at length over authorship of the Synoptic (seeing together) Gospels, or some of the ‘disputed’ letters of St. Paul. Not so the book of Sirach! We know Ben Sira (3rd and early 2nd century BC) wrote it, and his grandson translated it into Greek and wrote a foreword. We also know that Ben Sira devoted his time to study of the Law, the Prophets and the Writings (TaNaK), becoming highly respected as a teacher. Bible study has a long history! If there is any doubt remaining from last week’s Gospel about God hearing the cry of widows, orphans or of the poor, Ben Sira settles it. Spend time meditating on his wonderful image ‘the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.’

Libations

Back in the day, say two or three thousand years ago, ritual sacrifices included burnt offerings, grain offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings and trespass offerings. Included with the various sacrifices were libations, or drink offerings. Wine would be poured out as an offering to God. If you have a libation in the late afternoon before dinner, consider this. In the Bible, drinking wine was a Sabbath activity, both a sign and a way to rest and celebration. It was also associated with victory. Now go back and read II Timothy 4:6 ‘I am already being poured out like a libation....’ After working hard in God’s vineyard (symbolically of course), Paul is ready to enter the eternal Sabbath. His whole life has been an offering to God (libations were also symbolic of the worshiper’s works). He looks ahead to the final victory celebration, victory in a life lived in faithful service, in the footsteps of the Savior. Meditating on how we might be pouring ourselves out in service could be a fruitful way to enter into our second reading today.

Looking Ahead: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
O Lord, lover of souls...

2nd Reading: II Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
May God make you worthy of your calling

The Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost

REALLY Looking ahead

Have you found At Home with the Word a great way to be more at home with the Bible? Next year’s edition is available now! Did you pick one up last year, but not pick it up often afterward? Why not make a New Year’s resolution for the new Church year? Never used At Home with the Word? This year our lectionary focuses on Matthew’s Gospel. A great place to begin! Be ready for Advent. Get your copy of At Home with the Word now. (A little extra in the collection to cover the cost of your copy is welcome, but not required.)

Prayer to St. John, Patron of Caregivers

Beloved St. John, from the cross Jesus entrusted to you the care of His Blessed Mother.

Help me and all those taking care of a loved one who is sick, elderly, disabled or frail.

Pray for us, that as we go about our many caregiving duties, we may never lose sight of that truth which Christ revealed to His disciples:

"Whatever you did for one of these, you did for Me."

~Amen.
How to Be a Saint … Step 1

The Feast day of All Saints is this coming Friday (November 1st) and it is especially interesting to note that the Gospel reading each year is from Matthew 5:3-12, the Beatitudes. Incorporating these beatitudes into our daily life is on the USCCB list “10 Ways Catholics Can Live the Year of Faith.” The USCCB.org website adds, “The Beatitudes provide a rich blueprint for Christian living. Their wisdom can help all to be more humble, patient, just, transparent, loving, forgiving and free. It’s precisely the example of lived faith needed to draw people to the Church in the [Year of Faith].”

In those added words, note especially “humble” and “example of lived faith”. These particular characteristics of Pope Francis are constantly being noticed by both the religious and the secular press. Let us pray that he will, in time, draw people (back) towards the Church.

During this Year of Faith, we are ALL called to be examples of lived faith. Think about the Gospel reading before Friday, and dwell on how you might be living it out (or not) in your daily life.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

For further information, please see me after Mass sometime or contact me at Ideacondave@gmail.com.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

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 Chris Wensel at: 586-5675, ext. 224 or by email: cwensel@dor.org.

THERE’S STILL TIME TO ORDER (OR RENEW) YOUR GIVE US THIS DAY SUBSCRIPTION! DEADLINE MON. OCT. 28

Many people in the parish subscribe to Give Us This Day a daily prayer book for each month that in addition to psalms, scripture readings, morning and evening prayers, includes reflections about the spiritual wisdom of the Gospel and Blessed Among Us stories about Saints and saintly people whose courage and values can be inspirational in our own lives and faith journey. It is time to renew and take new orders. (current subscribers are paid through the December 2013 issue.) If our group subscription continues to exceed 50, our individual cost will be $19.95 for 12 issues in 2014. (The single order price is $39.95, so this is a substantial savings!). A large-print version is also available for $29.95, an additional $10.

If you are interested in renewing your subscription or signing up for the first time, please contact Barbara Thomas at bthomas@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 236. Checks should be made out to St. Louis Church with “Give Us this Day 2014” in the memo field, in the amount of $19.95 for each individual subscription, and mailed or brought to the Ministry Center by the Monday, October 28, deadline. Please address envelope to Barbara Thomas, St. Louis Church, 64 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Thank you!
A Note from Mrs. Barr . . .

At the recent Superintendent Day at Siena Catholic Academy, over four hundred Catholic school administrators, teachers, aides and staff came together to pray, plan, learn and re-energize. The main topic for the workshop was a new program that will be put into all Diocese of Rochester schools effective January 2014. It is a Bullying Prevention Program, Olweus (pronounced ole-ve-us). As we move through the next few months leading up to the launch, we will share facts with our families and students about the program and about bullying. Bullying happens everywhere and in many different ways. This program has been proven to create a peaceful, cooperative environment for students and staff.

The picnic tables for the 5th & 6th grade outdoor area have arrived! Thank you to the Class of 2013, the St. Louis School Capital Campaign, and the wonderful generosity of an anonymous donor whose contributions made this special area possible!

God’s Blessings,
Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal

DID YOU KNOW?
All Saints, November 1st, is a day when we honor great people who performed memorable acts helping others and demonstrated their love for God. It has become a tradition for the 5th grade children of St. Louis School to research a saint of their choice and complete a short essay about their chosen saint. Each child dresses as the saint they represent and captures the highlights of their saint’s life, speaking as if they were the saint, in a play on October 31st. They also lead the All Saints Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
October 31st – Halloween Parade on St. Louis Campus 1:15 pm
November 1st – All Saints Mass 9:10 am
November 8th – Veteran’s Day Prayer Service 9:10 am
Saint’s Place Winter Wear Collection: Saint’s Place is our school and church ministry that serves refugee families who relocate to Rochester, NY. As the weather is turning colder… they are in need of jackets/coats of all sizes that are CLEAN with working zippers and buttons. Parents and students will be donating their winter wear items that have been outgrown or “out loved”. Others will be kept very warm as they wait for buses to take them to work or the grocery and, as they start a new life in the United States with dignity and grace.
October’s Ups and Downs! (not necessarily in that order)

October has been a slow month at Saint’s Place due to the government shut down. While the government was shut down, no refugees were brought to the United States. The refugee resettlement program will be restarting October 28th and we are anticipating a very busy November and December. It is our understanding that the majority of refugee cases that were scheduled and then cancelled between October 1st and the 27th will be rebooked within three months.

Saint’s Place was able to use the “extra” time in October to relocate our sorting room to Saint John of Rochester. It has been a hectic month of reorganizing, cleaning, and moving items. The end results look very positive. We will be able to assist the refugees in more efficient ways. The volunteers will be able to enact timesaving measures and have the needed space to work. Another growth pain resolved!

Our shelves of household goods are beginning to fill, our warehouse is packed and the clothing closet is finally receiving the needed warm winter coats, hats and gloves. Two very dedicated volunteers shopped the Ronald McDonald sale for us. They were able to find 42 wonderful warm winter coats, in small sizes! It is a treasure trove to us! Saint’s Place will be ready for the demanding months ahead thanks to your positive response to our ongoing pleas for help! On behalf of all the refugees we assist, thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference, The Heart of the Matter, is coming on March 1, 2014 to the Aquinas Institute. Ladies, you won’t want to miss this day-long conference, featuring national speaker Teresa Tomeo from EWTN’s Catholic Connection, Catholic author Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center, and Sr. Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz of the Dominican Sisters who recently topped the Billboard charts with their DVD release, Mater Eucharistiae! Come and enjoy these inspirational talks, as well as participate in Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and Reconciliation. The day will also include an elegant lunch and the opportunity to visit many local Catholic vendors and ministries. For more information, please visit www.rochestercwc.org. Think you might want to help promote this conference in your parish? Please contact Maria Mruzek, Mruzek@rochester.rr.com, for more details.

PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES
In these times with so much violence, injustice and oppression, it is vital to gather with other people of faith eager to live and work together for unity, peace and justice. Held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, this monthly interfaith hour of prayer and music, is led by members of the greater Rochester community.

Date: Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
150 French Road, Rochester

PIUS XII “UNDER THE ROMAN SKY”,
Free Movie, Tuesday, October 29, 7pm at Social Hall of St. Anne Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester. After the Nazi’s take over Rome in 1943, Hitler’s plan to kidnap the Pope is revealed as the Nazis make an all-out attempt to silence the one authority figure in Italy standing strong against them. Pre-movie documentary clip at 6:30 pm. Free snacks, soft drinks. Call 334-5338 for more information. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 11411.
Humble Prayer

The second parable that Jesus tells in today’s Gospel reading addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus’ time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God’s grace to work in us.

In the family, one sometimes observes a level of competition between children for parent attention, for acknowledgment of their abilities. Somehow, children seem to internalize that the attention given to one member of the family diminishes the attention given to another. In this way, children can often sound like the Pharisee in Jesus’ parable. Parents who provide continual reminders to their children that they are loved for who they are, not for what they do, help children develop a healthy spirituality.

As a family, talk about what it means to compare oneself to another. Discuss whether it is helpful to compare oneself to another. In what ways might this be positive? (when it motivates one to use one's talents) In what circumstances might this be unhelpful? (when it proves discouraging, when it prevents one from valuing the abilities of another)

Pray together as a family in thanksgiving for the blessing that is each member of your family. Pray that your family will be free from unhealthy competition. Pray in thanksgiving that God’s love for us is unconditional.

HI EVERYONE,

Please contact me to get yourself or a friend on our mailing list. You can reach me at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com or call at 261-2266 with any questions. You are always welcome to join us to bring a friend! All the best, Mr. McBride.

NEW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG GIRLS HERE AT ST. LOUIS!!

Challenge is an apostolic club for girls ages 10-18 to grow in virtue, friendship, and their Catholic faith. The mission of Challenge is to help young girls to know and love their Catholic faith and learn about themselves by doing apostolic works and creating a positive impact on family, friends, and the world.

We meet most Fridays during the school year from 7:00 – 8:00 pm (grades 5th – 8th) and 8:15 – 9:15 pm for the high school girls. Regular activities include our meetings with a gospel reading, faith-related discussions, games, and apostolate projects, as well as movies, social events, and monthly “Coffee and Creed” discussions for the high school girls. Retreats and summer camps are also available.

Meetings begin soon. For more information, contact Jean at 585-385-2293 or Cristine Rembold at 585-671-5186. Visit the Challenge web site at: www challengelubs.com.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 16, 5:45 pm and Sunday, November 17, 6:15 pm

For the Youth Group’s Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis on November 20 - 23. Check next week’s bulletin for details.
**REMEMBERING**

We will have a special Mass on Saturday, November 2, All Souls’ Day at 9:00 AM. We will remember with love and offer the Eucharist for all those who have gone home to God, but who, in doing so have left an empty place in our home. Praying with others about our losses can be a major step in the path to consolation and peace. Please put November 2, 9:00 AM on your calendar, and plan to stay for the bereavement reception following the liturgy, hosted by our pastoral care team in the Parish Meeting Hall. If you know anyone still grieving who could use some healing and hope, please consider inviting them and bringing them to this special Mass.

**THINKING OF GIFT GIVING, HERE’S A GREAT IDEA**

When someone passes away, there is little time for all the details that must be decided. Those left behind are frequently too distraught to make the decisions. Here is an opportunity to give your loved ones a priceless gift, which can afford you peace of mind as well.

Join Father Bob and Mark Anthony, from Anthony Funeral and Cremation Chapels as they walk through all that is necessary when planning a funeral. Father Bob will discuss planning the funeral liturgy; Mark will share his expertise in what needs to be done at the time of death and in the days after.

**Join us Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm in the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall.** Bring your questions and concerns for the answers that will really help you in this process.

McQuaid Jesuit’s Annual Open House for prospective students is Sunday, November 3, 2013 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Families with young men who are interested in attending McQuaid Jesuit for the 2014-15 academic year are encouraged to attend. Current McQuaid Jesuit students will be available to show you around the school and answer your questions. The entire faculty and staff will also be present. McQuaid Jesuit is Rochester’s all-male Catholic private prep school for grades 6-12. We are located at 1800 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14618. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

**CELEBRITY INFINITY CRUISE**

Two days in the ports of Paris, Bordeaux; Bilbao, Spain; plus Vigo, Spain and Port, Portugal. An Immersive Wine Cruise! Join Fr. Bob and some of his classmates for the sights, September 19, 2014. Contact Candi at Escapes Travel, 585-672-1516; escapesinc@live.com for the cruise itinerary and booking offers.

**ATTENTION DAILY MASS-GOERS!**

Now that school is back in session – there are two adjustments for the 11:00 am daily Mass:

#1) For the safety of our school children, the Rand Place driveway will remain barricaded during the 11:00 am Mass. Please feel free to park on Rand Place and walk in to church or come into the parking lot from S. Main Street. You will be able to EXIT to Rand Place. (the driveway will be open for entering on “funeral days.”)

#2) The students recess now begins at 11:55 am, so please move your car from the courtyard by 11:50 am!

Thank you for your assistance!

Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Schrecker

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE AT ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3, 2013**

Please join our St. Louis parishioners and Consistent Life Ethic Team in a 40 Days for Life effort! A national and international campaign since 2007, people of faith have mobilized across the world to stand up for life.

At St. Louis we have a multi-pronged effort of prayer, education, and fasting each week of the six-week campaign.

**THIS WEEK’S EFFORT FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28:**
5:15 pm Mass w/ Life Intention

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29:**
9:50 AM ~ Rosary for Life w/ McQuaid Jesuit HS students (1800 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30:**
12:00 Noon ~ Rosary with St. Louis School Children in church.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31:**
9:50 AM ~ Rosary for Life w/ McQuaid Jesuit HS students (1800 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1:**
Fasting for Life ~ forego a meal and offer it up as a form of prayer for life*

*PRAYER AND FASTING GO HAND IN HAND...

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. Prayer keeps us rooted in our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help, and is a physical form of prayer that helps us stay connected to God.

Questions on the St. Louis effort?
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