Novembing

Harvests are gathered in, leaves begin to fall, earth prepares to go to sleep for the winter. The church year moves toward its close. We are invited to think of the last things. November opens with All Saints Day. We remember men and women of heroic faith, our communion with them, and that we too are called to be saints. Next we remember All Souls’. We put out Books of Remembrance, offering special prayers for our deceased loved ones. Our culture tends to idolize youth, and deny aging and death, but our faith knows a different truth. Age can bring wisdom, a priceless gift. While the losses of life can be painful, they can teach us what is of true value. Most counter-cultural of all, we believe death is not just an ending, but a glorious new beginning.

The funeral liturgy, one of the church’s most finely tuned and effective liturgies, celebrates that truth. The prayers, pace, and flow of the ritual; simple things like gathering near the font, blessing the casket, placing the pall – simple, reverent gestures help mourners express their grief wordlessly. The liturgy moves through the Word to Eucharist, Christ’s victory over death. In that mystery hope is born, and our loved one is humbly commended to God.

Done well, the funeral liturgy is beautiful; honoring the deceased with reverence, celebrating the paschal mystery, providing solace to family and friends. That happens when the purpose, design and flow of the liturgy is respected. First and foremost, we are worshipping God, the author of life, and the one who calls us home. The funeral isn’t a celebration of a person’s life, it’s a celebration of God’s love, particularly for this individual, and for their grieving family. Thus the music at a funeral is not about the deceased’s favorite songs, unless they are songs about faith, songs that are prayer. It isn’t that the church has anything against popular music – it’s just that few popular songs are composed to be prayed. Prayer, not performance.

What may surprise many, the ritual specifically states there is never to be a eulogy at a funeral Mass. A family member or friend may, however, speak in remembrance of the deceased. The difference? A typical eulogy may include a detailed biography. Or it may include stories that have nothing to do with virtues, faith, and how we see God’s love in this person’s life. Many stories may be appropriate for a wake or a meal after the funeral, but not at Holy Eucharist. Speaking in remembrance is sharing a story that reveals the deceased’s goodness, and God’s grace; naming a virtue the person lived; how their example is worth treasuring and emulating. To ensure that funerals preserve holiness of Eucharist and the dignity of the deceased, we need to require remembrances to be reviewed in advance, for the sake of all who worship here. If you’ve heard a misplaced eulogy, you understand! For help if asked to speak, please just ask! Peace to all, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 30**
Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
11:00 am Joanne Beale - Marie Vasile
5:15 pm For Our Deceased Benefactors

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 31**
Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
6:45 am William Grosse - Lucille Newell
11:00 am John & Adelaide Freitas - Isalina Gomes

**WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 1**
All Saints' Day - Holy Day of Obligation
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
6:45 am For Those Struggling with Depression
9:10 am St. Louis School Mass
10:00 am Mass at the Highlands Center for the People of the Parish
11:00 am Fr. Raymond Booth
5:15 pm Samuel Privitera - Lucia & Children

**THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 2**
All Souls' Day
Wis 3:1-9/Jn 6:37-40
6:45 am For Those in Hospice Care
11:00 am Art & Betty Farr & Peter & Carolyn Knittle - Bill & Diane Knittle
7:00 pm Katherine Bukys - Parker Family

**FIRST FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 3**
World Community Day
Rom 9:11-5/Lk 14:1-6
11:00 am Katie Lartigue - Joan & Vince Steeley
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for the Residents & Staff
5:15 pm Miriam Tippett - Barbara Thomas

**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 4**
Rom 11:1-12a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
9:00 am Rose Hardisky - Mr. & Mrs. John Schwan
4:30 pm Jill Reichenbach - Family

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5**
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b, 9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
7:30 am Erich Kinne - Former Students in Germany
9:00 am Lawrence Coan - Patrick & Gail Burke & Family
11:15 am Nelly & Patrick O'Connor - Sons & Grandchildren
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.

- Two lamps will burn for John Anderson
  By the Kerper Family.
- One lamp will burn for Erin Fontana
  By Joan & Ed Lennert.

All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, November 3, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.

**Requiem Aeternam**
* Marie Costich
* Susan Meloni

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**Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5**

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**Sunday Communion Service - November 5**
The Highlands - Richard Caruso  Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley
**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 worthily 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**

$70,208.00

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Thank you for your generous support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on world Mission Sunday last weekend, October 21/22.

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**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.

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**This Week’s Tithing Will Support Hurricane Maria Fund**

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of National Collections has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions individuals wish to make. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA (Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services (Mexico Earthquake).

**Checks should be sent to:**

Mexico Earthquake Fund
Office of National Collections
P. O. Box 96278
Washington DC 20090-6278

If you wish to donate, kindly indicate in your communication with your check that you are from the Diocese of Rochester.

*(Next weekend, November 4/5, we will tithe for the Mexico Earthquake Fund.)*

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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!
Remembering

Often in the Old Testament, through the law, through the words of prophets, in the psalms, God reminds the people of the time of slavery in Egypt. Remember what it was like. Remember the harshness of some of the Egyptians, the small kindnesses of others. Now that you have been led to the Promised Land, be like those who treated you with kindness. Your ancestors lived through being strangers in a strange land. Have compassion! In a world where the life of refugees is growing ever more harsh, this message is particularly relevant! Much to pray about!

A Strange Combination

In the second reading, St Paul is writing to those who he brought to the faith in Thessalonica. He recalls how they received and begin living the faith. What an interesting juxtaposition, great affliction, and joy of the Holy Spirit. It wasn’t easy to embrace the new faith, because often it meant meeting ridicule from their friends, sometimes even family. There is the affliction, what about the joy? While some relationships may have become strained, or even ended, the new relationships with fellow believers, and the relationship with Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit more than compensated! To bring it to today, we can see in the passage an invitation to reflect on any affliction we have experienced, and also reflect and give thanks on joy of the Holy Spirit that we have experienced in our faith.

It Says It All

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you – the Golden Rule. Do not do to others what you yourself dislike – one rabbi put it that way. The Gospel does take it deeper though. Its not just about our actions. We are to have an interior disposition of love for others. A concern for their well-being. A recognition that they are brother or sister to us. The word is actually agapao, that is unconditional love.

Did you know that early Christians often referred to the celebration of Mass as an Agape – a love feast. But not love as in some of the rowdy pagan love feasts (eros). Eucharist is a love feast because at the heart of it is self-sacrificing love, the paschal mystery, the love Jesus has for us, the love we are called to emulate.
Families and Saints

Fall Saint's Day

Have you ever wished you could meet the saints? Now you can!

October 28, 2017
6:00 PM—7:30 PM
Saint Louis Gym

All families are invited to

- Light refreshments
- Saint-themed games & activities
- Interactive saint show

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith (michelle.andrews-smith@dor.org) or Leila Kaczmarek (Leila.kaczmarek@dor.org) for more information.
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.)

### HABITAT 2017 HOLIDAY PIE SALE ORDER FORM

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In lieu of, or in addition to pies, I'm making a donation to Habitat of: 

If paying by check, please note “Pies” & make checks out to: 

St. Louis Catholic Church

GRAND TOTAL: $______
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 on Sunday, November 5, 2017 in the Parish Meeting Hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm 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
delighted 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.
St. Louis Women’s Grief Support Group
Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry

**New group began October 14, 2017**
Join us for any of the remaining sessions.

**Date:** Saturday mornings, October 14 through November 18
**Time:** 9:45am – 11:00am
**Location:** O’Connor Library in the Manse

You don’t have to walk this journey alone. Let us walk with you.

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**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. Become a Prayer Warrior!

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**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER (OR RENEW) YOUR 2018 Give Us This Day Subscription**

This monthly book has daily morning and evening prayers, scripture for Mass, 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.

If our group subscription continues to exceed 50, our individual cost will be $19.95 for 12 issues in 2018. A large-print version is also available for $29.95, an additional $10.

Checks should be made payable to St. Louis Church with “Give Us This Day” in the memo field, and in the amount of $19.95 for each individual subscription (or $29.95 for each large print subscription).

Please mail, bring to the Ministry Center, or put this form in the collection basket. **WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO START WITH THE JANUARY 2018 ISSUE.** Thank you, Barbara Thomas (Barbara.thomas@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 236.)

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CALLING all CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
(BOTh BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST)

Come be renewed and refreshed in light of this Year of the Eucharist. Two sessions will be available:
on Sunday, October 29 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass beginning at 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 pm; and on Monday,
October 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm. Each session will start with a light meal to refresh our
earthly bodies as we revitalize our spiritual bodies through prayer and training in renewed procedures.
Both sessions are in the Parish Meeting Hall. Please let us know which session you can attend
Contact Cathy Malik (Catherine.Malik@dor.org) or Bea Hack (Bea.Hack@dor.org)
through email or by calling the Ministry Center at 586-5675 if you have any questions.

Benincasa Home for the Terminally Ill is a comfort care home near the four corners of Mendon, just 12
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To accomplish this we provide skilled, competent and compassionate care for residents suffering from a
terminal illness in a secure, loving environment where the residents and loved ones can have their spiritual,
emotional and social needs met. We are in need of caring, compassionate people to help care for our residents.
No experience is necessary, hands-on training is provided by our Staff Nurses. If you are looking for a purposeful
volunteer experience please consider becoming a caregiver at Benincasa. I would be happy to discuss this
opportunity, and show you our home; I know you will be inspired! Please contact Mona Alongi at 305-6337 or
mona.alongi@gmail.com

Join US for Our Next Open House on
Tuesday, November 7 from 9:15 am - 2:00pm.

Surviving the Holidays Seminar
at Church of the Transfiguration

Holidays are an especially difficult time when losing a
loved one. Wondering how you will survive the weeks
surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are
grieving a loved one’s death. You’ll learn: How to deal with the many emotions, what to do about traditions and
coming changes with helpful tips for surviving social events and how to discover hope for your future.

Two opportunities are available on Monday, 11/13/17 at
10:00AM or Tuesday, 11/14 at 7:00PM in our Parish Life Center Double Room. A helpful workbook is included in
the $5.00 registration donation. Please RSVP to Margie Benza at 248-2427, ext. 244 or margie.benza@dor.org.

Night of Light Luminaries of Remembrance
Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and celebration of the lives
of your loved ones. Thousands of luminaries will light the night in
memory of those that have gone before us. Blessing celebrated by The
Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano followed by the lighting of family
luminaries, holiday choral concert and reception with light refreshments.
To RSVP please call Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 585-458-4110 or email events@holysepulchre.org

Saturday, November 4, 2017 – 5:30pm
Christ our Light Chapel, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Night of Light Luminaries of Remembrance

The St. Louis School Advantage • Open House 11/7 & 1/25

Join us for Open House!

November 7th • 9:15AM – 2:00PM
&
January 25th • 9:15AM – 2:00PM

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