Partnership!

Knowing the background to a scripture passage can be very helpful to understanding what God is saying to us through the Bible. Understanding how the Bible came to be is also helpful; we can see how the Holy Spirit has worked over the centuries by inspiring writers, and editors, and then guided in wisdom those who together determined which books would be our Holy Scriptures. But also very important is a prayerful reading, listening to how the Holy Spirit inspires how and what we hear.

At Bible study this week, one such inspiration was the importance of partnership. Creation is good. Being alone is not. God went to great lengths to ensure that his human creation would not be alone. First Adam partnered with God in naming all the cattle, birds of the air and wild animals. Then God created a suitable partner. The second reading includes a sense of partnership, culminating in the affirmation that Jesus is a brother to us. The Gospel then echoes the importance of the partnership of husband and wife with Jesus’ words about the permanence of marriage.

Not married? Don’t think partnership is just about marriage. St. Paul wasn’t married. But his letters make abundantly clear that the idea of ‘partnership in the Gospel’ was essential to his success in the mission Jesus gave him. Partnership in the Gospel isn’t just a first century thing. It has been essential to the life of the church ever since. It is crucial today. We share in that partnership every time we make to decision to come to Mass so that we can worship God as one family of faith. We share in that partnership when we listen to God’s Word together, when we pray for our world and our sisters and brothers together, when we offer ourselves to the Father with Jesus in the Eucharist together.

Our support of our parish is also an essential element in our partnership in the Gospel, as is our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Picture a bleak, dark night, and one lonely candle. Stay there for a minute. Now picture the Easter Vigil. The Paschal Candle comes into the church, the light is passed from person to person, and the church gradually is illuminated with a warm, wonderful, transforming glow. When each of us supports the parish, when each of us supports the wider church of our diocese and its many ministries, we are sharing in the partnership of the Gospel, adding our efforts to those of others, that the light of Christ can truly shine out. Please consider giving to the CMA in light of how God has blessed you, sharing our blessings. And as you do, picture how you are spreading the light. I have seen so many instances of the partnership in the Gospel here! What an inspiration it has been. Thank you! By God’s grace, may this year’s CMA be one more example! Thank you and God bless you, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - October 8**
Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
11:00 am Helene Rose Perez - Grandma
5:15 pm Donald Mark - Post 16 VFW

**Tuesday - October 9**
Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
6:45 am Patrick Callery - Post 16 VFW
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for Residents & Staff
11:00 am John Henry Ryan - Family

**Wednesday - October 10**
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
11:00 am Marty Serio - Husband Joseph Charles Finzer, Jr. - Post 16 VFW

**Thursday - October 11**
Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
6:45 am Nelly O’Connor - Family
11:00 am Mary Diamond - Whitaker Family

**Friday - October 12**
Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
11:00 am Deceased Members & Spouses of the 70th Seton Branch
5:15 pm Sara Sauka - Family

**Saturday - October 13**
Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
9:00 am Alan Ryan - Family
4:30 pm Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Mary McGrady

**Sunday - October 14**
Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
7:30 am Vincenzo & Francesca Leonardo - Daughter
9:00 am Anthony J. Costello - Family
11:15 am Matthew Finegan - Sean & Kelly Finegan
5:00 pm Amy Mezzacappa - Young Family

**Special Intentions This Week:**
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.

One Lamp will burn for Harold and Murph
By Jo and children

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**Requiem Aeternam**
Rae Bernacki

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**Saturday & Sunday, October 13 & 14**

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Sunday Communion Service - October 14
The Highlands - Peggy O’Neil Midgley  Heather Heights - Jim Haefner

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Deeper Truth
The Book of Genesis has rich ways of engaging us. Powerful stories grab our attention. For the Hebrew reader, word play provides humor. (Much of that gets lost in translation.) The first chapters are also filled with fascinating etiological observations, often pointing to deeper truth. An etiology is a story that “renders an account” — that is, offers some explanation of present conditions and circumstances based on past causes. How did the animals get their names? Our first reading posits an answer. Often in the Old Testament, a story will provide an answer to how a place got its name, or where a geological formation came from, like a pillar of salt. (Lot’s wife: Gen 19:26)

Why is it that when a man finds the woman who will be his partner for life, it feels like finding a missing part of himself? Our first reading provides an explanation. Some people read the bible overly literally, so they expect men to be missing a rib (we aren’t). For others, the inspired truth is the important truth: we are part of one another, and for a married couple, that unity is even deeper, primal, a sacrament. We are part of the earth, formed from its very clay. Harm the earth, and we are harming the source of our existence. Adam may not have been the first zoologist, but our first reading gives an additional, powerful, inspired message. Think of parents naming their child. That is the kind of relationship we are called to have with all of God’s creatures. These are powerful theological truths! Think how rich life can be when we take them to heart!

Perfect Through Suffering
At first glance, the idea of Jesus being ‘made perfect through suffering’ can seem very troubling. Wasn’t Jesus divine? Without sin? What needed to be perfected? Understanding the second sentence of our second reading requires a bit of Greek. The Greek word ‘teleios’ doesn’t really mean ‘perfect’ in the way we typically use that word. ‘Be complete’, comes closer, or ‘be mature’. Now it makes sense! Jesus completed, fulfilled his mission through his suffering and death on the cross, conquering the power of death once and for all. We reach our maturity in Christ through suffering and entering the paschal mystery as well. Not necessarily what we want to hear, but realizing suffering can have redemptive power can turn otherwise inexplicable suffering into an opportunity to walk with Christ. When we can bring our suffering to Christ in the Eucharist, we can experience the most transforming, life giving truth of our faith. Martyrs understood (and still understand) this powerful truth!

Testing
It’s a common theme. Some of the Pharisees just loved to test Jesus, trying to trip him up. What will he say about divorce? At the time, there were two major schools of thought, the House of Shamai and that of Hillel. One said a man could only divorce his wife for a serious transgression, such as infidelity. The other said burning dinner was excuse enough. Which side will Jesus take? First, what does scripture say? In God’s plan, two become one. Divorce isn’t part of how God designed things, it was Moses’ concession to human hardness of heart. Well, who got tested in the end?

Volunteer Needed!
To keep juice & coffee stocked for coffee hour.
Do you go to BJs, Costco, or Wegmans regularly?? Could you “add a little” to your regular trip…and deliver supplies to the Parish Meeting Hall kitchen?
Please contact Sally Schrecker at Sally.Schrecker@dor.org or (585) 586-5675 x235. Thank you!!!

Recycling the Bulletin
Have you ever used our parish bulletin as an invitation? Once you’ve read it, give the bulletin to a friend, along with an invitation. ‘We would love to have you join us at St. Louis one of these weekends. Here is a bulletin, with Mass times, a flavor of the place, a bit of what is going on. Seriously, I think you would be surprised at what you experience if you join us some Saturday evening or Sunday.’ It does work!
**WE ARE GOOD STEWARDS**

### Supporting Our Parish

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**Online Collection**

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**Month-to-Date**

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**School Sisters of Notre Dame Celebrate 185 years of Faithful Service**

In 1833, Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger founded the School Sisters of Notre Dame to educate young women. Since then, the sisters have expanded her initial, provincial mission, to deepen communion with God and transform the world through education at all stages of life. Please join the sisters as they celebrate a special liturgy on October 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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**IT IS TIME TO ORDER (OR RENEW) your 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.

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.

**Please mail, bring to the Ministry Center, or put this form in the collection basket.**

**WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO START WITH THE JANUARY 2018 ISSUE.**

Thank you,

Shannon Toot
(Shannon.Toot@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 227.)

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT DAYSTAR**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT PROJECT RACHEL**

Project Rachel is a 501(c)(3) program that provides Catholic outreach of healing and reconciliation to women and men who are experiencing the emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion. It involves a sensitive, confidential process for post-abortion healing that enables the person to find forgiveness and a sense of hope again. Project Rachel trained personnel, including many priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople throughout the diocese, desire to be the instruments to enable those who are hurting and wounded to experience the mercy and peace of Christ.

It is estimated that there are over 5,000 abortions each year in our diocese. Nationally, about 1/3 of women that undergo an abortion list themselves as Catholic. Since abortion has been legal in New York State for over 40 years, there are potentially many, many thousands of women (and men) in our area that are wounded and hurting because of their abortion act. Yet this tremendous grace-filled healing process of Project Rachel is still not widely known to many people even after 20 years of existence in the diocese. It is the hope of this program that the funds be used to further publicize the program and its services, especially via modern communication means (think social media, for example), and continue to train individuals in our diocese to share this process of healing. Most dioceses in the country have 5 or 6 people trained, whereas over 200 people have taken the 6 hour training day in our diocese. Coordination of Project Rachel activities in the Rochester diocese is through a team of volunteers, led by Deacon Dave Snyder. The overall program depends on the generosity of parishes and individuals within the diocese. Team volunteers and others willing to be trained are also being sought.

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**Mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy, but there is HOPE!**

**St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group**

is a support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love.

**Saturdays from 9:45—11:15am**

**O’Connor Library, St. Louis Manse**

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

Save the dates!

Saturday, December 1st from 10:00am to Noon:
Family Advent Wreath Making

Saturday, January 5th from 10:00am to Noon:
A Day in Bethlehem: Celebrating the Whole Christmas Season

Saturday, March 30th (corrected date!) from 10:00am to 1:00pm:
A walk with Jesus from Holy Thursday and Beyond

Teaching Assistants and Subs Needed!

We are in need of Teacher’s Assistants and Subs for Faith Formation for:

- Tuesdays (4:30pm – 5:30pm)
- Sundays (10:00am – 11:00am)

TA’s assist the primary catechist and act as a substitute if the catechist is sick or unable to make a session.

Come and join us for a great year ahead of learning, experience and loving Christ with our children.

Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith for more information!

Michelle.Andrews-Smith@dor.org
or (585)586-5675 x233

Attention Parents! Email Address Issues

We are having trouble delivering messages to emails ending in @rochester.rr.com!

If you have an alternate email address you would like to use, please contact the Faith Formation office to update your family record!

All are welcome to join us for the first Youth Mass of the year!

Sunday, October 14 at 5pm

Our youth will be serving, leading the music, and other ministries!

Last Friday, during the first school assembly, students flew paper airplanes with their names written on them. Each student picked up someone else’s airplane and became prayer partners! This activity was the kickoff for our theme this year, “Taking Our Faith To New Heights.” The idea for our theme came from a school altar server lunch, when they created paper airplanes from their napkins. The phrase “Taking Our Faith To New Heights” was composed by Michael Cairns (SLS class of 2012.)
Documenting the return on INVESTMENTS in HAITI made locally by St. Louis Parish with local partners and by investors around the USA and the world

The Great Earthquake of 2010, cholera epidemics, crime, lawlessness, and torrential rains coupled with the void left by the demise of other hospitals continue to energize Pittsford's St. Louis Church's resolve of almost 30 years to help parish friend, Passionist priest and physician Fr. Rick Frechette in his efforts at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti's only children's hospital free to the indigent.

Local McQuaid grad Angelo Rose, Esq. (musician/song composer of “Haiti's Rain” and other pro-bono CDs about Haiti) met documentarian Will Agee; and learning of his mission partnered with him to show the positive outcome of our generosity.

Please join us for a private film screening of Will Agee's documentary, The Land of High Mountains about Haiti's progress... See how St. Louis along with its many partners has given HOPE to Haiti by supporting this hospital and people like Fr. Rick Frechette who arrived decades ago and remained to make sustainable changes.

All proceeds from the Saturday, October 20 event at the Little Theatre (a Rochester treasure) will go to St. Damien Pediatric Hospital (a 501C3 non-profit.) Visit landofhighmountains.com to learn more about the film.

Tickets for the film screening only are $30 each.
Tickets for the Angelo Rose and his Good Trip Band concert at the East End Pub following film are $30.
When both tickets are purchased together, the total is $50.
Tickets are available online with credit card at www.nphusa.org/haitisrain OR if donating by check, please write payable: St. Damien Pediatric Hospital Fund.
Checks can be mailed to: Marcia Mendola, 10 Rippingale Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534.

Theatre doors open at 5PM with a brief pre-film Fr. Rick video at 5:15.

Sponsorship opportunities for this private documentary film screening, which has already earned the “Award of Excellence” at the INDIE Film Festival, can also be found at www.nphusa.org/haitisrain.

For more info: please call Marcia Mendola, St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY Haiti Team, chair 381-6872 or email: marciaandnick@yahoo.com

Habitat Interfaith Partnership
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

In 2016, St. Louis's Habitat partnership coalition successfully built its 6th Habitat house since 2001. Our next house project, the 7th will be in 2019. This new house initiative begins with our upcoming Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale which helps to raise funds for its construction. Kelly’s Farm Market in Hilton bakes the pies, and we sell them earning 35% of the proceeds.

We will be taking orders before and following weekend Masses in early November. Pies will be distributed two days before Thanksgiving.

We are looking now for a few people to assist with taking pie orders. Also, once a building site and construction schedule is set, we will also need help with coordinating construction participation by St. Louis parishioners.

If you might be interested in being involved in these Habitat activities or seek further information, please contact Bob or Rosemary Scholl (call: 381-3760; or reply by email: schollroch@gmail.com).
Saint’s Place has welcomed refugees to the Rochester area for twenty years. Young and old, from over 20 different countries, thousands have come to Rochester. Each refugee has a story, a fear, a dream.

Each refugee is unique, yet they all share a common desire for a safe place to live and the opportunity to live in peace. Please remember them and their continued struggles to adjust in your prayers.

Every human being is child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are the brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved.

~ Pope Francis

Prayer for the Journey

Have mercy on me, God most high.
In my fear and loneliness, be my refuge.
Far from my homeland, I feel lost.
My heart is stirred by thoughts of the family I left behind.
Oh God, hear their cries and come to their help!
Calm the storms of anxiety and doubt raging within me.
Go before me and guide my steps among a people I do not know.
May their kindness and compassion assure me that you are there to welcome me.

Amen.
**Praying With Art**

Join us for a unique Fruit-of-the-Vine session where we explore a different way of praying with images, called *visio divina* (Latin for “divine seeing”).

In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius gives us the idea of meeting sacred scripture with one’s own life using our imagination. This can be done with pieces of art. Come and practice praying with “eyes of the heart”.

When: This Tuesday, Oct. 9
7:15-8:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: Free!

Meditations are provided by Geoff Wheaton SJ and the website "Pathways to God". After this introductory session, we will meet together to discuss and meditate on another image once a month in the Manse.

For more info, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

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**Perfect timing for parents of faith formation students! Come join us!**

Explore faith topics over a cup of coffee with a great group of folks.

**This week’s topic: Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?**

How can God be good, but allow bad things to happen? Fr. Mike Schmitz tackles one of the toughest questions religious believers must answer.

Where: The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)
When: Sundays, 10:00-10:50
(between the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses)

For more information, please email Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org

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**A Study on The Mass! What Draws You to Mass Each Week?**

Be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Bishop Robert Barron’s THE MASS**

When: Tuesdays, either 1:00-2:30 p.m.
or 7:15-8:45 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall, St. Louis Church
Cost: $25 for the workbook
For more information, or to register, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-6675, ext 224

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~CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER FUNDRAISER~

Thursday, October 18th, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Kodak Theater on the Ridge, 200 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14615

A buffet of soup from local restaurants, wine and beer, and of course dessert!

Select a handmade bowl from Rochester artists to take home as a souvenir in support for all those whose bowl is empty.

Support us to end hunger in our community. Join your friends for soup donated by area chefs and select a handmade, one of a kind bowl created by local artists who wish to remind us that you can make a difference for someone whose bowl this evening is empty.

To purchase tickets online, please visit cfcrochester.org or call (585) 262-7172 for more information on tickets, artwork and pottery.

~Parishioners in Action~

Our church secretary, Suzanne, had her hair cut this week and chose to donate her beautiful hair to help make a wig for a woman battling cancer. In big and small ways our parish is making a difference in this world!

Pope’s Intention for October

The Mission of Religious
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.
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