Witness the Learning, Learning to Witness

No one asked the question after last week’s homily, but some may have thought it. “How can you really push learning more about our faith, in this age of information overload?” A fair question and one that gets to a vital point. Though ‘Religious Education’ and ‘Adult Education’ are familiar, user friendly terms, they don’t quite capture what we are focusing on this Fall. Faith Formation is much more descriptive, but it wouldn’t fit on the logo, and even that doesn’t quite capture it.

An example works best. This Monday night at 7:00 PM (September 15) in the church, we’ll have a session titled Eucharist 201. While the title was intended to evoke a sense of adult, college level material; deeper learning about Eucharist, a syllabus was not distributed in advance. If the session were confined to presenting teachings from Doctors of the Church on the Eucharist, we could provide a detailed outline. But that approach might also contribute to information overload. Essential to adult faith formation is sharing experience. Give a lecture on how the structure of the Eucharist can help a person to empty him/herself, and how that can lead to truly being filled with Christ: a few folks might fall asleep. Invite folks to share experience, listen to someone you pray with every week describe how they personally experience that miracle, or how the experience of Eucharist turned one of their struggles into a grace, and folks tune in, and have something tremendously valuable to take home. Even hearing from others about times they aren’t caught up in the mystery can help us grasp how we are all on a common journey.

Tuesday morning’s Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures may need a new name. You see, we do explore the Sunday readings. I do give background to the passages (though others will these next two Tuesdays). We look at how the readings may fit together, and explore questions the passages surface. But as folks begin to share what they hear and how it helps interpret and shape their life – that is where the real energy emerges. Someone else’s question we may never have considered also leads to very fruitful discussion.

Witnessing is not a term that has wide currency in Catholic circles. In some Christian traditions, it is not only a common term; folks are much more comfortable doing it. We need to get over the hesitation. My appreciation of the Eucharist has grown just as much from others sharing their experience as from studying the Church Fathers. My love for the Bible has come as much from others witnessing how their relationship with the Lord, and their spending time with the Bible, go hand in hand, has been just as vital as attending lectures about Bible study methods. Sharing faith is amazing: it can be a gift to others, while also deepening our relationship with the Lord. If you have a ministry at Mass; if you attend Mass – consider coming this Monday! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - September 15
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35
11:00 am Stephen Siegl - Joan Siegl
5:15 pm Joyce Considine - Joan & Bob Daly

Tuesday - September 16
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
6:45 am Thomas Hodges - Jim & Kathy Blatt
11:00 am Joyce Considine - Karen & Tom Hanss

Wednesday - September 17
One Mass Only Today
1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
11:00 am Al Yahn - Wife

Thursday - September 18
One Mass Only Today
1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
11:00 am Joyce Considine - Michael & Carol Duffy

Friday - September 19
1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
11:00 am Charlene Rothblum - Bill & Diane Knittle
5:15 pm Marjorie Birchum - Rita Martin

Saturday - September 20
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
9:00 am Ed Lada - Carol Manzo
4:30 pm Mark Reichenbach - Family

Sunday - September 21
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
7:30 am Marie Wilkins - Marie Restaino
9:00 am Raymond Micciche - Mary & Don Battaglia
11:00 am John Ricco - Andrea Greisberger
5:00 pm Margaret Urtz - Perham Family

One Lamp Will Burn for a Special Intention
By Fred & Karen.

Requiem Aeternam

Arthur Russell
Mario Terio
Vivian Ripton

Hearing Assistance Loop!
St. Louis now has a T-coil hearing assistance loop in the Church, in addition to the existing FM receiver hearing system. The loop covers the main area of pews. Try your T-coil switch and find your best spot for perfect reception! Let us know how you like it. Email Fr. Bob at ring@dor.org, or Sally Schrecker at sschrecker@dor.org, or call the Ministry Center at 585-586-5675.

Saturday & Sunday, September 20 and 21. Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - September 21
The Highlands: Richard Caruso
Heather Heights: Marge Mancine

St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
September 14, 2014
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Moses, Nehushtan, and the Power of God
Snakes slither through the Old Testament story a number of times, not just in this passage from Numbers. A crafty serpent first appears right In the Beginning (Genesis), introducing temptation and sin into the human story. The temptation and sin: disobedience, and looking to something other than God for the fullness of life. Next, Moses calls upon Pharaoh to let his people go. When Pharaoh asks for a miracle, Moses is ready. As God had instructed Moses, Aaron throws down his staff, and it becomes a serpent. The magicians of Egypt throw down their staffs, which become serpents, but Aaron’s serpent devours the others. It isn’t Aaron’s staff that works the miracle, it is Moses faithfully following God’s command. Today’s first reading relates a time of defiance, like in the Garden of Eden. The people complain against God and Moses. Serpents come as punishment, but in mercy, God once again has Moses utilize a serpent as a sign of His power, in this case, a bronze serpent. Looking up at the bronze serpent Moses made leads those bitten to repent, and turn again to God, who then heals them. Centuries later, apparently the true message was lost. People began burning incense to the bronze serpent, now given the name Nehushtan. In his great religious reform, King Hezekiah destroyed the bronze serpent, as well as other idols that had crept into the worship of God in the Temple. So in our 1st reading, we hear of a source of repentance and healing, lifted up for all to see. No wonder John saw Christ’s being lifted up on the cross foreshadowed, as he read this passage from Numbers.

Carmen Christi
Does our second reading sound almost poetic? It should. Most likely, our second reading today contains a hymn that the first generation of Christians sang. Carmen Christi means hymn to Christ. Writing to the people in Philippi, Paul thought “if they just think about what this hymn teaches, it can resolve so many issues!” So Paul quotes the hymn, reminding the community: if Christ was humble, and emptied himself, so we too must empty ourselves if we wish to be filled with Christ. How do we know it was a hymn, apart for the poetic structure? Pliny, in a letter to Trajan in A.D. 106, writes of the Christians ‘singing a hymn to Christ as to a God.’ One way the Holy Spirit works: we find a hymn, or a quote in a book, or a verse in the scripture that speaks to our heart, or says perfectly what needs to be said. Do yourself a favor. Even if you are not one to read the Bible, pick one up and read chapter 2 of Philippians. Do it with a friend. Share what jumps out at you, what you sense about Paul’s relationship with the community in Philippi, and with his co-workers. Something to sing about! As we are focusing on how We Learn these days, for extra credit, read the whole letter to the Philippians (it isn’t that long).

Glory and the Cross
John’s Gospel is the work of a deep thinker, a mystic in fact. St. Paul made the cross central to his preaching, seeing Christ’s death on the cross as the means of our salvation. But John took it a step further, seeing the crucifixion, Christ being lifted up on the cross, as the hour of His glorification. The cross was indeed a challenge to many early Christians – Roman crucifixions outside city walls were all too common. Seeing bodies, even those of persecuted Christians, decay on crosses, made it terribly painful to look upon a cross. While believers spoke of the cross, images of the cross typically were softened, by disguising and transforming the cross into the image of an anchor, or the Chi-Rho. That changed after Constantine issued his Edict of Tolerance, and subsequently abolished crucifixion in the Empire.

Today’s Feast
On September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we commemorate three historical events. (1) In A.D. 135, the Roman emperor Hadrian built a Temple of Aphrodite over the place of Christ’s tomb. Making a pilgrimage, St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in A.D. 327, searching out the holy places of Christ’s life. She had the Temple of Aphrodite destroyed, and as the area was excavated, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. (2) Constantine had the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre built on the site, and September 14 celebrates the anniversary of its dedication in A.D. 335. And (3), in A.D. 614, the Persians conquered the Holy Land and carried off the True Cross. This feast also commemorates it being returned to Jerusalem in A.D. 629 by the emperor Heraclius II, after he recovered it from the Persians. Legend has it that the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but some force prevented him. He was able to proceed only after he removed his imperial garb, to continue as a humble, barefoot pilgrim.

Preparing for Next Weekend:
25th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Seek the Lord while He may be found

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
For me, life is Christ

Gospel: John 20:1-16a
Generosity in the reign of God
AN OFFERING OF OUR TIME
AND OUR TREASURE

August 31
Attendance .......... 1,401
Collection ........... $12,089.00

September 7
Attendance .......... 1,621
Collection ........... $22,755.00

Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord, and for supporting St. Louis through your Sunday offering. Your presence is a gift we welcome with joy. Your voice raised in prayer is yet another gift (don’t you love hearing all our voices blend as one as we pray the Our Father?) Your Sunday contribution supports all that we do here at St. Louis. Your prayers, joined with those of all of us who consider this our spiritual home, open up untold doors of blessing. What you offer of yourself as we begin the Eucharistic prayer enriches the communion we all share. What you carry out to the world as we are sent on our way at the end of Mass sends ripples of grace through the world. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Life-line to the Middle East
Responding to the urgent request of Archbishop Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Matano has requested that we take up a voluntary 2nd collection to help provide humanitarian relief for those suffering in the Middle East. This will take place THIS weekend, September 13-14. All proceeds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies assisting with the humanitarian effort. Those donating by check should make the check out to their parish with "Middle East Relief" in the memo/notes field.

St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard serves approximately 400 families each month. It is one of the three food cupboards that St. Louis collects for on a rotating basis, and our help is greatly appreciated since funding from other sources has decreased. The St. Andrew’s Cupboard is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Please pray for the hard working volunteers and clients of St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard. For more information, call Margaret Oberst at 254-3093.

Good News! 43rd Annual CORN SALE Results
Your enthusiastic support of this year's Corn Sale, raised $2,669.00 for St. Damien Pediatric Hospital located just outside Port-au-Prince. This state-of-the-art, now a teaching hospital which employs hundreds of Haitians is Haiti's only pediatric hospital free to those who would be denied emergency and long term care elsewhere because of lack of funds. May God bless all of you who worked on the sale, especially Joanne and Dick Thomas (Chairs), Gary Eisenhart (Photographer) and Marie Stekloff (Coordinator of Sellers).

The sick children at St. Damien join Fr. Rick Frechette in sending the biggest “Thank You” to the Powers Farm Market family on Marsh Road for planting, caring for, harvesting, and transporting the corn to St. Louis Church totally free of charge. Thank you to everyone who supported this annual sale by making a donation for the corn. As always, it was delicious, fresh from the field and farm market.

Next week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

HELP WANTED
Crossroads, the 6-8th grade religious education program is in need of teachers. We meet Monday nights, 6:45-8:00 pm, from September 29 to April 27. Teachers work in teams of two with about 12 students per group. Lessons are prepared for you. You do not need to be an expert in the faith, you just need to have a willingness to learn and an interest in working with kids. Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions (walimu@hotmail.com). Thanks, Robin Hill
Register for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs!!

Please register **NOW** for Seasons of Faith, Living Faith, Family Faith and Crossroads for the 2014 - 2015 school year, also, please register **NOW** for the sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation.

You can register on line, but please send in your payment as soon as possible so we can complete the registration. You can also pick up registration forms at the Ministry Center, 64 South Main St., or at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the hallway of the Narthex at the back of church. Please include your payment with the completed form.

Please read all information very carefully so your child’s registration is not delayed because of incomplete requirements, especially for the sacrament preparation programs with our new guidelines.

Specific information about our programs can be found on our web site: **www.stlouischurch.org**

Here are some guidelines and requirements:

- Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Louis Church.
- Public school children, Kindergarten through eighth grade, are required to be in a religious education program every year.
- Sacramental preparation programs of First Penance, Confirmation and First Communion are separate programs in addition to children receiving their religious education through one of St. Louis’ programs or Catholic school.
- For a child to prepare to receive a sacrament, they ideally should be in a religious education program or Catholic school for at least one year prior to the preparation program.
- Parents are asked to actively participate and help in our programs.

If you are new to our parish or have children who will be coming of age to enroll into one of our programs, please call Sue Payne at the Ministry Center, 586-5675 or email **spayne@dor.org** for details of what you need to do to register.

It is imperative that you register **NOW** for these programs.

We need to adequately prepare for these programs so we need your registrations ASAP!

**Women in the New Testament ~ ~ ~**

**A Little Rock Scripture Study**

The New Testament is neither a biography nor a history of the life of Jesus. It is much more. It is about how the interaction between Jesus and the men and women of his times changed them and challenges us. This scripture study focuses on the women of the New Testament, who they were, what they did, and how we can be inspired and challenged because of them.

This 7 week study will explore the lives of these women through the reading of scripture, completing a workbook of reflection questions and sharing our own faith together over a cup of tea. Please join us beginning on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall. Materials will be provided at a cost of $12.00. If you have questions, please contact Cris Wensel at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 224 or ewensel@dor.org.

**Living Above and Beyond Chronic Pain**

On Monday, September 22, 2014, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the GATHERING ROOM at Saint John of Rochester, St. John of Rochester's Health Ministry will sponsor an informative workshop on *Living Above and Beyond Chronic Pain*. Presenters include Dr. Michael Kuttner, PhD. who works with people living with chronic pain; Rita-Marie Geary, Facilitator, Rochester Chapter of the Chronic Pain Association, as well as a physical therapist, message therapist, and others who use alternative therapies to successfully treat chronic pain. If you need transportation to this event, please call Julie @ 585-223-8963.
The following is our schedule of sacramental preparation programs for this year. Each program will be discussed in detail at the individual Parent kick-off meetings. Please mark your calendars now with these important dates.

**FIRST PENANCE 2014 (OLDER CHILDREN)**
- **Tuesday Oct. 14th**, 7:00 p.m. Kick-off for Parents in church
- **Tuesday Oct. 28th**, 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Adult Education in church
- **Wednesday Nov. 5th**, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. First Penance Session PMH
- **Wednesday Nov. 12th**, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. First Penance Session PMH
- **Wednesday Nov. 19th**, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. First Penance Session PMH
- **Tuesday Dec. 2nd**, 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service in church

Children will be invited to celebrate their First Reconciliation on any of the first three Saturdays in December at an extended regular 3:30 p.m. time in church or at the regular time the following Saturdays.

**FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**
- **Wednesday Jan. 7th**, 7:00 p.m. Kick-off for Parents in church
- **Tuesday Jan. 13th**, 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Adult Education in church
- **Wednesday Jan. 14th**, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. First Penance session in PMH
- **Thursday Jan. 22nd**, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. First Penance session in PMH
- **Saturday Jan. 31st**, 10:30 p.m. Penitential Service in Church

Children will be invited to celebrate their First Reconciliation on any Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in church.

**FIRST EUCHARIST 2015**
- **Tuesday Feb. 24th**, 7:00 p.m. Parent Kick-off in church
- **Tuesday Mar. 10th**, 7:00 p.m. First Eucharist Adult Education in church
- **Saturday Mar. 14th** at 4:30 p.m. Mass or **Sunday Mar. 15th** at 9:00 a.m. Mass Enrollment Blessing
- **Wednesday Mar. 18th**, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. FHC session PMH
- **Wednesday Mar. 25th**, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. FHC session PMH
- **Wednesday April 8th**, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. FHC session PMH
- **Saturday April 25th** at the 11:00 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. Mass FHC celebrations
- **Sunday April 26th** at the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 p.m. Mass FHC celebrations

**CONFIRMATION 2015**
- **Tuesday Jan. 27th**, 7:00 p.m. Parent Confirmation Kick-off
- **Saturday Jan. 31st**, 3:00 p.m. Candidate Confirmation Kick-off and 4:30 p.m. Mass Enrollment Blessing

Group Meetings and Service Opportunities – Feb. through April TBD
- **Wednesday Feb. 25th** or **Thursday Feb. 26th**, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Session PMH
- **Tuesday Mar. 3rd**, 7:00 p.m. Sr. Karlien Bach in church
- **Saturday Mar. 14th** or **Mar. 21st**, Confirmation Retreat Time and Place TBD
- **Tuesday April 28th** or **Wednesday April 29th**, 7:00 p.m. Review session PMH
- **Sunday May 3rd**, Rite of Sending 5:00 p.m. Mass
- **Tuesday May 6th**, 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal at St. Louis Church
- **Tuesday May 12th**, Confirmation Liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Seasons of Faith**
Seasons of Faith begins NEXT Sunday September 21 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All registered families should have received a parent letter through email about the beginning of our program. Your child will need their name tag before the program begins. The name tags are available for pick-up on the counter in the back of church in the Narthex area. If you have any questions please contact Sue Payne, 586-5675 or email, spayne@dor.org.
Hi Everybody,

Welcome to a new year with the St. Louis Youth Group. We will have our first general meeting on Sunday, September 14. We will meet at the 5:00 pm Mass and sit together in the first row on the right side. After Mass we move to the Parish Meeting Hall for dinner, a lesson, some games and then closing prayer back in church. We have a variety of social events, service projects and retreats during the year as we grow in our faith, deepen our friendships, have fun and reach out to others. If you need a registration form contact me. I can e-mail you one or you can pick one up at the meeting.

On Sunday, September 21, join us at 12:00 pm at Camp Arrowhead in Powder Mills Park. Get ready to meet some great teens and share an afternoon of adventure on their ropes/obstacle course. We have a blast!

If you have not yet received a Youth Group e-mail, and to get on our mailing list, please contact me at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com. You can also call me at 261-2266 if you have any questions.

We are looking for adults to help with our Youth Group. If you are a college student, parent or just someone who would like to share their faith and talents with our teens please let me know. Thanks. Hope to see you on Sunday night.

All the best, Mr. McBride

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sunday, September 14, 5:00 pm, Mass.

Sunday, September 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Regular Youth Group Meeting.

Sunday, September 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Regular Youth Group Mtg.

Sunday, October 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Regular Youth Group Meeting.

Sunday, October 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Regular Youth Group Meeting.

Sunday, October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Regular Youth Group Meeting.

ST. LOUIS CYO BASKETBALL IS RECRUITING COACHES

St. Louis Church with its CYO basketball Program is committed to providing a ministry that helps bring youth to their full human potential. The Catholic Youth Organization provides opportunities for young people to develop strong moral character, self-esteem, and leadership qualities through activities of a social, educational, recreational and athletic nature. Over the past 10 years, St. Louis CYO basketball has enabled over 1,000 3rd through 12th graders to participate in the CYO basketball program. The continued success of this program depends on volunteer coaches. Last year there were 17 teams. We are in need of coaches to continue the accomplishment of the program. ***Please consider coaching!!!***

The program begins early October and ends the first or second week in March. Typically practices can be scheduled on a set schedule to accommodate the coaches and players. Practices are once or twice during the week and games are on Saturdays and/or Sundays. The CYO schedule consists of 12 games. For more information, please e-mail our CYO athletic director at thomasinfantino@hotmail.com or visit our website: http://www.stlouisyobasketball.org/

RED MASS FOR ALL IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The rich tradition of the Red Mass was begun by the Catholic Church in the thirteenth century. Bishop Matano will celebrate this year’s Red Mass, for all in the legal profession, on Friday, October 10 at 12:10 PM, at its former downtown location at Our Lady of Victory/St. Joseph Church, 210 Pleasant St., Rochester.

The relocation to downtown this year was made for the convenience of police officers, fire personnel, judges, lawyers, and court employees who work in the downtown area. The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild will host a reception following the Mass.

“It is my privilege to cordially extend to you and to all those in the legal community an invitation to be present at this year’s annual Red Mass as we pray for God’s guidance of those in the administration of Justice. Following the Mass, there will be a light reception where I hope to greet you and personally express my appreciation for your dedicated service.” Bishop Salvatore Matano

UPCOMING “WHITE MASS” FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - OCTOBER 19

The Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association in the Diocese of Rochester is hosting a “WHITE MASS FOR PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS” on Sunday, October 19, at 2pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY.

Bishop Salvatore Matano will be the Celebrant at the White Mass - the first such Mass for health professionals in the Diocese of Rochester under the recently formed Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association.

Physicians, nurses, dentists, chaplains, and all other allied health professionals, involved in any aspect of health care provision, are cordially invited to attend. A social reception will follow in the Cathedral’s narthex. Family members are welcome to attend.

The White Mass is so named due to the fact that health professionals frequently wear white lab coats when caring for patients. So come and worship with fellow health care providers and hear more about how the Finger Lakes Guild can serve you in your personal and professional life!

For more information, visit the Finger Lakes Guild website at: www.fingerlakescma.org
A Note from Mrs. Barr . . .

Welcome to the 2014 - 2015 school year!

It was wonderful to greet new students and their parents as well as those returning this year. It was a real pleasure to see everyone - a few of whom I haven’t seen since they were students themselves at St. Louis! Our St. Louis School Opening Mass on September 8 was a wonderful start to this school year and a reminder of the many opportunities our students have for prayer and learning and practicing Christian values.

I look forward to a wonderful year in which we will all see the Spirit of St. Louis soar!

God’s Blessings,

Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal

The Parent Teacher Organization for St. Louis School extends a warm welcome to the new families joining our vibrant school community! May God bless all of our 315 students with a successful and happy school year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Back by popular demand, the Annual Magazine Drive which began September 5 runs until September 16. Students and classrooms earn prizes. And, the amazing Pig Race for classrooms that reach their goal is back! Battery operated pigs, of course! Anyone can support the magazine drive by going to http://gaschoolstore.com/. Our code 2663664.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL COLLECTS BOX TOPS!!!

Please save your BOX TOPS for St. Louis School! Look for the baskets labeled with the BOX TOP logo in the Narthex hallway and around campus. Each label equals 10 cents ~ and the money is sent directly to our school!
HELPING OTHERS AFTER A TIME OF LOSS

St. Louis often has the honor and privilege of celebrating funeral liturgies. It is usually a very busy time for families from the time of death until the celebration of the funeral Mass. Arrangements have to be made, guests welcomed, and the energy it takes just to get through the next day can be overwhelming. But what happens after the funeral can be just as overwhelming. All the work of the funeral is complete, the guests have returned home and family is left to carry on. The time after the funeral is probably one of the loneliest times for individuals and families who have lost a loved one. St. Louis wants to assist them through this most difficult time.

On Tuesday, September 23 @ 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center there will be a gathering for those who may be interested in this type of ministry. Theo Munson from Lifetime Care will be with us and will share with us the services that are offered by that organization. We will also discuss “next steps” for this new ministry. Hope you can come! Cris Wensel

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OFFERS WEEKEND RETREAT NOVEMBER 7-9

Beginning Experience is a peer support group for separated, divorced and widowed adults. The weekend program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next retreat will be at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake November 7-9, 2014. For more information contact Beginning Experience at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org

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 drive 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

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Pastoral Care Committee is gearing up for the new 2014-2015 year with its first meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Hall. Our meetings are brief - about an hour in length. We will be planning the All Souls' Day Mass and reception, cards for the homebound, poinsettia distribution during Advent, and a number of other activities. All are welcome. Please contact Cris Wensel, Pastoral Associate at cwensel@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 224, or Peggy O'Neil Midgley at pomidgley@yahoo.com or 383-8879.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

On Monday September 15, 2014 the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus will hold their Monthly Meeting in the Parish Meeting Hall. Our meeting starts with the Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 PM. All Knights with a 1st Degree or higher are encouraged to attend. The topic of this meeting will be setting up for a membership drive in October. Any questions? Please contact the Grand Knight Richard Whelehan at 585-797-4638 or at wheels282@rochester.rr.com.

CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR ST. ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

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