Living the Mission

At the end of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus gave the apostles, and through them, gives us a mission: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Here at St. Louis we live that mission in a big way! We have one of the strongest Catholic schools in our diocese, with a terrific principal and office staff, 39 outstanding teachers and aids, and 277 beautiful children learning and growing in faith each and every day, together with their families. What a grace!

Our Faith Formation programs are almost bursting at the seams, with a dynamite director, 19 wonderful catechists, and a total of 560 children. That includes 93 in 1st Eucharist/1st Penance, and 87 in Confirmation preparation, all growing toward that mission of being disciples of Jesus. Did I mention that the youngest on the way to discipleship, those baptized this year number 52. Watching families grow in faith and live the mission is a true inspiration.

But growing in faith is absolutely not just for kids. Life experience, with its joys and sorrows, triumphs and tragedies lead us to the right faith questions; to what is really important. Together we find effective answers that have worked for others and can work for us. Our adult programs this Fall include Discovering Christ, EPIC (a study of Church history), Bible studies, Praying with Art, RCIA for adults interested in becoming Catholic, Great Dates, and a brand new study from Bishop Robert Barron on the Mass. Check the bulletin for details. Last year so many of you participated in adult formation! We had over 80 people in Christ Life, 100 in Bible studies, 150 in other programs, 150 in Fruit of the Vine presentations, 80 in retreats, and 45 for our 1-day pilgrimage. Add to that 338 registered to use FORMED.org. Fantastic!

Don’t forget Saint’s Place. For 15 years, volunteer tutors have been working with the refugees we have helped settle. The newest initiative is a scholarship program, aimed at skills to help refugees have a secure future in their new home. But that isn’t the end of the story! Every volunteer grows as a disciple and gains faith-wisdom through their service and encounters with other people of God.

Concluding on that note – living the mission happens by participating in the Mass, getting engaged in the parish, but also by creating the most loving home we can, nurturing relationships rooted in mutual care and support, forgiveness and grace. Every time we stop to pray, and invite God into our life story, we are living the mission, growing as disciples. Thank you for making this such a blessed parish! SO many blessed stories to tell! Blessings to you and those you love, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - September 17
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
11:00 am  David Reh - The Schnell Family
11:00 am  Nathan King - Jeff Mason
5:15 pm    Madeleine Ferguson - Therese Lynch
5:15 pm    Helene Rose Perez - Grandma

Tuesday - September 18
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
6:45 am    Onalee Sauer - The Schnell Family
11:00 am   For the People of our Parish

Wednesday - September 19
1 Cor 12:31-13:1/Lk 7:31-35
11:00 am   For all Military Veterans
11:00 am   George Petcoff, 15th Anniversary - Jo Petcoff

Thursday - September 20
1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
6:45 am    For all Military Veterans
11:00 am   George Petcoff, 15th Anniversary - Jo Petcoff

Friday - September 21
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
11:00 am   William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family
5:15 pm    For St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Haiti

Saturday - September 22
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
9:00 am    Sally Baker-Maine - Kathryn McAlarney
4:30 pm    In Thanksgiving for the Paul Family - Asha Paul

Sunday - September 23
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4/3/Mk 9:30-37
7:30 am    Gertrude Parson - Family
9:00 am    Alice McDonald Hartzell - Family
11:15 am   Gregory Knapp - Family
5:00 pm    Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Tran & 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 in Loving Memory of Marty Ey by Friend, Mary

One Lamp will burn for the Intentions of Michael D.

One Lamp will burn for the Intentions of Eric & Julie

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays at 6:00pm in Church.

Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23

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Sunday Communion Service - September 23
The Highlands - Darlene Huver     Heather Heights - Fred & Marie Lapple
Singing of Trials and Vindication

Just as the first preachers, and early church did, our Lectionary (the official book which organizes scripture readings for Mass) goes to the suffering songs in Isaiah to shed light on Jesus’ Passion. When first given to God’s people during their exile in Babylon, Isaiah’s words offered hope: being righteous, suffering in this world, but ultimately vindicated by God, such is the path for the faithful believer. Followers of Jesus, helped by the Holy Spirit, came to see that the same message applied to their Messiah as well, and would also mark out the path of Christ’s disciples (including you and me).

Q & A

To grab our attention, the passage we hear in the Letter of James today is cast as a Q & A, with questions and answers about faith. It also contrasts two different ways of understanding ‘faith’. One kind of faith is notional assent. In other words, ‘Oh sure, I believe that. I can even profess the creed with no trouble’. The other type of faith is rather a deep, abiding trust, and a relationship that leads us to allowing our life to be guided by the person we have faith in. It takes more than a simple “Oh sure, I believe that” to lead us out of selfishness, to ready us to give of ourselves to others, and ultimately to shape us as people who, by God’s grace, make this world a better place for those in need.

Life with the Saints

We’ve most likely heard today’s Gospel episode before. Try hearing it wearing Peter’s shoes. After being told ‘Get behind me Satan’, what is the most likely human response? “I’ve had enough of this guy. How dare he! I don’t need to put up with someone talking to me like that!” Peter may well have thought all of those things, but at the end of the day, he followed Jesus to the cross (his own, in Rome). Perhaps talking to Peter when we are offended by a fellow believer setting us straight might help us stay on the right path.

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Thursday, September 20
9:30 am Parish Meeting Hall

The Pastoral Care Team will plan its activities including the All Souls’ Day liturgy and reception on November 2nd, the new 6 week session of the Women's Bereavement group convening on September 22, pastoral visitation, and other important items.

Please feel free to join us. Our meetings are brief and usually last about an hour.
Supporting Our Parish

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date $34,707.66

In Lieu of Flowers
Are you in the habit of reading obituaries? Wouldn’t it be nice to see “In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Louis School, or Saints Place, or St. Louis Church”? Consider letting your family know that would be your wish. When a loved one dies, think of what they truly valued as you prepare the obituary. Pray about it.

“You only take with you what you have given away.”

St. Louis Knights of Columbus
Next Meeting: Monday, Sept 17 Parish Meeting Hall

There will be a membership drive for the Knights of Columbus during the 22nd and 23rd of September at all masses. In addition, there will be an information night at the Pittsford Pub on September 24th from 7-9 pm. Everyone is welcome.

It is great to be a part of an organization that is strong in our church and community.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St. Louis Council or who have any questions, please contact the Membership Director Joseph DiPrima at drdiprima@gmail.com; or Grand Knight Michael DeCoq, 585-314-8835, or email: depepsi@frontiernet.net.

Thank you, & God Bless,
Michael DeCoq, Grand Knight

This Week’s Tithing Will Support St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard

Next week’s tithing will support Hope Hall

Established in 1994, Hope Hall School provides an opportunity for educationally marginalized children to become successful lifelong learners. Classes are designed for students with special learning needs who consistently experience frustration in the traditional classroom setting. Hope Hall is committed to the belief that when students are given respect and enough time in a supportive, multi-sensory learning environment, they can become successful learners. In a nurturing, non-threatening, creative atmosphere students are empowered to reverse the cycle of academic failure. Hope Hall has a 100% graduation rate with students who are prepared for college, the workforce, post-secondary career training programs, and/or transition programs. For more information visit their website at: hopehall.org.

Please be generous in this week’s second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

St. Louis Haiti Team is happy to report:
Our 48th Annual Corn Sale resulted in $2,747.66 earned to help the sick children at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. When combined with the parish tithing of $1,000 that weekend, we can all be proud to be able to pay for a general surgery for 1 very sick child plus his/her critical care for one week and his/her inpatient stay for another week if needed. If his/her family cannot afford this skilled care, his/her bill will be stamped “paid in full.” If it gets doubled, we can offer this opportunity to 2 very sick little ones.

Thank you and kudos to the generous Powers Farm Family, parishioners who organized the sellers, who sold, and who supported another successful Corn Sale. God bless you one and all!

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We are inching our way to meet the offered challenge of doubling our fundraising results, if we can reach $25,000 in this calendar year of 2018. We look forward to our coming October 20 Haiti Documentary Film Screening Event at the Little Theatre with entertainment following at the East End Pub. Donation: $30 for film screening --- $50 donation for film and entertainment.
Volunteer Kindergarten Faith Formation Teacher Needed - Tuesdays from 4:30pm – 5:30pm from September to April 1
Do you have a love for Christ and the young children of our parish?

Do you feel called to share your faith with our children? Have we got a ministry for YOU! Catechists (teachers) have the primary responsibility for implementing our curriculum, Finding God, in the classroom. The materials are very easy and lesson planning is made very simple. We offer lots of training and assistance whenever needed.

Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith for more information!
Michelle.Andrews-Smith@dor.org or (585)586-5675 x233

Teaching Assistants and Subs - We are in need of Teacher’s Assistants and subs for both Tuesday (4:30pm – 5:30pm) and Sunday (10:00am – 11:00am) Faith Formation. 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.

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Exciting news!
This year we will be offering our parish families events for the Advent, Easter and Christmas seasons. What wonderful opportunities for families to share their faith together and have fun, too! Due to a VERY packed parish calendar, we will be holding our events at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry on French Road...just down the street! Save the dates and watch the bulletin for the sign-up links. More information on each event will be coming soon.

If you are interested in helping out with any of our events, please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith. Pssst.....it’s a great community service opportunity for our older teens too :)

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, April 5th from 10:00am to 1:00pm: A walk with Jesus from Holy Thursday and Beyond
College 101:
Planning, Preparing, and Paying—Seminar

College is expensive, but knowledge is power! With that in mind, it is critical for parents to be informed about the many ways to reduce the expense of higher education, especially loan debt, while at the same time finding the best college fit for their children academically, socially, and for future career goals.

St. Louis Church invites all parents of high school students to a free, one-hour educational seminar called, “College 101: Planning, Preparing, and Paying for College” on Tuesday, October 2, 6:30–7:30 at St. Louis Church in the Parish Meeting Hall. It will be presented by College Assistance Plus, a national college consulting company based in Honeoye Falls, NY. Learn about college selectivity, applications, college costs, financial aid, and scholarships. Take home real-world solutions for mitigating the cost of sending your student to college without jeopardizing your family’s financial future!

Registration is requested. To register, email Deacon Dean Condon at dean.caplus@gmail.com or call (585) 831-9104.

Come One! Come All!!
Bistro Nights are back!

Saturday, September 29, 5:45 p.m.
Parish Meeting Hall
Reservations Only Please

Please make your reservations by calling Suzanne at 586-5675, no later than Wednesday, 9/26/18.

Annual Pet Blessing!
This year, the feast of St. Francis which is October 4th, falls on a Thursday. As you know, St. Francis is the patron saint of all of our animal friends. We will celebrate our annual pet blessing on the front steps of the church at noon on Saturday, October 6th. Rain or shine, all are welcome. Literally!

Peace of Mind Planning:
A Free Workshop
Think of all the details that your family needs to know if the unexpected happens to you. This free seminar presented by Lifespan will help you organize all of your important legal, financial and medical information with attention to your personal needs. It is beneficial for adults of all ages.

Friday, September 21, 2018
Refreshments 9:30am, Workshop 10am
Ascension Garden Chapel
1900 Pinnacle Rd, Henrietta NY
RSVP by emailing events@holysепulchre.org or calling (585) 697-1122.

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.

Join us for a 6 week session.
New group begins Sept. 22nd

Date:  Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018
Time:  9:45—11:15am
Where:  O’Connor Library,
St. Louis Manse

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

St. Louis School Extends a Warm Welcome to All Our New & Returning Families!

St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
Saint’s Place Wish List

- Winter coats for all ages
- Boots all sizes, men’s, women’s and children
- Boys clothing sizes 3 -10 pants, shorts, long sleeve shirts, sweaters, hoodies, sneakers
- Baby clothing 0-6 months

THANK YOU!

SAINT’S PLACE - GREAT JOB OPPORTUNITY

SAINT’S PLACE needs to hire a PART-TIME PERSON who has experience in RESEARCHING and WRITING GRANT PROPOSALS. The candidate will be required to do some bookkeeping, but the focus of the position is to raise monies for the Ministry.

**KEY ATTRIBUTE: “Team Player”**

TWENTY HOURS PER WEEK and reports to the Executive Director, ISABEL MILLER and on finances to LAURIE MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

**KINDLY SEND YOUR RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO:**
saintlady@saintsplace.org
Isabel Miller, Executive Director
Saint’s Place, 585-385-6860

Our ministry and mission at Saint’s Place is threefold: To clothe, to completely furnish apartments, and to TUTOR.

Did you know that our tutorial program has been in existence for nineteen years? The person responsible for the brilliant administration, recruitment of volunteers, and flawless management is our parishioner, Geri Dolan. Historically, the tutoring program began with just a handful of refugees. Today, Geri oversees two tutoring facilities reaching 100 refugees a week. One is at the Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester and the other at Guardian Angels Church in Henrietta.

Geri has a most unique talent. She knows the name of “every student” enrolled in the Programs. She greets the adults and the children as they arrive. She stops to inquire how a sick aunt is recuperating. She is woven into the fabric of their lives. Geri represents hope to the refugees and the knowledge that with improved English in talking and writing, better employment is a reality. The children quickly understand that this is a time for them to learn and improve their own class ranking and their behavior is duly monitored.

Geri interviews the volunteers who wish to teach the refugees. To volunteer is not a whim but rather a very deliberate commitment to spend the time and preparation for your assigned refugee. To a refugee, the tutor is a revered individual because they are educated. A special relationship develops between the tutor and the student which eventually includes invitations to their home, festive occasions. The tutor becomes part of the refugee family.

It is Geri who sets the example. She goes door-to-door in the populated refugee locations talking about the benefits of the tutoring program. The volunteers are so loyal to her and the refugees because they know a significant difference is being made.

Over the years, so many refugees have had their lives changed because of Geri Dolan. They have gone on to become U.S. citizens, attend college, buy a home. Saint’s Place is so grateful for all that Geri Dolan has done and will continue to do in the future. **Thank you, Geri!**
OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

Now is the time to jump in!
Two great programs are just beginning!

REGISTER NOW!
EPIC: A Journey Through Church History
Beginning next weekend!

When: Saturdays, beginning Sept. 22
Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. [Corrected time!]
Place: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: $30 for the workbook, timeline chart, and online access.

Facilitators: Greg Lane and Kathryn McAlarney
This is a 20-part study, (half now, half in the spring) but don’t worry about missing a class! You can view these videos online if you register for the course.

REGISTER NOW in order to get your materials!
Email Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org for more info or online registration instructions or call 586-5675, ext. 224.

REGISTER NOW!
discovering Christ
Beginning this Thursday!

Transforming hearts and forging friendships!

Now is a time for deeper relationships with God and each other.

When: Thursdays, 6:15-9:00 p.m.
Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 8
(Retreat on Sat. Oct. 20 from 10:00—4:00)

Where: St. Bernard’s, 120 French Rd.
Cost: Free (Dinner is included!)

More information and registration:
stlouischurch.org/discovering-christ

Or contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.
The Haiti team members are busy putting the final touches on this year’s Christmas ornaments for their annual sale to benefit their ministry. Last week some of the members met and tied red ribbons on hundreds of wooden tree ornaments. The Teen Girls Challenge Group will place ribbons on the remaining 900 at their Friday evening meetings on September 28 and October 12!

Please plan ahead to purchase ornaments at the church on the weekend of December 1st and 2nd.

~PARISHIONERS IN ACTION~

Haiti Team

A few weeks ago, Jessica Morrison and I decided to see what it was like to volunteer at the Saint’s Place Clothing Closet. We were met at the building by staff members and were given a tour and made aware of the rules and procedures when helping clients. We were both amazed at the beautiful displays and attention to details, every effort having been made to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone. We happened to be there on a morning when a bus full of people were coming to choose clothing for the coming season and so we soon found ourselves connecting with those who were experiencing the love and generosity of this beautiful ministry. Jessica went to help in the men’s area and found that their needs were relatively simple, and rather than trying to put whole outfits together, their biggest question was “Do you think this will fit me?” I stayed in the women’s area and helped a young woman to shop for whole ensembles, complete with purses, shoes and jewelry. It was challenging to try to convey just how cold our area will be in a couple of months and for my client the concept of boots and snow was utterly foreign. At the end of the hour, all the smiling faces spoke volumes and it was such a beautiful experience that Jessica has returned to volunteer several times.

What is it like to volunteer at the Clothing Closet?

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About the Clothing Closet

Saint’s Place operates the largest clothing closet in Rochester, utilizing six large classrooms at St. John of Rochester’s Parish Center, donated to us six years ago by Father Peter Clifford, Pastor of SJR. The closet is opened Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays we are open until 2:00 p.m. All of the refugees and referrals from other organizations are greeted by our volunteers as they enter the Clothing Closet. They are then assigned to one volunteer who will help them dress correctly for the harsh winters of Rochester as well as select other seasonal items. We are capable of dressing newborn babies up to senior citizens. Last year we assisted 1,200 individuals. Every child and student up to senior year is given a backpack filled with the necessary items. Younger children are given a new toy to welcome them to Rochester. The operative word at Saint’s Place Clothing Closet is “dignity” at all times. For more information on this ministry or to volunteer go to: www.saintsplace.org
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