**Inspired**

Last week the Epistle (a formal letter from an Apostle to a church community or leader), spoke of the need for both faith and works. It is vital that we develop our trust in the Lord (faith), but also that we do good in the world (works) as a result. What could James mean when he wrote, “I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.”?

Last week at the end of Mass, I gave just a taste of the many ways our parish, and you, the members of our parish family, reach out to individuals and a world in need. Supporting the work of Fr. Rick in Haiti, helping the homeless on a Habitat for Humanity build, volunteering in a Hospice, or at St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality, or the Food Cupboard, or RAIHN, joining the volunteers at Saints Place... The list goes on and on. For many, the outreach can be right at home, caring for young children (see Jesus’ thoughts on that in the Gospel), or caring for an ill relative, or differently abled child. Being there for someone who is grieving. These are all works, or as our Jewish sisters and brothers name it, mitzvah, commandments fulfilled in acts of kindness.

So how do these things demonstrate faith? Working hard to support Fr. Rick’s work in Haiti, when the need seems immense, and what we can do so small, requires trust that the Lord can multiply our efforts. To get involved building a house when you have never even built a dog house is clearly an act of faith, that God will bless our efforts and send people to help us get it right. Sitting with someone dying when we have no words to offer takes a trust in God and an ability to pray “Lord, be present in my being present.” Driving into the city and serving food to the homeless requires trust; a faith that we will be able to see Christ in our poor brothers and sisters. Any outreach ministry can be a huge leap of faith. But the reward is amazing, namely, finding Christ in others, within ourselves, and growing in Christ.

As we develop ideas for stewardship, social ministry, and adult faith formation, one concept has gained real traction. We need to provide as many ways as possible, expressed as clearly as possible, to “dip your toe in the water.” (that would be the living stream of Christ’s grace). So keep watching the bulletin and the website for parishioners in action. Check out the bulletin board in the back of church. See practical, simple suggestions about how you can take a small step in works, good deeds, mitzvah. A step in works leads to growth in faith, which then leads to more confidence God will be with us when we step out of our comfort zone. Next thing you know, you will be one of the folks at St. Louis who astound and inspire me day after day! Bless you all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday - September 29
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
9:00 am Funeral - Molly Tatay
4:30 pm Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Mary McGrady

Sunday - September 30
Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
7:30 am Mary Jane Schwind - Don, Carol, & Terry
9:00 am Lillian Jabbour - The Mattina Family
11:15 am Gary Legeer - Eisenhart & Legeer Family
5:00 pm Noel Deasy - The Regan Family

Requiem Aeternam
Julia Magguilli
Francesca Pullitano
Anthony Santo
Molly Tatay
Cynthia Yantz

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 Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus For Favors Granted

One Lamp will burn for Matthew & Stephen Jasikoff from their sister, Suzanne Montanye

One Lamp will burn for Chris Penzimer by Mom

Saturday & Sunday, September 29 & 30

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Sunday Communion Service - September 30
The Highlands - Marge Mancini Heather Heights - Pete & Gerry Shea
Our Weekend Scriptures:
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1st Reading:  Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
*Testing the just one*

2nd Reading:  James 3:16-4:3  
*Work at sowing peace*

Gospel:  Mark 9:30-37  
*Greatness through service*

Looking Ahead:
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
*Sharing the Spirit*

2nd Reading:  James 5:1-6  
*Store up true treasure*

Gospel: Mark:38-43, 45, 47-48  
*Whoever is not against us is for us*

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**An Echo of the Suffering Servant**

Like the Servant Songs in Isaiah, our first reading today from the book of Wisdom speaks about the persecution of one who stands up for the truth, whether the message is popular or not. The result is often an attack, a test, the wicked or dishonest looking for a way to attack the messenger in order to negate the message. This is not an ancient problem that has been solved. It happens more today than ever. In philosophy, this is called an ‘ad hominem’ attack, or argument; a related fallacy is the straw man argument (misrepresenting the opponents point so that it is easier to undermine.). Both seek to discredit a person rather than honestly argue the merit of issues. Needless to say, the message in this reading prepares God’s people to understand what happened to Jesus. But this also holds wisdom today. A prayer to consider: “Lord, help ME to stay with issues and not try to win arguments by undermining people. Help me to recognize when others are avoiding issues by attacking people, and help me not to be duped.” Now read our passage from the letter to James, to round out what God’s Word has to offer today.

**Religious Wars**

Do you ever get frustrated, listening to an anti-religious person go on about how all wars are because of religious differences? Zealots often claim they are fighting because of their faith, fighting infidels, and God is on their side. But our passage from James today provides a much more honest explanation. Coveting, envy, selfish ambition, disordered passions are the cause of conflicts, not righteousness, and following God’s way. Try applying the wisdom James offers to some of the conflicts in our world today. This is a passage that invites deep, listening prayer, listening after we ask the Lord “where do wars and conflicts come from?” Another perfect request to bring to prayer: “Lord, show me how I can sow peace and cultivate peace.” Learning about our faith, learning from one another in community, reaching out to those in need, these too are great paths to peace. Our parish has so many ways to learn, to pray, to reach out – just read the bulletin for a few weeks and you will see!

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**Applying the Gospel**

We hear a powerful Gospel this week, with a Passion prediction, a look at the difference between selfish ambition and true greatness, and Jesus’ invitation to receive children in his name. One way to put this Gospel into practice: learn about children in poverty locally, and make the commitment to do something about it! The Children’s Agenda interfaith coalition will be sponsoring Children’s Sabbath in just a few weeks. It is an initiative that invites the other half of social justice: not only charity, meeting specific needs, but advocacy as well, advocating for those who have no voice. Check out the Children’s Agenda website.

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**Annual Pet Blessing!**

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!

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**Sisters of Mercy Annual Fundraiser**

Thursday, October 4th at 5:30 pm

**Ring Into Mercy**

*with performance by RocCity Singers*

at The Wintergarden by Monroe's

Ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and entertainment. $100pp/$175 per couple.

For tickets, call Sr. Miriam Nugent at 585-288-2710 x128
WE ARE GOOD STEWARDS

Supporting Our Parish

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date $46,868.16

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Hope Hall

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Advent House

Advent House, located at 1010 Moseley Road in Fairport, is an outreach ministry, a corporation of thirteen churches in Perinton. They are a non-profit comfort care home that provides an alternative living arrangement to the terminally ill when they can no longer be cared for in their own homes. Loving care is not only provided to them, but to their families and friends as well. They also make available bereavement services to the families for at least thirteen months after their loved one has died. There are no fees to their residents and they receive no insurance reimbursement. They gratefully accept support through donations of materials, finances, time, prayers and participation in their fundraisers. For more information go to theadventhouse.org or call 223-6112.

Sweet Charity Resale Boutique & Shop

One way to support the ministry of Advent House is to do some treasure hunting at their resale Boutique, which opens Weds-Sat 10am-4pm and is located at 650 Whitney Road in Fairport. All proceeds provide consistent year round income for the ministry.

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a 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.

Beginning Experience of Rochester Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced

Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated, and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants 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 weekend program will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Canandaigua Lake, October 5th-7th, 2018. For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To report a case of possible sexual abuse and to receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
(585) 328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
victimsassistance@dor.org

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised $1,463 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on “How to Give” on the left.
God Bless Our Catechists!

Our Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and sacramental preparation programs are underway - we are 630 strong! What an great year ahead as our young people grow in their love of God! Our catechetical team is truly a blessing to us. Through their generosity of time, witness of faith, and commitment to our parish children and teens, we are able to have a robust program!

A HUGE thank you to:

Allie Best
Bella Best
Teddy Malone
Bernedette Minnella
Maria Leonardo
Jim Thomas
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Kathryn Potter
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Courtney Thomas
Jessica Shand
Caroline Hall
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Sue Mattina
Father Juan
Chris Bouchard
Deb Hoeft
Rajiv Dewan
Dan Michalski
Wendy Stansbury
Tami Best

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.

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

Attention Parents! Email Address Issues

If you use an email address that ends in @rochester.rr.com, it appears that Spectrum blocks emails from the parish so that they fail to deliver.

Sometimes we’re alerted of a bounce back, and other times we are not. Because it doesn’t happen every time, we don’t know which emails get to you and which ones don’t!

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

Menu

Chicken & Rice in a Mushroom Parmesan Sauce
Fr. Bob’s Roasted Butternut Squash & Apple Slaw
Apple Galette à la Mode

Come One! Come All!
Bistro Nights Are Back!

Saturday, September 29, 5:45 p.m.
Parish Meeting Hall
$12 per person – BYOB
Reservations Only Please

If you would like to participate in the planning, please call Cathy Malik in the Ministry Center at 586-5675, ext. 228.

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

Renewing Your Relationship
Saturday, September 29, 2018
St Cecilia Church, 2732 Culver Rd, 14622
Newcomb Friendship Center
6:30pm Bring an appetizer to share – Drinks provided
7:00 – 9:00pm Mini Marriage Enrichment
Presentation, Private Reflection & Discussion Time with Spouse, & Optional Group Sharing
Child Care Available
RSVP by 9/28 to Leonor “Leo” & Ed Rivera, email LeoandEd@aol.com or call (585) 223-1121
If you’re ready for a full weekend enrichment go to wwmme.org for info or to register for the Nov. 16-18 weekend at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.
Read about this couple’s experience at tinyurl.com/CouplePower.

St. Louis School Celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a Mass at 9:10 am
Thursday, October 4
All are welcome to join us!

College 101:
Planning, Preparing, and Paying Seminar

Tuesday October 2, 6:30 to 7:30
Parish Meeting Hall

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 is hosting this free, one-hour educational seminar for all parents of high school students called, “College 101: Planning, Preparing, and Paying for College” 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!
St. Louis Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Looking for more prayer time with Jesus? Need some time for quiet peace in your life with no noise or distractions? Come give adoration a chance… a chance to have a dramatically positive impact on your life!

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is available 24/7 through the St. Louis adoration program (held at the St. John of Rochester Chapel, 8 Wickford Way in Fairport.) We invite you to come be part of this grace-filled quiet time. Select an hour of your choice or consider taking an open hour as a regular adorer or substitute adorer (say yes only when you are able to.) Working together with St. John’s, the current list of OPEN hours includes the following:

- Mon 1-2 pm
- Mon 9-10 pm
- Tues 11am-noon
- Wed 3-4pm
- Wed 5-6pm
- Thurs 4-5 pm
- Fri 9-10am
- Fri 8-9 pm
- Sat 1-2 pm
- Sat 2-3 pm
- Sat 7-8 pm
- Sun 2-3pm
- Sun 4-5 pm

Also, night substitutes needed (any hour, any night)

If you are able to commit to an hour each week (you may stop at any time, and substitutes can be found when needed) or can be available as a substitute, please see Deacon Dave or Barb Snyder, or e-mail them at: stlouisadoration@gmail.com for a Q&A info summary. You may also fill out one of the yellow sign-up cards located near the adoration boxes at the church side entrances and by the rear wall of the church. Of course, you are welcome to drop in at anytime, even for just a few minutes.

Try it! … You have everything to gain and nothing to lose!
It’s Not Too Late to Register for this Adult Faith Program!

EPIC: A Journey Through Church History

When: Saturdays
Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
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.

Email Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org, or call 586-5675, ext. 224, for more info and online registration instructions.

Perfect timing for parents of faith formation students! Join us!

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

Sept. 30’s topic: My Soul Longs for You, O God

St. Augustine searched for truth and the meaning of life in philosophy, in wealth, in social prestige, even in the immoral practices of time. In all these things, his heart was restless and his life unfulfilled. Only after his conversion did he proclaim, "My heart is restless until it rests in you, O Lord."

We are made for God, and made to know and rest in his love and truth, and our souls long for the presence of God. This week Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana presents challenging questions in a short, engaging video.

Where: The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)
When: Sunday, 10:00-10:50 (between the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses)
For more information, please email Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org

Does this work? Our participants see the difference! Come join us!

This is an informal video class of stretching and strengthening for women featuring Christian prayer and meditation in the Catholic tradition.

When: Saturdays, 7:45 am-9:00 am
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: Free
Equipment: Please bring a mat.
Urgent Request to Women of St. Louis Church

Your helping hands are urgently needed to launder and iron purificators used when the cup of The Precious Blood of Christ is offered at Mass. Presently there are only 15 volunteers to cover 52 weeks. This is a pleasant task which you can accomplish in your own home. It will require two hours and can be scheduled for the week of your choice once or twice a year.

Your response will be greatly appreciated! Please consider.

Marie Vasile, 585-248-0064 or MarieJVasile@gmail.com

Cold weather is coming and so is the need for warmth for those who spend their days (and sometimes their nights) on the streets of our city.

Saint Joseph's House of Hospitality would appreciate donations of sleeping bags as they help others through the harsh winter season. Please drop off your gently used sleeping bags at the ministry center and we will deliver them for you. Thank you!

~ Cynthia Clarke, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
CANDLELIGHT PRAYER VIGIL
~KICK OFF EVENT~

Tuesday September 25
7 to 8 PM
114 University Ave

Please join us in front of Planned Parenthood for the 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally. Featured speakers are Mike Warren and Jim Havens. Music will be by Lee Strong and we'll conclude with a candlelight prayer vigil. Be a voice for the unborn!
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