No Complacency Here!

The prophet Amos was fired up. God had called him from the Southern Kingdom to head north, to call out the leaders of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Though the nation was under threat, its leaders were enjoying the good life, denying what was right before their eyes. Their complacency would lead to their own demise, and bring disaster on the entire populace. Who usually suffers most in a disaster? The poor! The theme continues, as Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus lay in misery at the man’s doorstep, yet he stepped over him to enter his home and enjoy a lavish meal. He closed the door behind him, closing his eyes to Lazarus.

For those blind to helping the needy, what powerful indictments! Yet here at St. Louis, they can be an equally powerful affirmation! Through the ministries of Saint’s Place, folks here at St. Louis have seen the plight refugees have experienced and responded. We have furnished apartments, provided beds, household items, clothing, and provided tutoring. Recently the ministry has expanded its reach, making use of the Saint’s Place clothing closet, now the largest in Monroe County, for additional local needs. We are helping build homes, through Habitat for Humanity (and volunteering now would be great!) Through the work of the Haiti initiative, we have recognized the deep poverty in Haiti, the abysmal lack of medical care, and we continue to make a difference, supporting St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, and other ministries in Haiti. Not only that, the process of fundraising has also assisted first, Holy Childhood, and now St. Michael’s Woodshop. We see the needs of the hungry too, not being complacent, but bringing in food and tithing to our local food pantry, and two in the city as well. Our parish, tithing more than any other in the diocese, also allows us to respond to a wide variety of needs. We don’t step over the Lazaruses of our day, but step up to the plate and make a difference. God bless you, and all who make St. Louis such a sign of faithful Gospel living.

All these efforts fall under a key aspect of being church, namely service. The term in Greek is diakonia, from which the word deacon comes. Another name is social ministry. Over the last few months a few folks have gathered to look at how we can even widen our reach. How do we continue to best support the wonderful ministries already so well grounded here? What additional impact can we have, assessing needs, identifying the passions present in our community, and finding a way to best marshal those passions, gifts, and dreams to act as Christ’s presence in the world? Interested? Watch the bulletin next week for the next social ministry team meeting, and join us, or contact Isabel Miller or Fr. Bob.

God bless you for being such a sign of hope! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - September 26
Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
11:00 am George Perrin - Mary Grace Cramer & Family
5:15 pm Roger Gifford - Clifton Springs VFW Post

Tuesday - September 27
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
6:45 am Harold Barnes - Babette
11:00 am Al & Marie Mahar (Anniversary) - Son, Dick

Wednesday - September 28
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
11:00 am Edward & Irene Shultz - Mary
5:15 pm Doug Martin - Holland Family

Thursday - September 29
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Jn 1:47-51
6:45 am Special Intention for Robert Bachelor - VFW Post 412
11:00 am Mary Holowin - Family

Friday - September 30
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
11:00 am Gary Legeer - Eisenhart & Legeer Families
5:15 pm Pro Populo

Saturday - October 1
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
9:00 am Frank Hart - The Robert Slocomb Family
4:30 pm Francesca & Vincenzo Leonardo - Daughter

Sunday - October 2
Respect Life Sunday
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10
7:30 am Lina Hill - Mary Shults
9:00 am Molly Jane Meissner Root - Bill Conklin
11:15 am John Gilmore - St. Louis Choir
5:00 pm Steven Messina, Marlene Koster

Special Intentions
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.

To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

Three Lamps Will Burn
In Memory of William Kane
By Mary Ellen & Family.

Requiem Aeternam
Fr. Paul Miller, C.Ss.R.
(Notre Dame Retreat House)
Jane Mather
Carolyn Haley
(Mother of Carolyn Wagner)

Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2

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Sunday Communion Service - October 2
The Highlands - Jim Haefner  Heather Heights - Joe & Diane Salipante
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 ministers desire to be the instruments to enable these hurting and wounded people to experience the mercy and peace of Christ.

Over 200 people are trained throughout the Diocese to minister to those who have undergone an abortion. 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. Abortion has been legal in New York State for over 40 years. This means that there are thousands of women (and men) in our area that are wounded and hurting because of their act of abortion. Yet this tremendous grace-filled healing process of Project Rachel is still not known to many people even after 17 years of existence. It is the hope of this program that the funds be used to publicize the program and its services and continue to train (6 hour training day) individuals in our Diocese to share this process of healing. The program consists of volunteers who put in many hours of service on behalf of Project Rachel. The program depends on the generosity of parishes and individuals within the Diocese. (see p.4 article)

Haiti Investment Report
When Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette visited with us on the weekend of August 27 and 28, he thanked us for our help over these past 30 years. Although most of us have not been to Haiti, we have helped Father Rick in prayer, moral support and financially to start 3 hospitals, 2 orphanages, street feeding stations while rendering catastrophic services in times of earthquake, government unrest, high crime, epidemics, etc. “Some people give to the missions by going; others like us go by giving.” Our presence in Haiti is highly effective with positive outcome based results. Thank you, one and all, for your donations to the state-of-the-art St. Damien Pediatric Hospital located on the outskirts of Port-Au-Prince.

Re: our 46th Annual St. Louis Corn Sale
Thank you to all who bought and sold corn after masses on the weekend of September 10 /11. In a joint effort of our parish Haiti Task Force Team and our Knights of Columbus and most especially the Powers Farm Family, we raised $1,900 which like our other 2016 donations will be doubled by an anonymous philanthropist. When you shop at the Powers Market on Marsh Rd., please thank them for us on behalf of the sick children at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital. All they have done pro bono for 46 years (and especially in this year of drought) to plant, water, and harvest the corn resulted again in tremendous success.

Next: watch for St. Louis’ 35th Annual Ornament Sale to help sustain the efforts of Fr. Rick in Haiti, namely the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, starting Oct.30. Information at www.nph.usa/haiti.org or call Marcia Mendola, St. Louis Haiti Team chair at 585-381-6872.
Living Too Well
So what did Amos have against beds of ivory, music of the harp, a good meal and fine wine? The kingdom was in moral, economic and political disarray, falling apart. Meanwhile, the rulers, who should have been working to address the many issues, were instead living only for the moment, in the lap of luxury. A key word: complacency. Rather than leading, the nation’s rulers were complacently presiding over its demise. Complacency is not one of the virtues!

Adult Baptism
The passage we heard from first Timothy harkens back to Timothy’s baptism. He came to faith and was baptized as a young adult; at that time he made ‘the noble confession’, professing his faith. Not the Nicene Creed of course … it hadn’t been formulated yet. He was mentored by St. Paul, was an effective missionary, and under Paul’s tutelage, became an important leader in the church. Looking for an early hero … read up about Timothy!

Multi-purpose Parables
The 1st reading we heard from Amos lead to the parable of our Gospel: believer’s lives should model compassion versus complacency. Those who have no care for the poor and needy will find the tables turned in the life to come. That great reversal is a strong theme in Luke’s Gospel, beginning with the Magnificat, and running through the Beatitudes and parables like the one we hear today. Today’s passage also includes comment about the closed minds that refused to accept the Gospel as preached by the apostles: some folks will not open their minds, even should someone (Jesus) come back from the dead.

Rather than judge the rich man in purple, we would do well to pray with humility: Lord, who may I be stepping over and not even noticing? Generally speaking, the best way to grow in our walk of faith is to avoid applying the lessons of parables to others, and doing our best to see how they might illuminate a dark corner in our life!

Mercy, Mercy!
The corporal works of mercy are easier to understand, and rewarding to do. But the spiritual works of mercy are just as important. Have you checked out that bulletin board in the back of church with suggestions for spiritual works of mercy? See if you and or your family might find one or two that could stretch you in this Year of Mercy!

Try It This Fall
Wondering about Bible Study? 7:30 am Tuesday mornings are a beautiful time of day in the fall. The sun is coming up. The brisk, cool air is filled with the fragrance of autumn’s leaves. The day is off to a good start if you come to Bible study and reflect on the coming Sunday’s readings. Check it out. We meet in the Manse. Join us. You will be warmly welcomed!

Diocesan Respect Life Sunday Mass
This year’s Respect Life Sunday Mass will honor Project Rachel and the 20 years this powerful and grace filled ministry has been a source of hope and healing in our Diocese. Bishop Matano will bless and commission all who are involved in this ministry. Afterward, a reception will be held in appreciation of Fr. James Hewes, whose vision and 18 years of Project Rachel leadership and loving care over this ministry have been instrumental. The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 PM in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.

Celebrating mercy in this Year of Mercy! All are welcome, and encouraged to attend! If you cannot, please continue to keep this important ministry of our Church in your prayers, especially remembering all those women (and men) that still long for the Lord’s forgiveness and healing.

For more information, or to learn about Project Rachel, please contact Deacon Dave at dsnyder@dor.org.
CYO is Coming!

Are you, or do you have, a young basketball player in grades 3-12? Are you an adult interested in helping our young basketball players learn the game and about God all at once?

CYO will be starting up at St. Louis again soon! Registrations will be the next two weekends, October 1/2 and October 8/9, in the Narthex after all Masses. Remember that each team needs to be 2/3 St. Louis parishioners or enrolled in our school.

Coaches! Please come help us! Each team will need two coaches willing to help teach the fundamentals of both basketball and good sportsmanship. (Creating a Safe Environment training or renewal is needed, but easily done.) Stop by the registration table or give Don a call at the Ministry Center (586-5675 ext. 234).

Youth Group is Underway! — but it’s not too late to join!

Calling all youth in 6th through 12th grade! Feel free to join us for fun, faith, and friends each week at our youth group, Sundays, 6:15 - 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting Hall.

Try us out next week after the Teen Mass when we will be continuing to get to know one another with fun games and activities.

Sacraments: FAQ’s

Q: Why does my child need to receive First Penance prior to First Eucharist?

A: The diocese provides the most thorough information on this topic. Go to: forgiven.dor.org

Q: Can my child receive First Eucharist without First Penance?

A: No. So be sure to register for both Sacraments on our website.

Q: Are there important documents that I need to submit prior to receiving the sacraments of First Penance/First Eucharist and Confirmation?

A: Yes! These sacraments require that a raised seal copy of the child’s Baptismal Certificate accompany the registration. If your child was baptized at St. Louis Church, a copy will be on file at the Ministry Center. If your child was baptized at another parish, please contact them directly and request that a copy be sent to us.

Q: I have lots of questions about the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the Youth Ministry program. Who should I contact for answers?

A: Our new Youth Minister, Don Smith! He can be reached at dsmith@dor.org or at the Ministry Center, 586-5675 – ext. 234.
Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. Matthew demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. Set in the rich context of Jesus’ Jewish culture, this study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

This video study is also available online, making it convenient to watch missed sessions. Or, you can choose to study at your own pace and complete the course independently online. Join us this fall as we explore sessions 9-15 of this study. The first 8 sessions can be viewed online if you weren’t with us in the spring. Whether you catch up on the missed videos or jump right in with us at session 9, I’m sure you will enjoy the benefits of this Bible study.

Where? St. Louis Church, Parish Meeting Hall
When? 9:30-11:15am, Saturdays. Meeting dates are: October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19.
Cost? $35 if you did not register in the spring.

Contact Kathryn McAlarney at 585-490-2745, mcalarney1@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Calling Girls in 5th–12th Grades...

“Challenge” is a program designed to help girls in 5th–12th grades grow in knowledge of their Catholic faith, develop a personal friendship with Christ, and to make a difference and positive impact upon their families, friends and the world around them.

Girls in 5-8th grades meet most Fridays during the school year from 7-8:15pm in the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall.

Girls in 9-12th grades meet for “Coffee & Creed” sessions approximately two Fridays a month from 8:00 - 9:30pm.

Girls also participate in various service projects (like helping with the St. Louis ornament sale) and fun social activities such as movies, games, and retreats.

Girls & Moms: COME TO A WELCOME/INTRODUCTORY SESSION ON:
Friday, October 7th, 7:00 - 8:30pm
St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall

For more information, contact Jean at 385-2293. Check out Challenge at: www.challengeclubs.com

If you would like to remember your loved ones with the celebration of the Eucharist, stop by the Ministry Center and schedule a Mass time that is convenient for you. You may wish to have a Mass offered on the anniversary of death, a person's birthday or a significant date in the person's and your life. You can also arrange this by calling Birdie at 586-5675.

Save the Date
All New Bistro Buffet
Delicious Food
Served Buffet Style
$15 per person—BYOB
Parish Meeting Hall
RSVP to 586-5675

October 15th @ 5:45pm
Autumn Salad w/Apples, Cheddar & Bacon
Maple Glazed Pork Tenderloin
Mashed Potatoes
Pumpkin Spice Cake
RSVP by 10/12
Calling ALL middle school, high school, AND adults who are young at heart! This fall we again offer music by teens at the 5:00pm mass on the first Sunday of each month. Our first Youth mass this year is next Sunday, October 2nd. This is a fun thing to participate in and does not require a big time commitment. We get together around 3:45pm the day of mass, go through the music and then head upstairs to celebrate the Eucharist. Since our Senior High and Middle School Youth Groups meet after mass, what could be more convenient? If you sing or play an instrument, we would love to hear from you! Contact Stephanie Honz at shonz@rochester.rr.com or 586-5675, ext 251.

It's Not too Late . . . Register Today
For the 2nd Annual Diocese of Rochester Men's Conference!

Due open at 7 am
8 am Mass with Bishop Matano

Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J.
Founder & President Ignatius Productions, Scripture Scholar, Author, EWTN Host

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
The “Dynamic Deacon”
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**Sign Me Up**

Are you interested in registering to become a parishioner at St. Louis? At the entrances, look for a yellow registration form, or call the office (586-5675), or register on the web (www.StLouisChurch.org). We would love to have you become part of the St. Louis family!

**Baptismal Preparation**

**This Sunday, Sept 25**th after the 11:15AM Mass we will be having Baptismal Preparation for parents planning for their infant’s baptism. Expectant parents are also welcome to come for the session. We will begin in the choir area of the church at 12:25PM. Our baptismal preparation process includes two major components: one of these sessions, which we offer every four to eight weeks, and a home visit by Fr. Bob, or Fr. Peter, or Deacon Dave and Barbara. We look forward to seeing you then!

**I’m Curious**

- I’ve been coming to Mass for a while now, and I’m thinking it would be good to know more about the Catholic Church.
- I’ve been coming for years, and never took the step of actually becoming Catholic. How would that happen?
- I’ve never been baptized, but something is drawing me to the church.
- My parents had me baptized Catholic, but then our family fell away from the church. I’ve never even received first communion. How do I connect?

For these, or any other similar questions, join us this Sunday, September 25**th in the Manse Meeting Room at 10:10AM after the 9:00AM Mass for an Inquiry session. Just like it sounds, it will be a chance to ask all kinds of questions, or even begin the process of becoming a fully initiated Catholic. We look forward to welcoming you and your questions!

**Stewardship in Action - In their own words . . .**

How does one find joy - that wonderful feeling that bubbles up and brings a smile to not only your face, but also your heart? I have found it by using my time and talent to teach in the Seasons of Faith program on Sunday mornings. For the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to share my faith and my love of Jesus with the children of our parish and it has been such a gift to me. I had wanted to give back to the Lord and to help our parish and since my children were grown, I had more time to offer. I decided to become a catechist and in doing so I have found that Luke 6:38 is true - “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” My wish for each member of our faith community is that they, too, can find a way to use their time and talent, not only for St. Louis, but because it WILL make a difference in their lives!

~ Chris Bouchard

**Discovering Christ**

**Stewardship in Action - In their own words . . .**

**Annual Pet Blessing**

We invite you to bring your favorite pet for a blessing next Sunday, October 2. We will have a brief service on the front steps of the church at 12:45 pm to honor the feast day of St. Francis, our patron of animals.
Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the Fall program beginning with a weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House on October 7-9, 2016, please call 585-293-1552 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Introduction to the Religion of Islam
With Dr. Joe Kelly
Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26
Church of the Transfiguration
50 W. Bloomfield Rd., Pittsford
Parish Life Center — Double Room;
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Whenever a tragedy like the shooting in Orlando occurs, there often follows several incidents of hatred exhibited toward the people of the Muslim faith. Sadly, so much of this prejudice is that result of ignorance. As Americans and Catholic Christians, we stand against such hatred and yet we are too often not well-informed about this deeply religious faith tradition.

This 4-week series will provide an introduction to the origins, the history and the practice of the religion of Islam. An option to visit a mosque will also be scheduled for those who are interested. It is hoped that such study will help to eliminate the uncertainty and fear that often surrounds our relationship with our Muslim neighbors.

We anticipate heightened interest for this topic. Please RSVP to the Transfiguration Parish Office at 248-2467. We want to be prepared for you!

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Conflict continues to plague Afghanistan, forcing many people away from their homes and children away from their schools. But thanks to Catholic Relief Services and the Afghan Ministry of Education, more than 23,000 children are being given the opportunity to find solace through engaging workshops and activities as a way to deal with trauma and to develop their education.

Learn more at: crs.org/you-did-it-for-me
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