Welcome Back!

This week we welcome back our St. Louis School students and families, as well as our terrific teachers and staff. Truly our school is a great gift to the parish and community. It will be a joy to have so many children and their families Growing in the Light of God, the theme for the year! Our opening school Mass will be on Monday, September 11th at 9:10 AM. Consider yourself invited – please help us kick off another year of grace, virtue and gifts of the Spirit.

We also welcome back all who have been away for the summer – great to have you back as well! Let’s celebrate! Come to the Parish Picnic next Sunday, September 10th right here in the playground area at 12:30 PM. Next weekend is also the annual Corn Sale to help support St. Damian Pediatric Hospital in Haiti, don’t miss that!

As schools begin everywhere, our Faith Formation programs for children, youth and adults will also be starting up. Let’s all Grow in the Light of God! Please check out all the great opportunities inside this Welcome Edition of the bulletin!! Peace to you and your household, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - September 4**
Labor Day - One Mass Only
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
9:00 am Ted Schmidt - Doris & Family

**Tuesday - September 5**
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
6:45 am Fr. Ray Booth
11:00 am SJP - Birthday Friends

**Wednesday - September 6**
Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
10:00 am Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of Our Parish
11:00 am For Hurricane Harvey Victims
5:15 pm Fr. Ray Booth

**Thursday - September 7**
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
6:45 am For Those Facing Serious Illness
11:00 am Anthony & Laurinda Freitas - Isalinda Gomez

**Friday - September 8**
Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
11:00 am Kathleen Daminski - The DellaPietra Family
5:15 pm Carol Darby - The Darby Family

**Saturday - September 9**
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
9:00 am Robert DeJoy - Family
4:30 pm Mark Reichenbach - Family

**Sunday - September 10**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
7:30 am Mary Hilliard - Family
9:00 am Rosemary Lochard - The McDonough Family
11:15 am John McAlarney - Maura Hoening
5:00 pm Noel Kingston - The Regan Family

**Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10**

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**Sunday Communion Service - September 10**
The Highlands - Darlene Huver
Heather Heights - Jim Haefner

**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 reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One lamp will burn
In Memory of
Jim DeBloom
By Family.

Requiem Aeternam

Roberto Ponce
How to Read a Book

Without consciously thinking about it, we assume many things when we pick up a book. We assume the person named author wrote it. That he or she began at the beginning, wrote chapter after chapter, perhaps editing the final product. We expect things to flow smoothly and logically. With the book of the prophet Jeremiah, those assumptions fail us. The book was assembled after Jeremiah’s death. Most likely there were a few collections of oracles he spoke/preached, some about the fall of Jerusalem, others against other nations, others oracles of hope and restoration. All are in poetic verse. Most oracles are. Then there are descriptive narrative pieces in prose. Most fascinating, Jeremiah wrote about the experience of his call, and his intimate interactions with God in prayer. These various pieces were brought together and interwoven to form the book. How do we know? For one, ancient manuscripts differ from one another in ordering, things included, things omitted. Not to mention, reading straight through the book can leave your head spinning!

Today’s reading reveals Jeremiah’s inner life. We see the power of God’s call. The reality that one called by God often experiences opposition (Jeremiah certainly did). Yet even an unwilling prophet sometimes finds they cannot hold in the message God has given. Jeremiah even goes so far as to say to God, “you tricked me into this.” Jeremiah loved his nation, Jerusalem and its people. Announcing that the nation and city will fall must have been a horrible task. No wonder this reading sounds like the thoughts of a tortured soul. Do you see the connection to our Gospel? Not even Peter wanted to hear about the cross. Jeremiah’s persecutors didn’t want to hear his predictions either. Yet the fall of Jerusalem led to a spiritual renewal in the Exile, and of course the cross led to resurrection!

Try It This Sunday!

Long before liturgists connected our participation in the Eucharist as a way to join with Christ in offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice, Paul understood very well – the greatest worship, in gratitude for God’s mercy, is to offer ourselves. When we truly offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice, we are transformed. As the gifts are offered at Mass, spiritually place your life on the altar. Offer yourself to the Lord, and see the miracle of transformation not just of the bread and wine, but of yourself!

See if This Works

The Gospel today lays before us the paschal mystery, and the heart of Christian spirituality: losing our life to find it. Try a simple word substitution, and see if it helps illuminate the passage: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” Replace ‘himself’ with ‘his or her ego’. That is a cross! But it also leads to life!

Preparing for Next Weekend: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7 – 9
Help others see sin and reject it

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8 – 10
Love is the fulfillment of the law

Gospel: Matthew 18:15 – 20
Fraternal correction saves souls

2nd Collection Next Weekend, September 9 & 10 for Hurricane Harvey Victims

Hurricane Harvey has caused unprecedented and catastrophic damage to the Houston and southeastern Texas region. Recovery will take years. Our prayers, and our financial assistance are urgently needed to assist victims, help in the massive recovery effort and provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

Thanks to our Emergency Tithing Fund, we will send a check immediately. Next weekend, together with parishes around the country, we will conduct a Second Collection to add to this contribution. Please make out your check to St. Louis Church with HOUSTON in the memo field. (Our On-line portal is also available.) All funds will be forwarded to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and used to assist in recovery and rebuild efforts. Please give generously.
OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEKEND

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On-line Collection: $55,794.66

Thank you for joining us this Labor Day weekend!

If you are visiting family, thank you for making Sunday Eucharist part of the visit. We love welcoming visitors, family members, and all who come through the doors!

As you will see from the bulletin, this is a very active, engaged parish, and this September we will be kicking off a host of opportunities and activities. Your Sunday offering helps to make all of these things possible! Thank you!!

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
SOJOURNER HOUSE AT PATHSTONE

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL - HAITI

When parish friend, Passionist priest and physician, Fr. Rick Frechette visited St. Louis last summer, he thanked us for our parish support over the last 26 years. In the early days of our friendship, we helped him provide for orphans. Then came the big earthquake, hurricanes, famine, continuing government unrest and hospital strikes, HIV and cholera epidemics causing his need to grow the orphanage and its small hospice into a large hospital. Today our investment in Fr. Rick's yeoman efforts show: NPH (Our Little Brothers and Sisters) orphanage is home to 460 kids, (while educating an additional 350 students in their on-site school); and the hospice is a state of the art hospital which employs 450 Haitians and provides more than 90,000 services annually.

St. Damien is the only free standing pediatric hospital in Haiti. It plays a vital role in the health care of Haiti's most vulnerable children and high risk pregnant mothers. For more info, Google: St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti. Parish contacts: Bob McNamara (585) 381-5952 & Marcia Mendola (585) 381-6872.

St. Louis has been offered a challenge: to support St. Damien, Haiti's only children's hospital free to the indigent, an anonymous person has offered to double St. Louis' fundraising efforts up to $25,000 this calendar year. Our parish tithing gift commitment of $1,000 will become $2,000 due to this person's generosity. To help us meet the challenge, please support next week's CORN SALE after all masses; AND any time, please use the envelopes in the Narthex beneath the Our Lady of Guadalupe mosaic. Your donation to St. Damien Pediatric Hospital will be doubled.

St. Louis' Haiti Team Announces Our Parish's 47th Annual Corn Sale

After all our masses next weekend, September 9/10, the weekend after Labor Day, to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, located just outside Port-Au-Prince, one of the several successful efforts of our parish friend, Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette in Haiti.

Corn is raised and picked pro bono by the Powers Farm Family of Marsh Rd.

We have been given another donation challenge. An anonymous donor has promised to double the money raised if St. Louis can raise $25,000 this calendar year. Please save your corn appetite for our Corn Sale; and please plan on doing your Christmas shopping during our Ornament Sale.

St. Louis Church provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy – just visit our website, stlouischurch.org/parish-support, or scan the QR code. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won’t have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! If you still want to place something in the offertory basket, just pick up one of our “I give Online” cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time. (The QR code is always available on the front page of our bulletin.)
WELCOMING ATHLETES, YOUNG FOLKS AND GOOD MENTORS!

INTERESTED IN CYO ATHLETICS?

Have you participated before or want to get involved this year?
Contact Leila Kaczmarek for more details.

Do you like to plant seeds? Do you want to grow faith in the hearts and mind of our young people?
Well … we have an opportunity for you! We are in need of 4 teachers this year and we need YOU.
Sundays from 6:15 - 8:15pm: 6th, 7th, 8th Grade & Confirmation I Preparation.
For more information, please contact Leila Kaczmarek at Leila.Kaczmarek@dor.org

Would You Like to Help St. Louis Youth Group?

- Food/Refreshment Donation for Trips
- Meal Prep for HS Ministry on Sunday Nights
- Small Group Leaders on Retreats

Contact Leila with inquiries! Leila.Kaczmarek@dor.org

Watch for Registration Information!
That’s My Favorite

If members of your family or a good friend were asked to name your favorite scripture passage, or Gospel story, your favorite psalm, or song, would they know what it is? Or would they have to just guess?

Sharing things like particular scripture passages that move us the most, and why, is a very good thing. It helps us to get to know one another better. It can deepen our faith, and it is a way to share faith.

Having a number of passages we know and love can be a resource when someone we love needs help praying, or needs encouragement, or hope – we can share a psalm, a bible prayer or a Gospel that helped us through a hard time, and it could be just what the spiritual doctor ordered.

When you are feeling really grateful, are there any psalms that help you center the feeling in prayer and words? What are your favorites? If none come to mind, why not start a list in your Bible or prayer journal?

Share the Inspiration!

Come and See!

Are You Curious About What Catholics Believe?
Have You Thought About Becoming Catholic?
Join us Wednesday evenings to explore the Catholic faith.
You are welcome here, whether you are Christian or non-Christian, a believer in God or not, or even if you are a Catholic but are unsure of what we believe.

If you are seeking something more, come and see.

Dates: Wednesdays starting September 27
Time: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Where: The Manse (The building near the main entrance of our church.)

Please register!
kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext. 224
**St. Louis School Opening Mass**
Monday, September 11, 9:10 am in Church
All are welcome to attend.

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**“Eucharistic Living”**
Presented by: Deacon Dan Callan (St. Charles Borromeo Parish)

Join us on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017** for a Day Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House (5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424). The Day schedule is: 9am registration along with coffee and pastries; 9:30am conference begins; lunch at noon; reconciliation and mass; day ends at 3pm.

For more details on the presentation and what the day offers, please visit our website: notredameretreat.org.

Please call 585-394-5700 to register. A fee of $25.00 is payable at registration.

Inspired by Bishop Matano’s letter: “The Year of Eucharist”, Deacon Dan will relate the letter to social teachings of the church as well as share his own experience of linking suburban parishioners to the needs within the inner city of Rochester.
Saint’s Place Tutoring Program Orientation

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There will be an orientation and training session at the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday September 7th. The Orientation is mandatory for new tutors and optional for returning tutors. There is always something new to learn and a refresher is often beneficial. Our returning tutors always have helpful insights to add that benefit both our old and new tutors. Teens, college students and adults of any age are welcome to tutor. Orientation lasts about one hour followed by pizza and refreshments.

This experience will enrich your life as well as your students! If you have any questions, please contact Geri Dolan at gdola45@rochester.rr.com or 278-8244. I would like an R.S.V.P. as to whether you will be attending the orientation to plan for materials and food.

Welcome to Our Parish, Our School & Saint’s Place

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Thank you, Gerry

A New Spiritual Home

Have you come a few times to St. Louis, and found yourself drawn to the way we worship, the way we learn, the way we live community? Please pick up a registration form, call the office, or register on our website. We would love to formally add you to the parish family, put you on the roll, and welcome you. Mi casa es tu casa! (ask a Spanish speaking friend to translate)

The Mass in Slow Motion

The Mass is the main point of contact between Catholics and their faith. Come and learn the purpose and meaning behind each part of the Mass. Enter more fully into this communion between heaven and earth.

Sundays: September 17 – November 12
@ 10:00 – 11:00am.

We will meet in the Manse. (The building near the main entrance of our church).

Please register!

Prayer

Your life has changed since you were a child. Has your prayer life? Deepen your spiritual life with different kinds of prayer, learn how to listen to God, overcome common obstacles in prayer.

Tuesdays, September 19 – December 5
@ 1:00 – 2:30pm or 7:00 – 8:30pm.

We will meet in the Parish Meeting Hall.

Please register!

For more information or to register for The Mass in Slow Motion or Prayer, contact Kathryn McAlarney @ Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or (585) 586-5675, ext. 224.

ST. LOUIS PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
12:30 PM BY PLAYGROUND
(FOLLOWING 11:15 AM MASS, RAIN OR SHINE)

HOTS, HAMBURGS, SALADS
ASSORTED BEVERAGES
AND DESSERTS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!

Next Sunday! Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 10, 12:30pm
On Campus by Playground

We invite you to join the revelry & help work on our Parish Picnic!

Please contact Mike Moore at
(585) 721-0011 or at mikemoore@ieee.org; or
Suzy Ward at suzannerward10@gmail.com.

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St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
September 3, 2017
Upcoming Events - All are welcome

*Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 8:30am – All Souls Chapel – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Join us for a special Mass, Blessing and Dedication of our new First Responders Section at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery celebrated by The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano. A butterfly release will be part of the celebration. Light refreshments and reception following dedication and blessing.

*Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 3:00pm – Ascension Garden Cemetery
Join us for a special blessing and memorial butterfly release honoring First Responders and all those interred at Ascension Garden Cemetery celebrated by Father Thomas H. Wheeland. An ice cream social compliments of Brusters Real Ice Cream will follow the butterfly release.

Saturday, September 16, 2017 – 8:30am – Christ our Light Chapel, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Monthly Mass of Remembrance
Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance in Christ our Light Chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

*To RSVP please call Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 585-458-4110 or email events@holysepulchre.org

St. John Bosco: Drawing Others to Christ

Saint John Bosco is well known for his work in forming youth to be excellent disciples of Jesus Christ. His exemplary apostolate led many young men and women to excel in their vocations to religious life, the priesthood, and marriage.

What enabled St. John to be so successful? It wasn’t costly diocesan programs, or a privileged position, or even fortuitous circumstances. In fact, it would have been easy for him to hide behind many excuses if he had wanted to avoid the difficulty of his mission. On the contrary, many things worked against him and his efforts, beginning with his own vocation to the priesthood.

Bosco didn’t come from a privileged family, and despite the fact that poverty, at the time, was often an impediment to a priestly vocation, he was eventually ordained. As a priest, his efforts of discipleship resulted in the formation of the Society of St. Francis de Sales (eventually becoming the third largest missionary organization in the world) as well as co-founding the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians.

He ministered to the poor, destitute, and delinquent children who were products of the industrialization of Italy in the 1800s. At times he was robbed and taken advantage of by those to whom he ministered; regardless, he continually labored to find employment, food, and shelter for the poor, and advocated for their rights when they were abused by their employers.

Seeing Christ in the faces of the poor, oppressed, and even the delinquent, Bosco didn’t turn away those who weren’t already exemplary Christians. Many youth who were the most unlikely candidates even became holy priests and religious, vocations which may never have come to fruition without his loving guidance and advocacy.

What was so special about St. Bosco? He was an authentic Christian disciple. A faithful servant of God and son of the Church, he kept things simple, and faithfully went about the work that he saw was necessary. He didn’t worry about money, circumstances, people’s opinions, or programs. He let God take care of those things as needed, and he just did what needed to be done. His genuine approach appealed to those he served. Many were drawn by his Christ-like love, and vocations arose even from the most unlikely of places.

St. John Bosco can be an example for all of us who promote vocations. The more simply and authentically we live Christ-like lives, the more we draw others to Christ — even others who may not seem receptive to His message — and the more we encourage young people to want to give themselves to Our Lord and His mission.

St. Louis Knights of Columbus, Next Meeting, Monday, September 18, Parish Meeting Hall
We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by a business meeting at 7:00 PM.

We had an installation ceremony of our newly elected officers on August 13. Congratulations!

We will be assisting with the Corn Sale on Sept. 9/10.

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

Thank you, & God Bless, Michael DeCocq, GK
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