May 26, 2013

**Experiencing the Divine**

Celebrated Pentecost last weekend, we weren’t just commemorating amazing things the Holy Spirit did in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. We were celebrating the Holy Spirit, active in the church ever since – throughout history, around the world, in our parish, and in your life and mine. Guiding the Cardinals to select Pope Francis, assisting our selection of Pastoral Council members, helping each of us in life’s challenging decisions: the Holy Spirit is all that and more.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity, an invitation to consider not just our experience of the Holy Spirit, but how we have experienced and can experience the Father and the Son as well. Let me offer how it unfolded for me last week. During Masses, as the readings were proclaimed, I could sense lectors tuning in to what they were proclaiming, Spirit filled as they spoke. As the Veni Sancte Spiritus chant reverberated through the church, the connection and energy, hallmarks of the Holy Spirit were palpable. At the 9AM Mass, through Baptisms, Confirmation and Eucharist we fully initiated Andrew, Joey, Mackenzie, Madison and Nathaniel into the church. We also celebrated baby Shane’s first stage of initiation, with his baptism. These beautiful young folks were a great inspiration to me. Experiencing God the Father, the Creator, I was so moved, I couldn’t help but think: Lord, you do incredible work!

That same experience comes to me looking out at the congregation as I preside, preach or distribute communion. I see our Creator’s work, and I am convinced I am sharing the Creator’s joy as the Father looks at His family. The experience of Jesus is more the focus during the Eucharistic Prayer and consecration. It is as if he is speaking the very words, addressing each of us:

This is my body, given up for You, this is my blood, poured out for You.

Take time this week: at Mass, beyond Mass – what are ways you sense a connection, communion with Father, Son and Spirit? I hope and pray those experiences are many, deep, and life-giving! Peace, Fr. Bob

**FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Gracious God, with sadness, yet gratitude, we remember this Memorial Day the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Loving God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shrink from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Lord, send out your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world. We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - May 27
Memorial Day
No 11:00 am or 5:15 pm Mass Today
Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
9:00 am Harold Barnes - Daughters

TUESDAY - May 28
Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
6:45 am All the Men & Women Who Have Died While Serving in the Armed Forces
11:00 am Mary Ellen Harkness - Fran Noeth

WEDNESDAY - May 29
Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10:17/Mk 10:32-45
11:00 am William H. Perham, Jr. (Birthday Anniversary) - Perham Family
5:15 pm Bill Thaney - Tina & Al Ryan

THURSDAY - May 30
Sir 42:15/Mk 10:46-52
5:00 pm Margaret Gervais Rowe - Fredericksen Family

FRIDAY - May 31
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
11:00 am Elaine R. Perham (Anniversary) - Perham Family
5:15 pm Susan W. Barber - Birdie

SATURDAY - June 1
Sir 51:12-20/Mk 11:27-33
9:00 am Samuel Di Palma - Family
4:30 pm Saints Place 15th Anniversary - Saints Place

SUNDAY - June 2
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
7:30 am Martha Serio - Family
9:00 am Louis Magguilli - Smerbeck Family
11:00 am Alice McDonald Hartzell - Family
5:00 pm Margaret Gervais Rowe - Fredericksen Family

Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2    Thank you faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - June 2
The Highlands: Ann Murty Heather Heights: Doris Wilmot
Wiser Every Day

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Our first reading from Proverbs illustrates how human understanding of God has developed over time. Early on, the people of Israel adopted the idea of ‘Wisdom’ as a way to name God’s self-disclosure. There is God’s being-in-God’s-self (aseity, if you need a scrabble word with lots of vowels!). Meanwhile, Wisdom was the way to name God’s going forth, God’s revelation and action. With time, ‘Wisdom’ becomes personified, described as if having human qualities. The term also came to be used when speaking of human religious experience. So we can see this passage as laying a foundation for both the later revealed realities of the Logos (Jesus, the Word) and the Holy Spirit.

Theory and Practice

To summarize the ‘Trinity’ angle to our second reading, Paul is telling us that God is the source of our redemption, it is though Jesus that this redemption is accomplished, while it is through the Holy Spirit being poured into our hearts that we experience that redemption. In the course of that reflection, Paul offers us a powerful sequence to pray over. We can boast of our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, which leads to hope, and all of the above lead us into God’s love.

Even Wiser Ever Day

Just as, over time, the ways in which the people of Israel came to name their experience of God grew more and more profound, so to, Christian understanding has developed over time. It isn’t that God’s revelation has changed—Jesus certainly isn’t saying that in our Gospel! Rather, God’s revelation in Christ needs to be interpreted, updated, so as to be understood by each succeeding generation. Individually, our understanding grows deeper with passing years, and more and more experience. The same is true for the church.

Pentecost Follow-up

Recall St. Paul’s message last week for Pentecost – there are many different gifts, all given for some benefit? Check out just how well his message applies to St. Louis! At the entrances/exits of church, our new Ministry Directory, STEWARDSHIP, is available. Pick up a copy. See how many gifts the Spirit has poured out upon our parish, and how many ways people are using their gifts. If you are already involved in a ministry, check to see if there is another one calling out to you. If you are not, surely some ministry has your name on it!

Website Rollout!

Matching our new and improved St. Louis School website, our redesigned parish website went online last week. Check it out, and watch for regular updates. Invite friends to check us out as well. Evangelization can happen in many ways! Visit www.stlouischurch.org!

Pastoral Council Update

Last weekend during Mass, five parishioners were chosen by lot as Selected Representatives for our Parish Council, each for a term of three years. They are Paul Dolan, Christine Bouchard, Jacek Woloszuk, Karl and Piroska Mersich, and Michael Drew. Congratulations to all!

Bible Study: Summer Schedule

Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues through June 11, with a brief break through the end of June. Our summer schedule begins on Wednesday, July 3 at 8:30 am. (Please note different day and time for summer.) Want to get more out of the Sunday scripture readings? Become more at home with the Bible? Be a part of a fun learning community? Join us!

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still.
Chinese proverb
Supporting Our Parish

May 19
Attendance …… …. 1,652
Collection …………… $13,824.00

Thank you for being part of the St. Louis family of faith, for coming to our Sunday family dinner (the Eucharist!) last week, and for your faithful contribution of time and treasure; for offering a gift and being a gift. May God bless you and your household always!

Make Sure We Get It Right!

We will be transitioning to a new parishioner database in late June and would like to bring accurate information into our shiny new database. If you have recently changed your mailing address, email address or phone number, please let us know so we can update your contact information. If you would like to verify the contact information we have for you, please let us know! If you now have an unlisted phone number, please let us know! Call or email Elizabeth Finn at 586-5675, ext. 223 or efinn@dor.org.

Elizabeth Ministry thanks everyone who made our Mother’s Day diaper and baby goods drive such a success. Four cars were loaded with diapers, beautiful clothes (new and gently used), hand made blankets, sweaters and booties and other baby care items. One comment from an agency recipient: “Such beautiful clothes and hand made items make our moms feel so special and proud to be mothers!” Elizabeth Ministry delivered items to Saint's Place, Birthright, Judicial Process Commission and Focus Pregnancy Center. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity supporting life on Mother’s Day!

This Week’s Tithing Will Support:
Wayne County Rural Ministry/Williamson Come-Unity Center

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support:
St. Martin’s Place

St. Martin’s Place provides nutritious meals, support, advocacy, and a safe environment for their guests. Hot meals and friendly faces create a temporary haven for many poor and homeless men, women and children. At St. Martin’s Place people receive, along with their meals, hope, encouragement, and even training that could lead to employment. Staying faithful to their mission to assist, care for and love their fellow brothers and sisters, St. Martin’s Place offers emotional support, times for prayer, reflection and spirituality to those in need. To become involved with St. Martin's Place, you may contact Sister Clare Ehmann, Co Director, at: 585–325–6500.

Your Lenten Gift changed lives!!! A hearty thank you for your participation in this year's Lenten Challenge benefitting Catholic Relief Services. We hope you enjoyed all the learning opportunities the CRS Rice Bowl program provided, as well as our enjoyable Lenten Challenge Kickoff Event on March 3rd which included country booths, learning activities and games. Our contributions $7,298.37! We appreciate the sacrifice that went into those donations to feed hungry families, bring water to the thirsty, and empower the vulnerable. Unfortunately, we were a bit shy of making our goal of 400 families participating, so Fr. Bob is off the hook for the parish surprise this year . . . but just wait until next year! Thank you for your prayers and alms, and for living out the Gospel call to love and serve our neighbors. To watch the Thank You video from CRS, go to www.crs.org/hunger-pledge/. You can also become active year-round by contacting your legislators on hunger issues. Go to: www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/ to find out about a joint effort between the U.S. Conference for Catholic Bishops and CRS to end hunger. THANK YOU sincerely, from Peggy Lynge (Leader of Family Ministry) and Kathleen McMahon (Pastoral Associate, Social Ministry & Justice)!

I Can Do That!

Yes you can! If Eucharistic Ministry requires a special gift, perhaps it is the awareness of the presence of Christ: openness to bringing Christ’s presence to each one we meet, and of seeing Christ present in each person. (Being able to take direction with procedure helps too…) We’ve scheduled three times so you can learn more and be trained; hopefully one fits your schedule. This training will also help if you may be being called to be a Liturgical Assistant (behind the scenes set up for Mass).

Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Liturgical Assistants:

Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, June, 5 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 pm
All sessions will be held in Church.

If you can do a “short term” commitment, we need help over the summer and during “snow bird” season.

Questions about any of these ministries? Contact Bea Hack at 586-5675, ext. 231.
In Remembrance of Memorial Day

Last Thursday, May 23, Boy Scout Troop 195 honored the more than 5,000 veterans buried in veterans designated sections at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with a U.S. flag for Memorial Day. The project was started by Assistant Scoutmaster, Mike Civiletti and his son Paul 12 years ago, and was continued by Troop 195 following Mr. Civiletti’s death in 2006.

All are welcome to visit Holy Sepulchre Cemetery to view the Memorial Day tribute to our veterans that began on Friday, May 24. Free flags are available at the offices of both Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (2461 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY) and Ascension Garden (1900 Pinnacle Road, Henrietta, NY) to families wishing to place flags on the graves of veterans buried in non-veterans designated sections of our cemeteries.

The flags will remain on display through Flag Day on June 14, 2013, and will then be removed and stored for next year so that the tribute can be continued.

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- If you answer “Yes” to these questions, Cursillo will help you develop, live and share your spirituality in today’s society.
- Visit Rochester Cursillo Website at www.rochestercursillo.org for more information

2013 weekend dates:
- Women’s Cursillo Weekend July 25-28
- Men’s Cursillo Weekend November 7-10

Feel free to ask Msgr. Krieg, Fr. Ray or Fr. Bob for details.

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IT’S NOT TOO LATE - SPEAKING OF HABITAT INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP . . .

Can you spare one day in May, June or July to help build a brand-new house for a family in need? The foundation is finished and framing is now underway! Prior construction experience is not required since orientation and instructions are provided to volunteers by a professional supervisor right at the construction site. We are privileged to help construct the Flower City Habitat for Humanity’s 200th house in the Rochester area! To learn about HIP and sign up for a volunteer day of your choice: Go to HIP’s web site: www.habitatinterfaithpartnership.org; or contact one of our volunteer coordinators:

Kathleen Anderson: call 385-7601; email kanderson51@rochester.rr.com
Brian McMahon: call 383-6005; email bjm@rochester.rr.com
Delaina Infantino: call 586-1115

Does anyone have a working lawn mower looking for a new home? Flower City Habitat for Humanity would like to pass it on one of their new home owners. You can drop lawn mower off at Habitat Headquarters at 755 Culver Road (across from East High School) or call Flower City Habitat Restore at 697-2012.

God the Father loved us so much that He sent his only begotten son to save us from sin. God the Son, Jesus, loved us so much that He gave his life for us on the cross, giving us access to the Father. Through God the Holy Spirit the love of God has been poured into our hearts. God is love and that love will transform all us if we open our hearts to Him and receive his love. Let the Love of God transform you life and your marriage sacrament; sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Western New York weekend. - June 14-16, or Nov 15-17, 2013. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme-wny.org, email Pat and Tina McAuliffe at ptmcauliffe@yahoo.com or call (877) 697-9963.

CAMP STELLA MARIS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 12:00PM TO 3:00PM

Meet the counselors and staff, take a tour of Camp, or just get the answer for any last minute questions you might have regarding this summer.

Not registered for camp yet? Space is still available for Day Camp, Resident Camp, Overnight Experience, and Leadership Camps this summer. Check out our website for up to date availability. Camp Stella Maris is located on the eastern shore of Conesus Lake at 4395 East Lake Rd, Livonia, NY. Check us out on the web at CAMPSTELLAMARIS.ORG or call us at (585) 346-2243.
Sister Barbara Hamm came to visit us last week. Sr. Barbara served as Principal at St. Louis School from 1970 to 1985 and again from 1994 to 1997. She also was principal at Our Lady of Mercy High School from 1985 to 1994. As you can see, Sr. Barbara has been a moving force in the history of our school. This year, Sr. Barbara is celebrating her 60th year as a sister of Mercy. We are proud to know her and send our best wishes and love to her as she celebrates this special year in her career.

Pictured here are Fr. Bob and the students of St. Louis School tending to the beautiful flower garden at our front door. The garden is dedicated to our beloved Sr. Barbara.
Now is the Time to Register for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs!!

The registration process for Religious Education and Sacramental preparation programs is now underway for the 2013-2014 school year.

Since we are moving to new accounting and parishioner information software packages, registration on-line will not be possible this summer. Registration forms can be picked up at the Ministry Center, 64 So. Main St. or on the counter in the Narthex area at the back of church.

Please read all information very carefully so your child’s registration is not delayed because of incomplete requirements.

New this year: because of the increased cost of educational materials in the various programs, we need to ask for a fee. Here is a schedule of the various fees for the programs.

- Seasons of Faith (our Sunday morning program) and Living Faith (our Tuesday afternoon program): $35.00 per child, 3 or more children $75.00 per family
- Crossroads (Junior High) program: $35.00 per child, 3 or more children $75.00 per family
- Family Faith families: $75.00 per family or $35 for one child
- If you have children in one of the elementary programs as well as the Crossroads program, the fees will be the same of $35.00 per child with $75.00 as a maximum per family.

Sacramental Program Fees will be:
- First Communion and First Penance: $30.00 per child
- Confirmation: $35.00 per child
- There is a maximum of $75.00 per family for the sacramental preparation programs.

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

Here are some guidelines and requirements for registering in our programs.

- 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 must have been in a religious education program (through St. Louis Parish or Catholic school) for at least one year prior to the preparation program.
- The programs of Confirmation and First Communion require a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate, even if they were baptized at St. Louis.
- 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 for details of what you need to do to register.

So we can plan for the coming year please register NOW for your child’s religious education program and their sacramental preparation program.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 26, 27 & 28
9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

It’s now time to register for Vacation Bible School!! Information posters and registration materials are now available at all the church exits and at the Ministry Center, 64 So Main St.

Cost for VBS is $50 per child. Since we are shifting to a new accounting software package, on-line registration and payment will not be possible this summer. Please use our registration form and include your payment at the time of registration.

Those teens going into 6th grade or higher for the 2013-2014 school year are also encouraged to register now if they would like to help at VBS.

Any questions, please contact Sue Payne at (585) 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org.
Saint’s Place has run out of room to store items for our July Super Sale! To ease our storage dilemma, we are selling several pieces of good quality furniture. We will also sell PURSES, and a few other items. This sale is a preview of what our big July sale will offer.

**DATE:** Saturday, June 8th and Sunday June 9th.

**PLACE:** St. John of Rochester - Parish Center
8 Wickford Way, Fairport

**TIME:** After all Masses at St. John of Rochester
Mass Schedule - Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM and 12 Noon

Stop by before or after Mass to see if there is an item of furniture you would like. Free delivery within the area. Thank you for your continued support and kindness. Any questions or concerns please call 385-6860.

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The Heavenly List
Has Grown … Again!

A news brief from two weeks ago – Pope Francis canonized the first saints of his pontificate – all 802 of them! There were two individuals and a large group of 800 (nominally) from Otranto, Italy, martyred because they refused to give up their faith.

The individuals were Latin American religious Foundresses, Mother Laura Montoya e Upegui – the first Colombian saint – and Mother Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala, from Mexico. Pope Francis praised Saint Laura Montoya as “an instrument of evangelization, first as teacher and then as the spiritual mother of the indigenous peoples,” who taught us to “radiate the joy of the Gospel by word and witness of life in every place we find ourselves.” He noted that Saint Maria Guadalupe gave up “a comfortable life to follow the call of Jesus, taught people to love poverty, in order the more to love the poor and the sick.”

There is a lengthy, interesting story accompanying the 800 martyrs but in summary, they have been credited by many with keeping Christianity in Rome, and ultimately all of Europe. See, for example, [http://www.catholic.com/magazine/articles/how-the-800-martyrs-of-otranto-saved-rome](http://www.catholic.com/magazine/articles/how-the-800-martyrs-of-otranto-saved-rome).

In this Year of Faith, we are encouraged to learn about the saints’ lives, and why they achieved that heavenly status. Frequently, we find that they were sinners like us, who kept trying to grow closer to God, but also serving God through teaching, missionary work, charity, prayer and simply striving to please God in the ordinary actions and decisions of daily life. Often enough, they also gave their life, the ultimate sacrifice, for their faith.

What can the lives of these newly-recognized saints teach us, in this world of constantly-changing challenges? Remember that we are all called to be saints, in our own life circumstances. As always, if you would like further information, see me after Mass sometime, or at 1deacondave@gmail.com.

God bless, Deacon Dave

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Weddings Bells...

We pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding celebration:

♦ Kaitlin Wagner & Alec Fisher, June 1
♦ Jennifer Zagursky & Eric Wiesner, June 22
♦ Jennifer Fichter & Bryan Stanstreet, June 29
Hi Everybody!

Summer is coming! You are almost there. On June 9 we will be saying goodbye to our graduating seniors at our 5:00 pm Teen Mass. We had scheduled it a week earlier at our usual time but that conflicted with McQuaid’s graduation. Please join us in recognizing and blessing an outstanding group of young people as they move forward with their lives.

Also we have several youth openings for our summer retreat at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio on June 28,29,30 and are looking for adult female chaperones. Contact me for more information or to sign on for an experience you will always remember.

Young people going into ninth grade next year are welcome to join us for the rest of our meetings and on our retreat. Please come and bring a friend.

Thanks and have a great week, Dan McBride, youthgroup@rochester.rr.com

**Upcoming Youth Group Events ~ Please Join Us!**

**Sunday, May 26 6:00-8:00 pm** Meeting in Youth Rm.

**Sunday, June 2, 6:00-8:00 pm** Meeting in Youth Rm.

**Sunday, June 9, 5:00-7:30 pm** Teen Mass, Senior Send Off, and Cook-out.

**June 28, 29, 30** Franciscan University Youth Conference

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**Knights at St. Louis**

On Thursday evening, May 30th at 7PM in the Parish Meeting Hall, there will be another informational meeting on starting a Knights of Columbus Council at St. Louis. We will have applications available and a brief question and answer period. There will be an explanation of the next step in forming a Council. Please contact Roland Schindler 385-1696 or Dick Hiliard 943-1106 with any questions or for details. Hope to see you there!

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**Congratulations, Msgr. Krieg!**

Many parishioners and friends gathered Sunday, May 19 to honor and express their congratulations and best wishes to our beloved Msgr. Gerry Krieg in celebration of his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood.

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**A Farewell Recital**

Araceli H. Fernández del Campo, Mezzo Soprano

Cantante, Mezzosoprano at Compañia Nacional de Opera, Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes Mexico City, Mexico

Sunday, June 2nd at 1:30 PM
St. Joseph Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield

Reception following

"Chely" has been on sabbatical and studying with Katherine Ciesinski at the Eastman School of Music this past year.

For more information, please contact Chely: ara_coeli@hotmail.com or Eileen: eramos66@rochester.rr.com or 455 7723

St. Louis parishioner Marina Ramos has been invited to join Chely in a duet at the recital. Maria is a violin soloist and a cantor at many of our weekend and holy day liturgies.

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**Young Adults! Change of Date! Group Kick Off This Sunday, May 26**

We are starting a young adult group to help connect the 20 and 30 something’s in our parish. We are looking for ideas for both spiritual and social events and want everyone with an interest to be included! We will kick off the group this weekend with lunch at the Coal Tower after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday May 26. We will first meet briefly in the Parish Meeting Hall after Mass before heading over to the Coal Tower for lunch. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact either Molly McBride at mdmcbride05@gmail.com or Ryan Tomko at ryanctomko@gmail.com.
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