Who Joins the Catholic Church Through RCIA?

Over the last two years, St. Louis has brought 17 candidates and catechumens into full communion with the Catholic Church.

What are our RCIA groups like? Retired men and women, young families, college students, atheists, and evangelical Protestants. We’ve welcomed a person from China who had no exposure to Christianity before coming to the U.S. as well as a parishioner who had been with us attending Mass for over 20 years. We have people in our classes who are just here to test the waters and some who are absolutely sure they are called to be Catholic.

This fall we have a group of six people interested in hearing more about Catholicism. Why not join us? We gather Sundays from 11:15 until 1:30. Lunch is provided.

Contact any of us for more details:

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday - October 20
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
9:00 am Helene Rose Perez - Grandma and Lillian Jabbour - Birthday Club
4:30 pm Barney McMullen - Sue Davin and Billy Barnes - Wife and Children

Sunday - October 21
Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
7:30 am David Johnson - Tom and Mary Galbraith
9:00 am Patrick Connaughton - Sister, Rosemary Oesterly
11:15 am Rose Strassner - Family
5:00 pm Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Tran & Family

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.

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

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**Do I Hear An Echo?**

You may not be so familiar with the book of Wisdom, one of the seven Sapiential (wisdom) books of the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament). It was written about 50 years before Christ, probably in Alexandria. While we Catholics consider it deuterocanonical (second canon) but divinely inspired, it is not in many Protestant Bibles. Regardless, the message we hear today may well sound familiar. It echoes Solomon’s prayer for wisdom when he ascends the throne following his father, King David. That prayer is found in the book of Kings and in Chronicles. A great way to identify really important themes in the Bible – look for the ones that are repeated over and over! The take home for us? Wisdom, a gift of the Holy Spirit, is priceless, to be treasured above any material things. Today might be a great day for us to humbly pray for wisdom.

**Inside and Outside**

In the Old Testament, especially the prophets and the historical books, it is very clear that the Word of God has a powerful impact in the life of the nation, and in external world events; God’s will and God’s Word help shape history. Psalm 119, a fascinating acrostic wisdom psalm brings it closer to home, speaking in a variety of ways about God’s Word, the Torah, impacting the individual, shaping the life of those who meditate on the scriptures from the inside out. That same insight is the point of the brief excerpt we hear from the book of Hebrews this weekend. It is a succinct, powerful invitation for us to consider how the Bible fits into our life. God Word can get to the heart of the matter, so long as we listen and give it a chance.

**A Dangerous Blockage**

I’m sure we all know someone who has had to have surgery because of a blocking of arteries that threatened their heart. Here is a good way to pray with this weekend’s Gospel. Think of Jesus as the Divine Physician. Looking into the heart of the man who comes to him, he sees a blockage that threatens the man’s heart – his possessions. Concerned for the man’s life, particularly eternal life, he offers a prescription. Give what you have to the poor and follow me. (Go back to the second reading this weekend – envision life-saving surgery through the Word of God.) If wisdom is more precious than any possession, becoming a disciple and truly following Jesus is even more precious yet. Bringing it home, we can ask the Lord in prayer to give us a stress test, to see if we have any dangerous blockages.

**Celebrate the 185th Anniversary of the SSNDs!**

In 1854, the School Sisters of Notre Dame came to serve the children at St. Joseph’s Orphanage and German immigrant children. That mission soon extended to other parishes. At present, the sisters continue to serve at Bishop Kearney High School, the Notre Dame Learning Center, and Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Through their educational ministries and their subsequent work in numerous parishes, the Sisters have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and their families. Please join the sisters as they celebrate 185 years of their foundation and 165 years of work in the Diocese of Rochester on October 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will officiate at the liturgy.
WE ARE GOOD STEWARDS

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THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT PROJECT RACHEL

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is a food pantry serving more than 4,000 households in Monroe County “Feeding Hope One Family at a Time.” The Pittsford Food Cupboard’s mission is to help alleviate hunger for families in need who live in a six zip code area between the City of Rochester, Pittsford, Brighton and East Rochester by supplementing 10 days of food supplies, ultimately contributing towards clients’ independence. Clients come from all walks of life, many just needing a little help to get through a period of unemployment or illness. Others need assistance because of inadequate fixed incomes, a disability or uninsured medical bills, single parenthood or an increase in household size.

This past year, the cupboard provided food supplies to over 4,000 households, totaling over 9,400 people. The Cupboard typically serves over 400 families per month. PFC relies on its staff of over 100 volunteers. The Cupboard has a variety of flexible volunteer programs that make it easy for members of the community, adults or students, to get involved and volunteer at group or individual levels. Besides collecting food, assisting clients, helping with office work, stocking shelves or picking up food, volunteers can “Adopt-A-Shelf,” hold can and bottle drives, or be a sponsor and coordinate food drives at their organization.

For details, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net. Thank you for your prayers, your food donations, and your critical financial support.

Next weekend, Oct. 20/21, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay teachers serve some of the poorest of the poor. PLEASE KEEP the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Even in Death

Including St. Louis Church, School or Saint’s Place in our will is a wonderful way to support ministries that we value even after God calls us home. Another way to extend the blessing: let our family know that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be offered to St. Louis Church, School or Saint’s Place. Upon the death of a loved one, think prayerfully – where would my dear one want contributions to be made in his or her memory? A beautiful way to let folks know what we believe is truly important!

IT IS TIME TO ORDER (OR RENEW) YOUR GIVE US THIS DAY SUBSCRIPTION

This monthly book has daily morning and evening prayers, scripture for Mass, reflections about the spiritual wisdom of the Gospel, and Blessed Among Us stories about Saints and saintly people whose courage and values can be inspirational in our own lives and faith journey.

If our group subscription continues to exceed 50, our individual cost will be $19.95 for 12 issues in 2018.

Checks should be made payable to St. Louis Church with “Give Us This Day” in the memo field, and in the amount of $19.95 for each individual subscription.

Please mail, bring to the Ministry Center, or put this form in the collection basket. WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO START WITH THE JANUARY 2018 ISSUE.

Thank you,
Shannon Toot
(Shannon.Toot@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 227.)

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One Minute Meditations
St. John XXIII
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as the bishop’s secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as pope. Even so, St. John never forgot his humble origins, and he was known for visiting the poor, the sick and prisoners. As pope, he is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.

A Catholic’s Job
Every Catholic has three tasks. Know the Catholic faith. We can’t share it if we don’t know it. Live the Catholic faith. It comes with us wherever we are. Spread the Catholic faith. We can’t keep Christ to ourselves.

“In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.” St. Teresa of Calcutta

Three ways to walk Jesus’ path
The magnificence of Heaven is simply beyond our comprehension. Our limited minds can’t imagine how amazing it is. Jesus came to tell us about it and show us how to get there. He hoped we’d follow in his footsteps and do what he did.

Serve others with love. Jesus asked us to love one another as he did. Some of the ways he showed love were to treat strangers kindly, tend to the material needs of the needy, lend an attentive ear, help people make good and virtuous decisions that bring them closer to God. Try to show love in these ways daily.

Lighten your load. Not only did Jesus have few material goods, he sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn’t want them – or us – to get distracted. Jesus knew that the more we have, the more we’d think about our stuff and the less we’d think about God. Consider shedding what you don’t need, and buying only items that replace what is worn out or broken. Give the money you save to charity.

Quiet down. Jesus frequently went off to be alone with God. Take some quiet time each day just to keep company with God. Even spending as few as 15 minutes a day with God in silence will bring you peace.

Why Do Catholics Do That?
Catholics often give their children new names at Baptism to celebrate the new spiritual life of the one being baptized. In the Bible, name changes were often associated with significant life-changes. For example, Simon’s name was changed to “Peter” when Jesus singled him out to be the first pope (Matthew 16:18). Often a saint’s name will be chosen at Baptism, as a way of placing the baptized person under the patronage of the saint as their intercessor and model in holiness.
Continuing our INVESTMENT in HAITI

ST. LOUIS HAITI TEAM invites your support
at a private film screening on Saturday, October 20th of Will Agee’s documentary, The Land of High Mountains about Haiti’s progress... See how St. Louis along with its many partners has given HOPE to Haiti by supporting Haiti’s only hospital free to the indigent and people like our parish friend, Passionist priest and physician Fr. Rick Frechette who arrived decades ago and remained to make sustainable changes.

All proceeds from these events at the Little Theatre and the East End Pub (a Rochester treasure) will go to St. Damien Pediatric Hospital (a 501C3 non-profit). Learn more about the film at www.landofhighmountains.com

Tickets for the film screening only are $30 each.
Tickets for local McQuaid grad Angelo Rose, Esq. (musician/song composer of “Haiti’s Rain” and other pro-bono CD’s about Haiti) and his Good Trip Band concert at the East End Pub following film are $30.
When both tickets are purchased together, the total is $50.

Tickets are available online with credit card at www.nphusa.org/haitisrain
QR if paying for tickets by check, please write payable: St. Damien Hospital Fund and mail to: Marcia Mendola, 10 Rippingale Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534.

Theatre doors open at 5PM with a brief pre-film Fr. Rick video at 5:15.

Sponsorship opportunities for this private documentary film screening, which has already earned the “Award of Excellence” at the INDIE Film Festival, can also be found at www.nphusa.org/haitisrain

For more info: please call Marcia Mendola 381-6872 or email: marciaandnick@yahoo.com

St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group is a support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love. Join us Saturdays from 9:45-11:15am in the O’Connor Library, St. Louis Manse.

HABITAT INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

In 2016, St. Louis's Habitat partnership coalition successfully built its 6th Habitat house since 2001. Our next house project, the 7th will be in 2019. This new house initiative begins with our upcoming Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale which helps to raise funds for its construction. Kelly’s Farm Market in Hilton bakes the pies, and we sell them earning 35% of the proceeds.

We will be taking orders before and following weekend Masses in early November. Pies will be distributed two days before Thanksgiving.

We are looking now for a few people to assist with taking pie orders. Also, once a building site and construction schedule is set, we will also need help with coordinating construction participation by St. Louis parishioners.

If you might be interested in being involved in these Habitat activities or seek further information, please contact Bob or Rosemary Scholl (call: 472-5067 (updated number!); or reply by email: schollroch@gmail.com).

Save the Date! Our next Bistro is Saturday, October 27 at 5:45 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall. Reservations Only! $12 per person. Deadline to RSVP Wednesday October 24. Call Suzanne or Shannon at 586-5675.

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COMMUNITY

Columbiettes in the Diocese of Rochester
A new council of the Columbiettes has formed in the Diocese of Rochester. The Columbiettes is a Catholic women’s organization that supports many different charities. They are involved in community activities, as well as working collectively with our Brother Knights of Columbus, to promote faith and unity. Our patronesses are our Blessed Mother, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Joan of Arc. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic women over the age of 17. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at St. Jerome’s Church meeting hall, 207 Garfield Street, East Rochester.

If this interests you, please contact Christa Stewart for more information at (585) 406-3777.

Saint’s Place 20th Anniversary
Please join us to celebrate Saint’s Place 20th Anniversary on Saturday, November 3 at 4:30 St. Louis Church. $75 per person. Buy tickets online at saintsplace.org or call 385-6860. RSVP by Oct 19.

Car Raffle tickets for 2019 Subaru Outback 3-year lease donated by Van Bortel also available for purchase at St. Louis Ministry Center or online.

St. Louis School Annual Coat Drive
During the month of October, please consider donating a new or gently used coat for Saint’s Place, a very worthwhile service organization.

Collection bins are located at:

St. Louis School
11 Rand Place
Pittsford, NY 14564

The mission of Saint’s Place is to aid legal immigrants who have come to the United States to escape war and poverty. At Saint’s Place, the newly arrived refugees receive needed resources and support that provide the basic necessities for them to rebuild hopeful lives in their adopted homeland.

They are desperately in need of warm men’s, women’s and children’s coats. Please make sure gently used items are clean and that the zippers work. A coat will keep someone warm as they walk to the market, school, or wait for the bus.

Warm hats, boots, and gloves are also greatly appreciated.

Donated items can be brought to Saint’s Place if school is closed.

Thank you!

St. Louis School • 11 Rand Place, Pittsford, NY 14534 • 585.586.5200 • slspittsford.org
The Environment for Worship

Come hear Fr. Bob give a presentation about the important connection between the environment in which we are immersed in our church and the liturgy we celebrate. Beauty is a powerful intersection between God and his creation.

When: Monday, Oct. 22, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

A Study on The Mass!

Be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bishop Robert Barron’s

THE MASS

When: Tuesdays, either 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:15-8:45 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall, St. Louis Church
Cost: $25 for the workbook
For more information or to register, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext 224

October is a Month full of Feast Days!

Saints are sign posts for us in our journey of faith! Find out how their lives can inspire us. (Do you recognize the saints depicted here? See below for their identities.)

FORMED.org has many free resources to tap into!

If you haven’t signed up on Formed.org, do it today! It’s EASY and FREE to Register!

1. Go to stlouischurch.formed.org
2. Click on Register Now
3. Enter your email & create a password.
4. You’ll receive an email to verify your registration and you’re good to go!!!!

For help, contact Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org
(St. Theresa of Avila, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John Paul II and St. Faustina, St. John XXIII, St. Luke)

Three Great Ways to Stay Connected!

Like us on Facebook!
St. Louis Church, Pittsford
We’re posting new updates all the time! Be sure to see what’s coming up and what’s been happening at St. Louis! Please be sure to like us!

Visit Our Website!
stlouischurch.org
Check out our website for information that will keep you connected! We’ve done the searching and sifting for you! Find a TON of resources at stlouischurch.org/resources.

Did you receive our October Adult Faith Formation Calendar by email? If not, just send a request to Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org and we’ll add you to the list!
What is Missing From Our Beautiful Church Library?

What is missing? People borrowing books and enjoying this rich resource!

Our beautiful library, located in the Manse and dedicated in October of last year, has been gratefully used as a meeting room for scripture study, adult faith formation, RCIA and prayer groups. But what it has not functioned as is a place for parishioners to sit and read or to borrow books to help deepen their faith and spiritual understanding.

Since 2016, Father Bob, along with the dedicated Library Committee, have diligently gathered your book donations, categorized and shelved them. Now it is time to offer open hours and make this beautiful resource available to all of us. And for that, we need you!

If you would enjoy spending a quiet hour a week in the parish library, being available to help sign out books and oversee the use of the room, we would love to hear from you! Once we have a few volunteers, we will arrange a schedule for library hours.

Please contact Sally for more information Sally.Schrecker@dor.org.

Saint Louis Began as an Immigrant Church

In 1871, St. Louis rented space for Sunday Mass on the second floor of the Tousey Market

“For the most part, the early parishioners of St. Louis were Irish immigrants who had come to the area to dig the canal and to work on the railroads... beginning their lives here at the bottom of the social and economic ladder... in spite of the relative prosperity of 19th century Pittsford, challenge and financial struggle marked the early years of St. Louis. The Irish did not bring material wealth of their own to Pittsford, but they did bring their Catholic faith”

Quote from A Home for God’s People: The Story of Saint Louis Church

~Parishioners in Action~

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS!

The first load of sleeping bags for the homeless was delivered and already we have more!

We will continue to collect and deliver sleeping bags (and socks) for the homeless throughout the cold months. Please bring your gift to the Ministry Center on a weekday or arrange for me to receive them during mass times and I will take care of getting them to the ones who need them most.

~Sleeping Bags Save Lives~

~Cynthia Clarke, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice
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