Not Quite an Epiphany

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. According to Merriam-Webster, the 1st meaning of ‘Epiphany’, especially when the 1st letter is capitalized, is the very Feast we will celebrate, the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem, the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The 2nd meaning: an appearance or manifestation, especially of a divine being. The 3rd meaning: (A) a sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something; an intuitive grasp of reality through something usually simple and striking; an illuminating discovery, realization or disclosure, (B) a revealing scene or moment.

I wish it had come to me as an epiphany, but instead, an important realization has come through lots of reading, study and challenging thought. I’ve heard many homilies preached on the Feast of the Holy Family. Too often, those homilies encouraged folks to take the Holy Family as a model, so that our family can become a ‘holy family’. That can make me wince.

Two problems. First, it is an invitation to idealize the lives of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Then, holding up that idealized picture we have created out of Christmas cards and sentimental songs (‘but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes….’), we measure our family, and feel anything but holy.

After studying everything about Jesus and his family in the Bible, and even what was written about ‘the hidden years’ in extra-canonical books (books that didn’t make it into the Bible, like the Protoevangelium of James), I’ve discovered something Jesus’ family shares in common with almost every other family. In truth, we just don’t know that much. Certainly not enough to provide our family with a blueprint! We don’t have details about the life of the Holy Family. There is lots of speculation, but not much beyond that. ‘The hidden years’ is a good way to describe Jesus’ life before he began his ministry!

Once we stop idealizing the Holy Family (by the way, we can often have an idealized view of other families as well), we can get down to taking the Incarnation seriously. If God chose to take on human nature; if Jesus was one like us in all things, but sin, as the Catechism teaches, then he did cry as an infant. He had the sniffles sometimes. He probably broke a few things in the house when he was two (Parents, and children too: there is a difference between an accident and sin. Sin is a conscious wrong choice, not an accident!) Learning to walk, learning to talk, the terrible twos, right on up to adolescence – how could Jesus truly be one like us in all things without going through the ordinary stages of growing up? That can change how we view Mary and Joseph as well. Think they never got exasperated? Guess again! Instead of picture postcard perfect, try pondering a hidden, but real family for Jesus. Then when you struggle with family life, realize Mary, Joseph and Jesus understand! Peace to you and your family, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - December 30
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
11:00 am Edward Lada - Sally Lashomb
5:15 pm Jose & Dulce Echaniz - Maria Echaniz

TUESDAY - December 31
Sylvester I, pope
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
6:45 am Delphine Wise - Jeff Mason
11:00 am Elmer Fisher - Jeanette Fisher

Mass of Anticipation for Holy Day:
5:15 pm Andrew & Eleonora Thomas - Barbara, & James Thomas Family

WEDNESDAY - January 1
New Year's Day - Only One Mass Today
Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
11:00 am Mary Welch-Hayden - Mary Ellen Hayden & Paul Hayden

THURSDAY - January 2
Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
6:45 am Edward Lada - Olga & John
11:00 am Raymond Kirst - Doris & Family

FIRST FRIDAY - January 3
Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29-38/Jn 1:29-34
11:00 am Deceased Members of the Lenio Family - Dick Lenio
5:15 pm Wyn Terrel Taylor - Olga & John

SATURDAY - January 4
Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
9:00 am Joan Finnell - The Schnell Family
4:30 pm Joseph Gattelaro - Joe Pocious & Family

SUNDAY - January 5
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
7:30 am Patricia Reardon - DeJoy Family
9:00 am Cheryl Albanese - Doug & Mary Baldy
11:00 am Ned Cunningham - Dr. & Mrs. George Anderson
5:00 pm Sally Kennedy - Ed Kay

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.

One Lamp will burn In Memory of Jim DeBloom by Family

All are welcome to spend an hour this January 3, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Pray for World Peace

Saturday & Sunday, January 4 & 5. Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - January 5
The Highlands: Dick Lenio              Heather Heights: George Kimber & Dick Reddington
Because this bulletin needed to be transmitted on December 19,

**Attendance and Collection Figures for December 22 will be in the January 5 bulletin and,**

**Attendance and Collection Figures for December 25 will be in the January 12 bulletin.**

Thank you so much to those who responded on our Commitment Sunday, Dec 15! Among those who use envelopes, on that weekend 117 indicated support for the ministries of our parish with an increased weekly offering. Among those who do not use envelopes, 30 indicated a willingness to increase their giving. Thirty people requested information about electronic giving, 14 requested envelopes, and 15 folks not previously registered signed up. Thank you all, thank you to those who cannot increase at this time, but have agreed to continue your current level of support. Thank you as well to those who have responded since Commitment Sunday! If you have missed out so far, there are still commitment forms in the pews. God bless you all in this Holy Christmas Season, and every good gift to you in the New Year!

Have you found a spiritual home here at St. Louis? We sure hope so! If you haven’t registered as a parishioner, please consider doing so by either calling the Ministry Center or registering online. We would love to formally welcome you!

**Ministry of Encouragement**

Sharing their joy, reflecting with parents about baptism, offering some ways they might start the newest member of their family in the life of faith – Baptismal Preparation is a wonderfully rewarding ministry! Sound like a ministry that might fit you? From the celebration of Christmas, we move quickly into the Feast of the Holy Family, the celebration of Mary, Mother of God, Epiphany, and then the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. What better time to review our Baptismal Preparation ministry, recruit some additional folks, and prepare for the next session?

Qualifications? Do you love little ones, enjoy meeting new parents, believe a life of faith is a precious gift to share, want to become more actively involved in parish life? Any two of the above, and we are looking for you! Let’s have lunch in the parish meeting room after the 11AM Mass on January 5 and we can talk about it. Then, our next preparation session will be Wednesday evening, January 15 at 7PM.

**Feeding Hungry Family Members**

Have you always wanted to help with a ministry at St. Louis, but didn’t think you had the time to do it?? Well here is a wonderful opportunity that is only a brief commitment, the whole family can help and you are serving as disciples of Jesus. As you know, once a month, we have food collections for local pantries. Once the food is collected, we need to deliver it to the various pantries so that they can distribute to those most in need.

On the third Sunday of each month, food is collected during the weekend Masses. After the 5:00 pm Mass, the food is loaded into your vehicle to be delivered to the pantry. The three pantries we serve are Pittsford Food Cupboard, Sister Regis Food Cupboard and St. Andrews Food Cupboard. Since the food is non-perishable, it can be delivered the following day if necessary.

We are hoping that enough people/families sign up so that each only needs to handle one delivery a year. Or maybe you’d like to adopt one pantry and make the delivery there once a quarter. Very low commitment, very high reward! Please contact Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org or call the parish office (586-5675) if you have further questions and are interested in this ministry.

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ST. ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SAINT’S PLACE**

Saint's Place is a volunteer organization, based on Christian values, that provides household goods, clothing, and education to legal refugees of all races and creeds who settle in the Rochester, NY area, to escape violence, discrimination and poverty in their homeland. Each year, Saint's Place assists hundreds of newly arrived refugees arriving through the Catholic Family Center's Refugee and Immigration Department. Visit us at www.saintsplace.org.

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As of Tuesday, December 18, we have received **529 pledges and contributions of $190,916.17** which is **85.42%** of this year’s Catholic Ministry Appeal $223,500 goal! Thank you to all who have responded so far. If you have not yet responded, please place your pledge card in the collection basket or mail it to the Diocese. If you can increase your contribution, we’d be grateful.
WORLD DAY OF PEACE PRAYER

Walking the Path of Peace

Let us have faith in the possibility Of walking the path of peace. Let us have hope that we may move beyond The present spiral of sorrow and death. Let us have the active love that recognizes The possibility of forgiveness, dialogue and reconciliation. As we look to the Cross, We can see God’s wisdom:
Violence is not answered with violence, Death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross, May the noise of weapons cease; In the teaching of the Prince of Peace, May we find the way to a world of reconciliation. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace, Let us work for reconciliation and peace, and let us all become, in every place, Men and women of reconciliation and peace! So may it be.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE

In Christ, the other is welcomed and loved as a son or daughter of God, as a brother or sister, not as a stranger, much less as a rival or even an enemy. In God’s family, where all are sons and daughters of the same Father, and, because they are grafted to Christ, sons and daughters in the Son, there are no “disposable lives”. All men and women enjoy an equal and inviolable dignity. All are loved by God. All have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, who died on the Cross and rose for all. This is the reason why no one can remain indifferent before the lot of our brothers and sisters.

~ Pope Francis, 2014

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL SPRING OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

St. Louis School will host two open houses for families seeking a faith-based education for students in preschool through sixth grade. Guests will have an opportunity to meet Principal Fran Barr, take a student-led tour of the school and observe classrooms in action. Current parents will be on hand to answer questions and share their experiences.

Interested families are invited to attend these open houses at the following times:

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014                     Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014
9:15-11 a.m.                                      9:15-11 a.m.

In September, St. Louis School opened the doors to a newly renovated early childhood learning facility. The school, in partnership with St. Louis Church, has invested approximately $350,000 in structural improvements, classroom equipment and updated curriculum materials during the past year to revamp the school’s preschool and kindergarten programs. St. Louis School also recently added extended-care opportunities for any student in preschool through sixth grade.

For more information on St. Louis School or to schedule a tour, call 585-586-5200 or visit www.slspittsford.org. Registration forms are available for pickup at the school’s main office.

About St. Louis School

St. Louis School in Pittsford is a Catholic faith- and values-centered community dedicated to providing academic excellence for children in preschool through sixth grade. St. Louis School, in partnership with the family and community, strives to provide students with experiences that encourage individuality and the development of mind, body and spirit.

Weddings Bells...

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

♦ Samantha Carr & Gregory Burkett, January 11

Thank you – Gracias!
For cards, cookies, various goodies, prayers sent to the Rectory, thank you one and all! And thank you for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful community!

~ the folks at 60 S. Main Street

GOT CALENDARS? At this time of year, we all seem to receive unsolicited calendars from charities, home services, etc. Rather than throw them out – please save them for Saint’s Place to be part of our household setups for refugee families. The calendars can be put in the Saint’s Place drawer in the north entrance (piano side) of church. Thank you!
A Commentary

Our first reading today is a commentary on the 4th commandment, *Honor your father and mother*. Commentaries in the Bible are not that different than commentaries about the Bible. A commentary takes a simple message, and spells out the implications, to ‘bring it home’, and make it very practical. So the commandment, “Honor your father and mother.” is pretty broad and generic. Sirach spells it out: this commandment is not just for young children, but applies to adult children as well; when one’s parent’s health begins to falter, even should their mind begin to fail. Twice the author reminds us: honoring our parents when they need us most atones for our sins. If that doesn’t drive it home, catch this line: “…kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins.”

The Best Dressed People!

In our second reading, St. Paul wants us Christians to be the best dressed people in town. First thing in the morning, how are we to dress? “Put on … heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another…” In my first draft, I put “before we leave the house, how are we to dress?” But then I realized – we need to put these things on before we even say good morning to anyone else in the house! Another image came home to me. I sometimes watch the teachers at our school helping the little ones put on their coats and hats and boots. To truly dress the way Paul encourages us, a prayer, asking God to help us put these things on, is really helpful. Picture God, like one of those teachers, helping us into compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

On the Move

Listening to our Gospel, we hear of the Holy Family on the move. To escape the rage of Herod, Joseph has to take his family to Egypt. Once Herod dies, divine word comes to Joseph that it is safe to return. Yet on finding Herod’s father ruling after his father’s death, Joseph again gets word through a dream to take the family to Nazareth. Imagine being one of the millions of refugee families in our world today, having to flee persecution, and take your family to a safer place, with nothing more than you can carry. No doubt identifying with this aspect of the Holy Family’s history would be easy! Let this Gospel help you pray for refugees in our world today.

Baby Blessing Mass

As you heard recently, we have been blessed with many baptisms this year, welcoming beautiful little ones into the church, and the life of grace. On January 19, we have a beautiful Gospel that speaks of baptism. We will have a special blessing for those recently baptized, and for their parents, at the 9AM Mass, followed by a reception. Please, mark your calendars now!

Not Just Any Bible

At Home with the Word is one way to become more at home with God’s Holy Word. A good study Bible is another. Study Bibles include introductions to each book of the Bible, so you know where you will be headed as you begin that book, and have some good clues about understanding what you read. Footnotes in a study Bible are also amazingly helpful. Maps, timelines, articles about Bible study tools, historical contexts, indices, a concordance … with time these tools can make a world of difference. A Bible I use all the time – The New Oxford Annotated Bible, 3rd edition, New RSV with Apocrypha, an Ecumenical Study Bible. Give yourself an Epiphany gift. The true gift of Epiphany: Jesus, the Word of Life, in a Bible that will help you to know him better!

Entering the New Year

The New Year, like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God's gift; they carry God's blessing. As a blessing we welcome them. Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain with us and that all that was harmful be left behind. We pray:

Bless us, O Lord, and bless the time and seasons yet to come.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

And fill this new year with your kindness, that we may be glad and rejoice all the days of our life. AMEN
**STOP BY AND SAY HI!**

Here is something you can do for the New Year. This is a great time to get involved in our youth group. We have a terrific group of teens and some exciting events coming up. Each Sunday night we have a meeting after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We play games, eat pizza, discuss issues, watch videos, share experiences, learn about our faith and pray for each other. Once a month we have a service project to help others. Our two favorite communities are Bethany House and St. Michael's. Each winter we have an on-campus, parish, overnight retreat; we also travel to Steubenville, Ohio for a weekend retreat after school is out for the summer. We are always looking for new friends to join us. I hope one of them is you. This would be a great way to start the New Year. Stop by and say hi! You will be very welcomed or, send me your e-mail address to get on our mailing list. Thanks.

All the best in 2014!

Hope to see you next week!

Dan McBride,
stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com

**UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY ~ PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm:**
Celebration of the Feast of the Three Kings with the Hispanic Community at St. Michael’s Church.

**Sunday, January 5, 5:00 - 7:30 pm:**
Teen Mass; Dinner and Meeting in Youth Room.

**Sunday, January 12, 5:00 - 7:30 pm:**
Mass; Dinner and Meeting in Youth Room.

**Sunday, January 19, 5:00 - 6:30 pm:**
Mass; Dinner in Youth Room; Ice Skating at Manhattan Square Park Ice Rink from 7:15-8:45 pm.

**Monday, January 20-Wednesday January 22.**
**Annual Trip to Washington D.C. for March for Life.**
We will join with teens from other area parishes and from across the country to witness for life and celebrate our faith.

**Sunday, January 26, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**
Mass; Dinner and Meeting in Youth Room.

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**Winter Skating Party**

Come join us at downtown’s Manhattan Square Park (next to the Strong Museum) for the St. Louis Church Family Skating Party

**Sunday, January 19**

7:15 – 8:45 pm

The parish has rented the rink for the evening.

Bring your own skates or rent them for $3.

We’ll provide the hot chocolate, bring some cookies if you like. Stop on down and bring some friends. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Any questions, contact Dan McBride at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com.

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**THE HANDS OF CHRIST AWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

Each year the Rochester Diocese recognizes exceptional high school seniors for their faith and action in their parish and community. We will be accepting nominations for seniors from our parish for this award until Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Parish staff, school and community leaders, or *friends and family may submit nominations.*

The Criteria for the Hands of Christ recognition are the following:

* Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
* Has been *actively involved* in the parish as well as their school or community.
* Has been a *positive role model* to their peers, younger children and adults.
* Is a *practicing Roman Catholic* in a parish in the diocese of Rochester and attends Mass.
* Is currently a *high school senior.*

*If you know of a deserving senior from our parish, contact Dan McBride at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com,* and let us know about the contribution they are making.

The deadline for applications is January 15, and the award ceremony is on Wednesday, February 26 at St. John of Rochester, Fairport at 7:00 P.M. Please pick up nomination forms at the Ministry Center or contact Dan McBride to receive one via e-mail. Thank you for encouraging our young people.
SAINT’S PLACE

Thank You

Once again, the parishioners of St Louis Church have opened their hearts and shared their treasures with Saint’s Place. Our Angel Tree was the most successful ever! We received over 1,000 gifts, everything from socks, warm winter jackets, gift cards, cash donations, money to purchase beds and much, much more! It was a remarkable sight to see all the new items being delivered to our ministry. The warm support and encouragement that all the donors conveyed, continues to inspire and encourage us. As we end our fifteenth year, we are renewed and look forward to the challenges of 2014.

Christmas is not a one day event at Saint’s Place; it continues throughout the year. Every day, using gifts from the Angel Tree, we are able to bring hope and encouragement to courageous people who have been forced to leave their homelands and start over. Your spirit of giving and sharing makes those Christmas miracles happen all year long. THANK YOU!

In early December, Saint’s Place was blessed to receive 100 brand new coats from Macy’s. This was part of our connection with Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls had given Saint’s Place 200 pairs of news shoes and boots for the refugees. They are now working with Macy’s and they were able to help Saint’s Place secure the 100 new winter coats. The coats are fabulous, very stylish and warm! It was an overwhelming sight to see all the beautiful new coats, knowing the refugees would be filled with joy and gratitude to receive a new coat! It is also heartwarming to know that a store in our community – Macy’s is so generous. A huge thank you to Macy’s for being so supportive of Saint’s Place.

Saint’s Place also received about 100 gently used coats from ABVI Goodwill. It seems like a lot of coats, but the reality is that we never have enough warm winter coats. Our final number of newly arrived refugees for the year was over our anticipated number of 750, we actually assisted 787.

All the new winter coats look fantastic with the wool hats that are still being made by Elaine Hill and Claire Hall. A special thank you to these two talented and hard working ladies!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

Messner’s Carpets
McQuaid Jesuit High School
St Paul’s Church in Webster
St. Bonaventure University
St Anne’s Community
Livonia Middle School
St. Anne’s Church
Harley Pre School and
Rochester General Hospital

for their help collecting necessities for the refugees during the Christmas season.

Volunteers NEEDED…

As the New Year begins, please consider volunteering at Saint’s Place. It is great way to fulfill your stewardship commitments - sharing your time and talents. With the steady arrival of refugees to the Rochester community in 2013, we helped just short of 800 newly arrived refugees! Along with the needs of the refugees already here, the daily challenges at Saint’s Place are becoming overwhelming. More hands are vital to accomplish the many things we need to do and the many things we want to do, to help the refugees. PLEASE consider donating a few hours each week. You will be glad you did; the rewards are plentiful.

As you are cleaning out your closets after the holiday, remember we always have a need for warm winter clothing, boots, gloves, pots and pans, flatware, lamps, and the list goes on!!! Many, many thanks for your continued support.
Confirmation Update

Confirmation families please remember to pick-up your packet of information next weekend on the counter in the Narthex of Church. Our Confirmation preparation program will begin shortly. Please mark your calendars with the following dates. A detailed explanation of the events and requirements will be discussed at the January kick-offs for parents and candidates.

Parent Kick-off: Wednesday January 22nd, 7:00-8:30 pm
Parish Meeting Hall

Candidate Kick-off: Saturday January 25th 3:00-4:20 pm
Parish Meeting Hall

Enrollment Blessing: Saturday January 25th 4:30 pm
Mass following the candidate kick-off

Small Group Meetings: February – April (4 meetings TBD by groups)

Parent Teachers Meeting: Tuesday January 28th 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Room

Activity Session: Wednesday February 5th 7:00-8:30 pm
Parish Meeting Hall

Liturgical Involvement: Various Masses TBD by individual groups in February and March

Activity Session: Speaker Sr. Karlien Bach RSM
Wednesday February 26th 7:00-8:30 pm Church

Retreat: Saturday March 8th OR Saturday March 22nd 2:00-4:00 pm, Parish Meeting Hall

Interview and Review Session: Tuesday April 22nd or Thursday April 24th 7:00-8:00 pm Parish Meeting Hall: Candidate groups will choose a date and attend together, Parish Meeting Hall

Rite of Sending: Sunday April 27th 5:00 p.m. Mass, St. Louis Church

Confirmation Rehearsal: Tuesday May 6th 7:00-8:00 pm
St. Louis Church

Confirmation Liturgy: TBD Sacred Heart Cathedral

If you have any questions please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org

“HOLY FAMILY”

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. The story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.
**HELPING ONE ANOTHER**

While Christmas can be a time of joy for many, for the unemployed Christmas increases the stress that already is overwhelming. In an effort to assist those looking for employment, we will again be listing resumes of those looking for work. If you are unemployed and would like to add your resume to the list, please email (cwensel@dor.org), fax (387-9888) or send your resume to the Ministry Center, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford 14534, Attention: Cris Wensel. That information will then be given a number in place of your name, and information about your education history and employment interests will be listed periodically in upcoming bulletins.

*If you have been on the previous lists, you must resubmit your resume to be included in these listings. If you or someone you know is looking to hire someone who matches one of these resumes, please contact Birdie at the Parish Ministry Center and we will supply you with the resume and contact information.*

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**SAINTS FOR THE SEASON**

January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen are two great fourth-century theologians whose troubled friendship shaped both their lives. Basil, bishop of Caesarea, brought the Arian controversy to a close (Arianism denied the divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit). He is noted for his relief efforts during a famine in Cappadocia and was named a Doctor of the Church because of his theological works. Gregory was affected by the conflict with Basil at the Council of Constantinople and retreated to Nazianzus to write theological orations, poetry, and numerous letters. Gregory is noted for his clarity on the Trinity and the procession of the Holy Spirit.

January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) is the first American-born saint. Widowed during a trip to Italy with her husband and children, Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton converted to Catholicism because of the kindness of an Italian family. She is noted for opening a school for girls, opening a school for the poor children of Emmitsburg, and founding the Sisters of Charity.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN… A Day Just for You!**

“Heart of the Matter”
Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference
Saturday, March 1, 2014, 7:45am - 5:30pm

Ladies, you won’t want to miss this first ever, all day conference for the women of the Diocese of Rochester on March 1st at the Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave., Rochester, NY.

Our new Bishop, the Most Rev. Salvatore Matano, will preside at 8:45am Mass and will be present all day to share this special event with you.

The conference will feature nationally-known speakers including Teresa Tomeo, Matthew Leonard, and Sr. Joseph Andrew, as well as inspiring music, interesting vendors, and an elegant luncheon!

You’ll laugh, cry, worship, and be inspired alongside 1,000 other Catholic women! Please put this very special event on your calendar because you won’t want to miss this day, designed especially for you!

For more information, to register online, or to volunteer for the day, visit: RochesterCWC.org. Watch for registration day at St. Louis Parish. Early-bird registration is $50 if you register before Feb. 12, $55 after Feb. 12, $65 at the door, or $35 for students 18-25 years.

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**Stewardship Prayer**

Loving God, you are the source of every good gift; gifts of creation that surround us, the mysteries and gifts of human life within.

We praise you and thank you for all these treasures, and for your tender, faithful love.

Center us in gratitude.
Open our eyes to how blessed we are, and what a blessing we can be.

Teach us the joys of generosity.
Give us the courage to give as freely as we have received.

Help us to believe, to belong and to make this parish all that it can be.

Together we can accomplish amazing things in your name. Help us open our hands and hearts, becoming a blessing to others, to your honor and glory, Amen.
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