MERRY CHRISTMAS!

You may think I am “a day late and a dollar short” in wishing you Christmas greetings today. Some people have already taken down their trees and put away the decorations, and are onto Valentine’s Day! However, on the one hand, the bulletin deadlines were such that I missed getting greetings into last week’s bulletin. On the other hand, from the Christian point of view, the Christmas season only began on Christmas Eve and continues until the Baptism of the Lord (January 13). The Advent-Christmas season of the liturgical year celebrates the comings of Christ (first and second) and his early manifestations (his birth, his manifestation to the magi as the Light of the Nations, and his baptism in the Jordan). Even the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time this year (January 20) commemorates his manifestation at the wedding feast in Cana. So the greetings remain appropriate.

Appropriate too is the gratitude we feel for so many gifts this Christmas. First of all, the gifts of time and talent given by all who provided us with beautiful Christmas liturgies: those who served as lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and servers; Stephanie Honz and the three choirs (the children, the youth and the adult) who assisted our Christmas Eucharists; Bea Hack and Cathy Malik and all our sacristans who made sure everything was in order for each celebration; Sally Schrecker, our facilities crew, all who decorated the church, and all who made sure our buildings and properties were hospitable and secure.

Second, on behalf of Father Juan, Monsignor Krieg, the parish staff and myself, I thank you for the greetings you sent, for the cookies, fruit and other goodies you provided (especially the ones without calories!), and the encouragement and support you are giving us during this time of pastoral transition.

Third, I thank you for your generous support of our parish, certainly week-after-week, but especially with end-of-year donations to the parish, the school and Saint’s Place, and the over 400 donors (so far) to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. I have also been impressed with the large number of parishioners who regularly give their time and talent to carry out the many activities within the parish and the outreach in many ways into the wider community and world. We cannot carry out the mission of Christ through Saint Louis Parish without you!

While we are in the midst of celebrating the Christmas season, our civil calendar of course turns from 2018 to 2019. In this new year, I pray that you will continue to know God’s love in your life, that you will see the beauty of God’s creative work in each person and in our world, and that you will have Christ’s peace in all things. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas peace to you, Father Bob Kennedy
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
11:00 am For all Deceased Parishioners
5:15 pm Vincenzo & Francesca
Leonardo - Daughter

Tuesday - January 1
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
11:00 am James & Virginia Krieg - Kathleen Anderson

Wednesday - January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of Our Parish
11:00 am Athene Baggott - Lany & David Lanni
5:15 pm Jared Adams - Laurie Pavlov

Thursday - January 3
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
6:45 am Anna Turri - Family
11:00 am Marie Mahar - Jo

Friday - January 4
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
11:00 am Jared Adams - The Whitaker Family
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurel-wood for Residents & Staff
5:15 pm Joseph Cameron - Family

Saturday - January 5
1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
9:00 am Shirley Stone - Sue Barnes & Family
4:30 pm Rae Bernacki - Eric & Paula DeRitis

Sunday - January 6
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
7:30 am Andrew Eilertsen - Family
9:00 am Raimonda Bernacki - Fred & Adele Lester
11:15 am Gregory Knapp - Family
and William H. Perham, III - Perham Family
5:00 pm Christopher Gingras - Family

Requiem Aeternam
Claire Bagale

Saturday & Sunday, January 5 & 6

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All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, January 4 for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.

Special Intentions This Week:
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.

Three Lamps will burn in Loving Memory of William Kane by Mary Ellen & family.

Sunday Communion Service - January 6
The Highlands - Darlene Huver
Heather Heights - Diane Salipante

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St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY
December 30, 2018
Our Weekend Scriptures:
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading: Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
I prayed for this child

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
We are children of God

Mary kept all these things in her heart

Looking Ahead:
The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Radiant at what we see!

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Grace and stewardship for the benefit of all

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
Royal gifts for the King of kings

A Mother’s Sacrifice
Scripture readings and psalms can serve a variety of ways in our spiritual life. We get glimpses into the human heart; sin as well as grace at work. We see how God works through human history. We encounter teaching, inspiration, challenge, poetry for the soul, even humor. The scriptures can also give direction, words for our prayer; when we struggle to find the right words. The Bible can also nudge us about who to include in our prayer. From our first reading, we can pray for those having trouble getting pregnant. We can pray for those who have given sons or daughters to ministry, to the missions, to religious life. We can pray for those whose way of praying has been misunderstood – and that is just a start!

Indwelling
Both St. John and St. Paul helped formulate for us a rich understanding of God’s love dwelling within us through the Holy Spirit. Reread today’s second reading, and see if it inspires any prayer to the Holy Spirit? Need help starting? Go to www.catholic.org for Catholic Online, and you will find lots of prayers, many to the Holy Spirit. Check it out.

Home Alone
In the movie, Kevin is left behind at home when the family packs up for a trip. In our Gospel, the family has made the trip, and is returning home when young Jesus remains behind. But Luke isn’t just sharing a bit of Jesus’ childhood, to add color to his humanity, or seeking to engage parents (and children) in something they can relate to, or even adding a touch of humor early on in his Gospel. Amazing. All of that, letting us know about Jesus’ wisdom, his true home, and also giving the 4th commandment even more significance, as Jesus returns to Jerusalem and is obedient to his parents. Watch this year, and see how Luke is a master writer, packing so much in even short episodes.

Lectors!
We are now immersed in Cycle C, filled with all manner of readings, just begging to be brought to life as you proclaim God’s Word. Don’t go it alone. The authors of the lector workbook can help you! Pick up your copy in the sacristy. It is amazing what a second opinion on how to proclaim a passage can do! Not to mention, the insights offered in the Lector Workbook can bring the Word to life for you, all the better for you then bringing it to life for us!

The St. Louis Ministry Center will be closed:
Monday, December 31
Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year
Supporting Our Parish

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Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us! This week we celebrate the Holy Family. Thank you for being part of this holy family! We appreciate your praying with us. We appreciate your offering your share of support to the family.

We are also part of a diocesan family, which we support through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To all who have already generously responded to the CMA, thank you!! Our diocesan family is at over 72.09% of the goal. With under half our parish responding so far, we are at 78.22% of our goal. Our goal is participation by a high number of those who consider St. Louis their parish. Please remember, the CMA is our fair share for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide HR, IT, Faith Formation, and many other services to each parish are funded through CMA contributions.

Remember too, any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! If you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge to this year’s campaign. Please go to The Catholic Diocese of Rochester website (www.dor.org), click on Catholic Ministries Appeal, and donate whatever you can to the CMA. God bless you! St. Louis, Pittsford, parish # 300

This Week’s Tithing Will Support
Mount Carmel House - Hospice Care

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support
Nativity Preparatory Academy

Nativity Preparatory Academy is a Catholic middle school dedicated to transforming the lives of underserved students through strong academics coupled with a sense of spirituality, morality, and personal responsibility. They deliver a uniquely effective education through an extended school day and school year, dedicated and caring teachers, personal mentoring, and continuing support—all within a secure and nurturing environment that encourages personal development. Nativity Preparatory Academy opened its doors in September 2009, after the McQuaid Jesuit High School Board of Directors and the leadership of Sisters of St. Joseph recognized the need for a quality school specifically designed for inner-city students in Rochester.

Students come from a variety of diverse backgrounds, with more than 20 nationalities and multiple faith traditions represented. They come from economically disadvantaged families who truly care about education. The intensive program, geared to accelerate students’ academic progress, also helps to promote their social development, physical well-being, and understanding of themselves.

The typical day runs from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and includes academic classes, afternoon sports, fine arts activities, study hall sessions with individual tutoring, and three meals. Students also attend Saturday sessions for enrichment activities and field trips, as well as a three-week summer program that combines academics with leadership exercises and camp activities. 90% of Nativity school students graduate from high school. More than 50 are enrolled in Catholic High Schools or other college preparatory high schools. Learn more about Nativity Preparatory at nativityrochester.org.

A Note from Fr. Bob Ring

Dear friends,

Your encouragement and prayers have been a great blessing to me, like manna in the desert. I pass a painting of Mary, Undoer of Knots in the hall several times every day. Thank you to all who have sought her help for me. Her intercession is having great effect. As we celebrate Christmas, Divine love taking flesh to dwell among us, my prayer for you is this. Picture Mary placing her infant son in your arms. Lovingly hold the infant. Share Mary’s joy and love at the Nativity. I pray that you know deep within the love of God revealed in the Incarnation, in Christ’s ministry, and in his death and resurrection, and that your faith so grows that you will likewise be able to place the infant in the arms of another, sharing Christ in the New Year.

Peace, Fr. Bob Ring
A New Year’s Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God’s love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

www.heartprintsogod.com

On behalf
of the Faith Formation Office:
Michelle Andrews-Smith,
Dominic Salamida,
Cynthia Clarke,
Fr. Juan Benitez,
and Lorrie Fairey,
we pray for a peaceful and
Christ-filled
New Year.

CYO Basketball - All of our CYO teams are participating in service projects to give back to the community during the 2018-2019 season. Check out a few of their service projects so far:

St. Louis Girls 3-4, Coach Lester
With angelic voices and sugar running through our veins we caroled our way through Autumn Woods on a warm winter evening. Our amazing girls raised $400 for the House of Mercy! The House of Mercy is dedicated to serving and advocating for Rochester, NY’s homeless citizens.

St. Louis Boys 3-4, Coach Cairns
Two of our boys teams rang the bell for the Salvation Army! The Salvation Army provides a broad array of social services to those in need.

St. Louis Girls 5-6, Coach Esterman
Our girls had a blast doing a service project for Happy Birthday Cha Cha Slide! The organization helps children in need by bringing in presents for kids’ birthdays in the Rochester city school district.

St. Louis Boys 5-6, Coach Camarella
Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Isabel Miller Executive Director.

Saint’s Place Ministry Hours: 46 S. Main St.: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays.

St. John of Rochester: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.

Phone: 585-385-6860. Fax: 585-385-3963 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org

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Blessings

We will be closed on New Year’s Eve - Monday, December 31, and New Year’s Day - Tuesday, January 1.
We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:30AM.

During this time you can leave Angel Tree gifts in the church. All other donations should be held until after the holidays. Angel Tree gifts can also be brought to Saint’s Place after January 2nd. There is NO time limit on Angel Tree gifts. Saint’s Place shares the spirit of Christmas 352 days a year! The after Christmas sales are a perfect time to purchase those warm winter coats for a refugee shivering in the harsh cold weather!

Thank You!

Happy New Year from the staff and volunteers at Saint’s Place!

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!

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A Gift to You
Please pick up a copy of *At Home with the Word*, one of our gifts to you. It could be the answer! Read the introduction to the Gospel of Luke, and to St. Paul and his letters. Use *At Home with the Word* to prepare you for the bible readings you will hear at Mass, increasing your ability to really engage those passages. In time, you will have stepped into every part of the Bible. Each week *At Home with the Word* offers a section, Scripture Insights, which provides just enough background to open up readings, sending the advance Bible reader to new insights, while helping the beginner get their feet wet. Merry Christmas!

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS
on behalf of parish friend, Passionist priest and physician - Fr. Rick Frechette, St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, and the thousands of sick Haitian children served by St. Damien's and its outreaches:

THANK YOU for your support via private donations, St. Louis' Corn and Ornament Sales, tithing, and the film screening of *The Land of High Mountains*. We pray you will enjoy many blessings in the New Year because of your caring “for the least of our brethren” throughout the old year.

Sincerely,
St. Louis Parish Haiti Team
Marcia Mendola, chair
Marge Biondi, co-chair
Board members: Bob McNamara, Katie Cross, Betsy DeBloom, Karen Leaderer

Learn About the Message of Divine Mercy

Would you like to know more about the Divine Mercy Message given by Jesus to St. Faustina? You are welcome to join us as we progress through the Diary: *Divine Mercy in my Soul*.

We meet in the Manse Library at 9:15am every other Tuesday morning to study and discuss the diary of St. Faustina as well as Bible readings and catechism entries to verify what is in the diary. We will have handouts to get you started as you join us in learning about the mercy Jesus promises to even the worst of sinners. There is fellowship before we begin and we finish in time to attend the 11am Mass.

Questions? Call Lynda at 585-750-9819

Merry Christmas!

Our Parish has purchased a gift for you! We are pleased to give you a free subscription to FORMED.org. Entertaining movies, enlightening studies, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular e-books—all just a click away.

Go to: stlouischurch.formed.org and start exploring this handy resource!
NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS

Are You Getting into Shape this New Year?

Let’s give at least that same attention to our Spiritual Fitness!

Fitness tips:

1. **Start small and build up.** Instead of making impressive promises, begin with something you can stick with and keep building gradually. Maybe adding something once a week is more reasonable than every day for starters.

2. **Find a time and a space that is doable for you.** Is morning a time you can set aside before your day gets hectic? Is evening or right before bedtime better for reflection? When can you devote time without falling asleep or as many distractions?

3. **Working out with a friend keeps you going.** Can you commit to attending a class or retreat, reading a book about our faith with a friend or in a book study, or getting your family to watch a program or study on Formed.org? Having another person focus on learning our faith with you helps keep you going when you might give up.

Need ideas?

Check out these resources to get off to a great start:

- The Adult Formation page in the bulletin
- FORMED.org
- Links and resources on our parish website: stlouischurch.org/resources

For more ideas, contact Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or call 586-5675, ext. 224.

Let’s make it a resolution!
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