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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. Pastor
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MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

BAPTISMS

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

DEADLINE

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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HEARING ASSISTANCE

With our sound system we now have the **Phonic Ear**. This hearing assistance system is available to all who are hearing impaired. This system provides a transmitter with a headset and earplugs. Please come to the Sacristy for assistance.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffener 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudénbach..... 1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 27:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Matthew Jacobs and Taylor Lindsay
 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
 Julia Luongo, by Paul and Gretchen Waas

SUNDAY, March 28: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am: Joseph Williams, by St. John Fisher Friends and Classmates
 11:00 am: Inka Stikkel, by Lisa Saletta

MONDAY, March 29: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, March 30: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 12:05 pm: Mary Tierney, by Dennis and Donna Burns

WEDNESDAY, March 31: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 12:05 pm: Ladd Campbell, by Family

THURSDAY, April 1: THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)

- 7:00 pm: **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 Florence Rembold, by Estate

FRIDAY, April 2: FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

- 2:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 3:

- 7:00 pm: **THE EASTER VIGIL LITURGY**
 Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

SUNDAY, April 4: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am: Living and Deceased of the Gentile, Caputi and Oczek Families, by Family
 11:00 am: Special Intentions of Debra A. and James R. Caputi and Children, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of April 3rd and April 4th

- 7:00 pm: Ann Dumansky & Diane Randazzo
 9:00 am: John Loss
 11:00 am: Michael Riester



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of April 3rd and April 4th

- 7:00 pm: Pat Doyle
 9:00 am: Susan Ministero
 11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



"BODY OF CHRIST"

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Edith LaPierre, requested by David Hebert and Michael Riester.**

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

WE WILL HAVE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER THIS YEAR

This year we will have Holy Week and Easter. It was quite a disappointment for everyone last year when we could not celebrate the most important time of the year in our Church year. However, some of the services will be scaled back somewhat. Because of the ongoing pandemic, we will still have to keep social distancing in mind, we will still be wearing masks, and we will still have to sanitize our hands, **BUT WE CAN HAVE OUR SERVICES.**

Holy Week begins this weekend with Passion (Palm) Sunday. During these services we bless palms that commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem just prior to his death on the cross. Palms will be handed to everyone as they enter the church. We cannot leave them on tables at the entrances of the church to avoid them being handled by several people. We also read the Passion Narrative as part of the Mass this weekend.

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. is the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This year because of the restrictions in place we will not have the Washing of the Feet during this Mass. As noted in the Roman Missal the Washing of the Feet is optional. At the end of the Mass the procession to the Altar of Repose will be shortened. The church will remain open for private prayer until 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday is the celebration of the Lord's Passion, 2:00 p.m. For the veneration of the Cross this year, we will not be allowed to touch or kiss the Cross. The veneration will take place by processing up the aisle and venerating the Cross with a genuflection or simple bow.

The Easter Vigil will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday. Lighting of the Fire and the Paschal Candle will take place as usual with only a few in the procession. Candles will be handed out as people enter the church. Kim Dana will be joining our faith community through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We congratulate her having completed the Rite of Christian Initiation during such a challenging year.

Easter Sunday Masses will be as usual.

Everyone is invited to join us keeping in mind all practices that have allowed us to continue to gather in church. All services will be livestreamed since there are still some vulnerable people among us and the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect at the present time.

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As of March 22, 2021

Goal: \$10,000,000—Raised: \$4,998,868.75

Amount to Raise: \$5,001,131.25

St. Louis Goal: \$118,552—Raised: \$74,042.55

Amount to Raise: \$44,509.45



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially **Michael MacPherson, May Lu Summers, Dr. Richard Saab, Patricia Guerra, George Collins, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.**

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables the preservation, ministry and maintenance of our historic church. It assists us in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood.

Last weekend 213 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$8,645.00.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at www.frddb.org.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A bequest may be worded in this fashion - "I give to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Buffalo, NY the sum of _____ to be used for its general purposes."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, March 27th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms

SUNDAY, March 28th—Palm Sunday

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Distribution of Palms

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st

7:00 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Reposition. The Church will remain open until 9:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd—Holy Land Collection

2:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

9:00 am: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) Decorate Church for Easter
7:00 pm: The Easter Vigil—The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Easter Offering Collection

SUNDAY, April 4th—Happy Easter

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection, Including Monthly Collection and Easter Offering Collection

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

When Jesus entered into Jerusalem in today's Gospel, the crowds greeted him with great jubilation. But Jesus knew what he was heading into—that these very same people who shouted "Hosanna" would soon turn against Him. He continued on anyway. It took incredible selflessness for Christ to make that journey. He faced betrayal, torture and crucifixion. Nevertheless, Jesus gave of himself completely to fulfilling the Father's will. As faithful disciples of Christ, there are journeys we face in order to fulfill God's will for us. It is not always easy. However, we can ask God for the strength to give of ourselves with selfless love; and in doing so we take another step closer to the salvation God has promised.

HOLY THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE

Following Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m. we will be keeping the church open until 9:00 p.m. If you are able to help staff the church after Mass, so we can continue to welcome those who have never seen St. Louis, please sign up on the provided sheet located in the Sacristy. Come and enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners and meeting people from other churches and those of other faiths.

PREPARE FOR EASTER

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord's Resurrection.

New volunteers are always welcome.

SHOW THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS WITH A MASK

St. Louis Parish Council is selling reversible masks. The mask is royal blue trimmed in black with our Fleur-de-lis logo. The opposite side is all black. The masks are available at both church entrances or the St. Louis website. You can also contact Marilyn Neil at 716-882-6395. The cost is \$10.00.

WORD OF LIFE

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As we approach the mid-point of **Appeal 2021**, we would like to remind you that your support of the Appeal enables us to continue our efforts to improve the lives of those we serve. All told, your gifts helped us bring hope to 149,000 lives last year through Catholic Charities and helped the Diocese to support spiritual care and compassion through 14 Fund for the Faith programs. In the spirit of thankfulness, we share our 2021 Appeal prayer to Patron St. Ignatius Loyola: "St. Ignatius, help us to be grateful and generous. To give and not count the cost. To labor and not seek reward. To share God's love with our neighbors in need. To meet them where they are in life and let them know they are not alone. Help us to be poor in spirit—to realize our dependence upon God. And to do all things for the greater glory of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus through your intercession. St. Ignatius, pray for us!" *Imprimatur: Most Reverend Bishop Michael Fisher*

Thank you for helping us be **HOPE for All Seasons**.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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