

2018 St. Louis Church

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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.

FAITH FORMATION

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

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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.

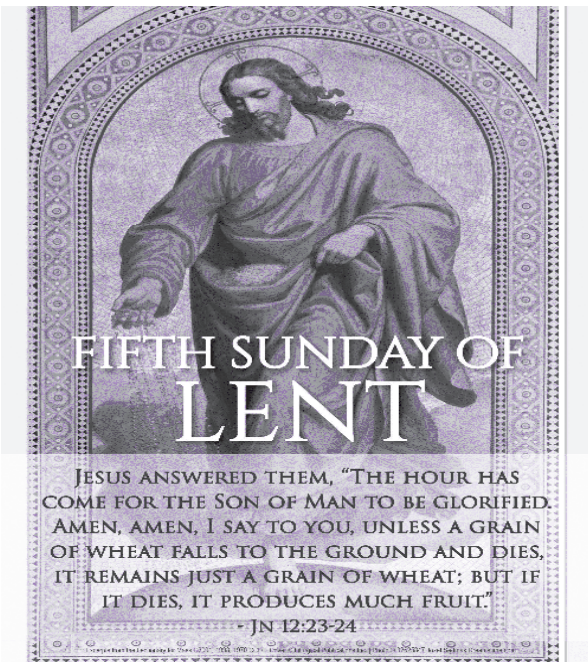
PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Rafffeiner..... 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. Laudenbach..... 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



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.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 17:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,
by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, March 18: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Albert Riester Family,
by Michael Riester

MONDAY, March 19: SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:05 pm: Josephine E. Andrzejewski, by Family

TUESDAY, March 20: LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, March 21: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Nadine M. Valenti, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

THURSDAY, March 22: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate

FRIDAY, March 23: SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

12:05 pm: Nancy Treen, by Loretta Howard

SATURDAY, March 24:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Camille Krenglicki, by Gary A. Halicki

SUNDAY, March 25: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leslie
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 24th and March 25th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky and Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Clark Jordan and Anne Continetti
11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo and Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 24th and March 25th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Debbie Guillow,
Jane Pelosi and Kevin Brayer
9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Jim Brigante,
Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Debbie Beller, Carolann Besch
and Keith and Kathy Boerner



"BODY OF CHRIST"

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Thomas F. McGowan Family, requested by Bill and Pam Nordstrom.** The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of **St. Joseph, requested by Barbara Bonanno** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Thomas M. Rooney, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen**

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.

CLEANING HOUSE

It is the custom in Jewish households just before Passover to remove all the *chametz*, the leaven, from their homes. It means getting rid of any food made of grain and water that is allowed to ferment and rise: bread, cereal, cake, cookies, pasta, and beer. *Chametz* is the opposite of *matzo*, the unleavened flat bread eaten by the Israelites the night before their escape from Egypt.

On the last days before Passover, Jewish families thoroughly clean their homes, especially the kitchen, of every bit of *chametz*. Every carpet is vacuumed and every floor swept. Every surface is scrubbed clean with boiling water. A separate set of pots, dishes and cutlery are brought out for Passover.

The point of the Passover "unleavening" is to experience again the "newness" of what God has done: freeing his people from slavery and bringing them into a new land of promise and hope. This act of preparing for Passover invites Jews to remove the "spiritual" leaven from their lives as well as the physical things. Passover calls us to clean away those distractions and let go of our illusions about ourselves and embrace, instead, the spirit of the humble *matzo*.

During the last days of Lent we have the opportunity to sweep our houses clean of the unnecessary and distracting things in our lives to better embrace the experience of Easter re-creation in our hearts and homes.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jeff Dory, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Mamise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, Geraldine Sliwinski, 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. Last weekend 370 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,385.00 and the Fuel collection was \$1,234.00.

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.

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 17th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Easter Flowers Collection

4:00 pm: St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale

SUNDAY, March 18th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Easter Flowers Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale

Noon—2:00 pm: St. Joseph's Table—Church Hall

FRIDAY, March 23rd

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 24th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms

SUNDAY, March 25th—Palm Sunday

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Distribution of Palms

11:00 am: Children's Procession of Palms

VOCATION THOUGHT

Just as grains of wheat must die and be scattered in order to produce new life, we must be willing to die to ourselves, and surrender our own ambitions for the sake of God's will. What is God's will for you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Scientists estimate the average person makes five choices per minute, adding up to as many as 5,000 every day. But of all the decisions we make, the most important—the one we should consciously make every day—is to choose to love God and one another. Today's reading from the Book of Jeremiah teaches about the choice God makes to enter into a covenantal relationship with His people. It is a covenant that is not written on paper, but rather in our hearts. It is a relationship in which He promises, "I will be their God, and they shall be my people". In other words, the only stipulation of this covenant is love. We enter into and remain in that covenantal relationship with God when we decide to love God and our neighbor. It is God's love, residing in our hearts, which will help us to do just that. All we have to do is decide to love. The choice is yours. A personal and loving relationship with God is yours for the taking.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 25th is Palm Sunday. All children are invited to join in a procession of palms at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass that day. Children interested in participating should meet by 10:50 at the Main Street entrance of the church. Families of children participating are asked to sit near the front of the church so that children can easily join their parents after the procession.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Are you interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or do you know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone else for one of the five open seats on the parish council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of April 14 and 15. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be involved in the functions of the parish. Please consider running for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role. Nomination forms are included with this week's bulletin and may be submitted in the collection basket or to the sacristy.

For questions or more information about the parish council, please contact Keith Boerner at (716) 698-3132, or Email "KeithBoerner@roadrunner.com".

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick's Day before and after all Masses this weekend. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

EASTER FLOWERS

The March/April packet of envelopes contains the special Easter Flowers envelope. Your generosity and the talents of our dedicated volunteers guarantee that we will again experience a spectacle to behold. The Easter Flowers Collection will be taken this weekend.

DON'T GIVE UP SOMETHING

Dear St. Louis Family,

Lent is here. Don't give up something. Give something. This Lent you can help those carrying their cross. The Response to Love Center is in need of soup to help serve families in our community who need a helping hand.

Can you help provide these soups?

Chicken Noodle

Cream of Chicken

Cream of Mushroom

Cream of Celery

Boxes are available at the entrances of the church for donations.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Love your neighbor" Gal. 5:14. **Appeal Week 2018 kicks off this weekend.** Please help us reach our goal of \$11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in your communities. Your donation provides food, clothing and shelter to individuals and families alike, mental health and chemical dependency treatment and affordable counseling for all ages. **The 2018 Appeal is an opportunity to love your neighbor in Western New York** by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need. Please support our Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or visiting ccwny.org/donation. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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