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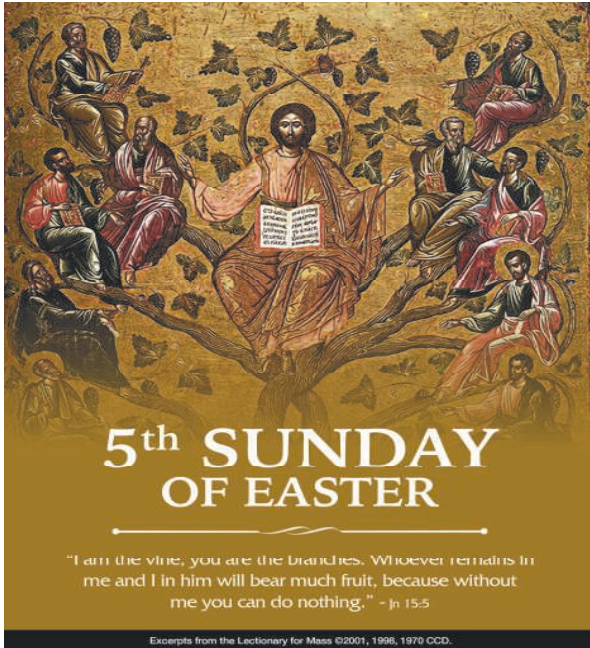
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MASSES

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.



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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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.

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. Laudenschach..... 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

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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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.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, April 28:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Richard and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, April 29: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Ginger Gibbons, by Rosemary Bloch
11:00 am: Dorothy Plemens, by Peter and Barbara Nagowski

MONDAY, April 30: SAINT PIUS V, POPE
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, May 1: SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER
12:05 pm: Clyde W. Larsen, by Patricia Millemaci

WEDNESDAY, May 2: SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP
12:05 pm: Joseph Vasi, by Jim Vasi

THURSDAY, May 3: SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES
12:05 pm: Ellen Therese Reid, by Tim and Mary (Jerge) Reid

FRIDAY, May 4: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Doll Family, by Irene D. Curtis Estate

SATURDAY, May 5:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Kevin McCue, by Sondra Schreiber

SUNDAY, May 6: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Donald Kopp, by Rosemary Bloch
11:00 am: Jeff Dory, by Family and Friends

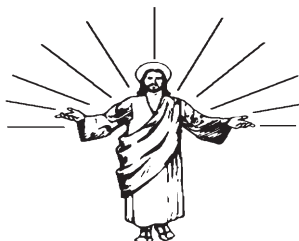
SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of May 5th and May 6th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Anne Continetti
11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of May 5th and May 6th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Debbie Guillow and Keith and Kathy Boerner
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Rosemary Bloch and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Ethel Agoston, requested by Agoston Family**. 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.

**NEW ACCESSIBLE ENTRY/
 WHEELCHAIR LIFT UPDATE**

From January 2016 until June 2016 St. Louis was part of the *Upon This Rock* initiative. As a part of this program, parishes were asked to identify a need that they would like addressed in order that each parish may continue their good works. For more than 15 years we have been discussing the possibility of making the church hall handicapped accessible. This entails installing a lift to make it easier for people to access the hall and adding a new handicapped accessible bathroom. Obviously, this is quite an undertaking.

The trustees and the Finance/Restoration Committee have been meeting with an architect on design work and future implementation. Now that all our plans are in place we are ready to proceed with the project. A contractor has been chosen and the contract for work should be completed very soon. The contractor is in the process of securing a building permit from the City of Buffalo. We hope to begin work on this project very soon. The project will take two to three months. This will necessitate closing off the existing handicapped ramp while the work is being done. The doors at the St. Louis Place entrance will be accessible from the stairway. We plan on installing a temporary handicapped ramp at the Main Street entrance to the church.

There is a picture of the design in the display case at the Main Street entrance to the church. Thanks to your generosity, this project long in the planning stages, will become a reality just not as quickly as we expected.

Thanks to your support of the *Upon This Rock* initiative we are able to complete this long awaited undertaking. Please pray that all goes well.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, 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 343 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,984.00.

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, April 28th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection

SUNDAY, April 29th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection

12:00—1:30 pm: RCIA—Pre-K—Grade 10—"People of Faith: Living as Disciples" Event—Church Hall—Topic: Celebrating St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, May 1st

7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, May 5th

9:00 am: First Communion Rehearsal

10:30 am: First Penance Service

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, May 6th

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

11:00 am: First Communion Mass

WORD OF LIFE

"If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom."

~ Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, and if we remain in Him we will bear great fruit. What fruit will you bear in God's kingdom? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. "Where Families Come First" is for you! All services are free. All conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233.

PEOPLE OF FAITH:

LIVING AS DISCIPLES PROGRAM

Please join us for our People of Faith: Living as Disciples program on Sunday, April 29th from noon to 1:30 p.m. in our Church basement and museum. Our topic will be "Celebrating St. Louis Parish: The Men and the Women behind the Saint and the Church." Presented by Michael Riester, Church Archivist, and Dr. Wendy Mistretta.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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"Love your neighbor" Gal. 5:14. Appeal 2018 is still ongoing. Donate at ccwny.org/donation.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries needs married couples willing to give of their time for a 20-minute talk to share their experiences with engaged couples at our Journey Into Love monthly diocesan program. The commitment can be as much or as little time as you are available; even just once a year would be helpful. Contact the Family Life Office at 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org for more details.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

We are each unique—with our own talents, our own experiences, our own opinions. But we are also part of something larger, something greater than each of us. We are part of God's family. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us "I am the vine, you are the branches." He means each of us—the branches—are meant to bear fruit in our own unique way to further the Kingdom of God—the vine. But we can't do it alone. We need to cooperate, each of us using our God-given talents to work together on His behalf. Just like the branches are interwoven and dependent on the vine, so are we interconnected and in need of God's support. God will nourish and guide us. And we can look to Jesus as our example. As Jesus reminds us, "A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains of the vine. So neither can you."

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is pleased to announce the **24th Annual Auction "In Full Bloom" on Saturday, April 28th at 1069 Delaware Avenue.** The evening is once again **adults only and beer and wine** will be served, along with new kitchen items. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and drawings will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. Our **admission price is a low \$10.00** and includes 25 tickets. There will be over 100 theme trays and raffle items as well as special raffles for a Salvatore's Italian Gardens Silver Package and an Xbox One S. Silent Auction items include Disneyworld Park hopper passes for 4, Buffalo Bisons Game-day Suite, Darien Lake Season passes and fine dining packages. Don't miss out on a great evening!

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