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SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed." - Jn 20:29

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. Pastor
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen..... Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella..... 12:05 Mass—Friday
TRUSTEES..... Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
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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.

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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 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. 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

Announced Masses of the Week

Due to the directives of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, there will be no regularly scheduled public Masses in the Diocese of Buffalo until further notice.

Mass intentions that were scheduled last week and for the upcoming weeks will be rescheduled at a later date when we are able once again to celebrate Masses. As far as is possible we will contact persons who requested particular Mass intentions to make other arrangements for these intentions to be satisfied.

On Friday, March 13th, Bishop Scharfenberger announced that all Catholic faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

A list of live streamed Masses is located on the Diocesan website www.buffalodiocese.org as well as on our website www.stlouiscatholicchurch.org.

In addition, all other parish events and large gatherings are to be postponed. Funerals will continue to be conducted, though with only immediate family present until further notice. All Catholic schools will remain closed until April 20, 2020.

FAITH RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time?

A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is "Do not be afraid!" or "have no fear!" God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

Living the Virtues

Ultimately, as with life in general, we are called to live out the four cardinal virtues:

Prudence—Carefully discern the best course of action, not just for ourselves, but for the good of all. Ask: What action does God want me to take?

Justice—Seek fairness for everyone, especially those who need it most. Ask: Who is not getting the help that they need?

Temperance—Find a healthy balance between self care and care for others. Ask: do I err toward selfishness or an unhealthy co-dependence?

Fortitude—Persevere in times of trial and difficulty. Ask: Do I have the courage to do the right thing even when the going gets tough?

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Let us continue praying for a swift end to this pandemic and that we all may come through it safely.

Msgr. Manganello

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

Catholic Charities Update

Catholic Charities still needs our support. As of Palm Sunday, last weekend, Catholic Charities had raised almost \$4 million dollars of its \$10 million dollar goal. This year the goal for St. Louis is \$110,000. St. Louis Parishioners have contributed \$39,727.92 to the 2020 appeal. Thank you for whatever you can do to continue supporting the good works of Catholic Charities.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially May Lou Summers, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John 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.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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 our regular collection was \$2,586.00.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation or using our pay pal account on our web page.

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."

VOCATION THOUGHT

It is an unspeakable blessing that from our Lord flows boundless mercy, which is stronger than all our sins combined. We should never forget this or take it for granted. Can God be calling you to help share His mercy in a profound way? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, 'do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection.

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

Temporary Shelter for Men and Women

There is a need for volunteers. Little Portion Friary located at 1305 Main Street in Buffalo provides temporary shelter, meals and counseling to homeless men and women as they struggle to acquire permanent housing and jobs. We are a 501c3 organization sustained solely by an all-volunteer staff and donations from private individuals and organizations. Volunteers can assist existing staff with; house supervision during the day, evening or night shifts, preparing evening meals, doing laundry, maintaining the house, administration and bookkeeping. Please call 882-5705 to schedule a visit or ask any questions. Thank you.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage.

If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, call the Family Life Office—847-2207 or www.buffalodiocese.org/fortheengaged.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Appeal 2020: Catholic Charities is doing everything possible to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors in need at this time. We are operating every service we safely can and especially those most vital at this time such as basic emergency assistance, including our food pantries, and counseling and mental health services. We are here to help! A staff member is available to take questions (or even pledges) at 716-218-1400 and to receive appeal donations at our office. Other staff are working remotely and returning office calls daily. For a daily update on our organization, go to our home page at ccwny.org.

As we all continue to navigate the COVID-19 health crisis, Catholic Charities is proud to continue serving those most in need in Western New York. Throughout the past month, Catholic Charities has worked to keep providing the most essential services like food and clothing, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment. **If you would like to join us in our mission of serving those most in need, especially during this challenging time, please support the Annual Appeal.** Donations can be made online at ccwny.org/donation or mailed to 741 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209, Attn.: Appeal Department. Your gift helps bring life-sustaining support, hope and healing. Please reach out if you have a need.

Think of your neighbor. Think of Me. Appeal 2020 is still ongoing.

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 and all conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233 or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- * Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
- * Are currently enrolled in a university or college.

Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"

See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? Whatever the measure, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, is in much need of blankets and flatware. They also accept donations of new and gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program, which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

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