

2023 St. Louis Church

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2nd
SUNDAY OF EASTER
"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed." - Jn 20:29

PASTORAL STAFF

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Timothy McCarthy
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Secretary..... Paul LaCroix

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 by appointment. 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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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. 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, April 15: Vigil for the Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm: Lee & Adelaide Volo, by Family

SUNDAY, April 16th: Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am: Dr. & Mrs. George O' Grady, by Family

11:00 am: Pasquale Frisina, Jr., by Jim Sczudlo & Patty Chicoine

MONDAY, April 17th

12:05 pm: For the Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, April 18th

12:05 pm: Mary Lou Summers, by Tom Pirrung

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by the Mary K. Crane Estate

THURSDAY, April 20th

12:05 pm: Bruce Reopolos, by Tom Pirrung

FRIDAY, April 21st: St. Anselm

12:05 pm: Phil & June Green, by the Pirrung Family

SATURDAY, April 22nd: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm: Herbert Bucki, by the Bucki Family

SUNDAY, April 23rd: Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am: Geraldine B. Sliwinski, by David Sliwinski

11:00 am: Lawrence Nutter, by the Naylon Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of April 22nd & 23rd

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler

9:00 am: Joyce Persico

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of April 22nd & 23rd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Pat Doyle

11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



"BODY OF CHRIST"

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Charles Thurlow, Gabriella Parisi, Rosemary Bloch, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Thora Van Horn, choir member, and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Jerry & Margaret Burns, requested by Donna & Dennis Burns. The St. Joseph Candle also glows this week in memory of Jerry & Margaret Burns, requested by Dennis & Donna. In addition, the Pieta Candle is lit this week in tender memory of Jerry & Margaret Burns, arranged by Dennis & Donna.

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.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HAVE NOT SEEN, BUT BELIEVED

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

One of the Resurrection narratives that we read during the Easter season features the Apostle Thomas who has received the unfavorable title "Doubting Thomas." Thomas is the one who doubted Jesus' resurrection. But, before we criticize Thomas too severely, it would be wise to explore the reasons why maybe he did not believe at first. The other disciples accepted the resurrection of Jesus because they saw the Risen Lord and spoke to him. Thomas did not have that advantage. He had to rely on what he was told by others.

In the Resurrection narrative from John's Gospel which describes the scene of so-called "Doubting Thomas," the other disciples tell Thomas: "We have seen the Lord." Thomas was also told that they had been given the power to forgive sin and to heal the brokenness of others. So why did Thomas not believe them?

After hearing the testimony of the other disciples, Thomas may have realized that it was not seen in their actions. If Jesus had been raised up, why were the Apostles still in the upper room? If Jesus had sent the disciples to proclaim his Gospel to the world, why had they not left? Where was the profound change in their lives?

We face a similar challenge in our lives. People need more than words. They need to see that our actions support our words. We call ourselves Christian and proclaim Jesus' resurrection, but how do our lives appear? Are we joyful, generous, thankful people?

The resurrection of Jesus should renew us. The newness of our lives that we celebrate during the Easter season should be obvious. In our world, the truth of the Resurrection depends on spoken testimony and lives that show that testimony to be real. The original disciples were moved to faith because of the change that they could see between the dead Jesus on the cross and the Risen Christ appearing to them. Today, people can no longer see the change in Jesus. That is why they must be able to see the change in us.

Now, as disciples of the Risen Christ, we become an instrument of mercy and hope for our world.

Msgr. Manganello

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.

For the weekend of March 26th, 333 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4141.00. Our online donations totaled \$35.00. Easter Flowers donations totaled \$737.00.

For the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 341 people attended Mass at St. Louis. Our collection was \$5926.00. Our online collection totaled \$520.00. Additional donations for Easter flowers totaled \$125.00.

The Holy Land collection on Good Friday was \$936.00.

For Easter Sunday, April 9th, 706 people attended the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Our collection was \$9072.00. Our online collection was \$25.00.

You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our PayPal 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."

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
MORE THAN HALFWAY TO GOAL
WITH \$5 MILLION RAISED**

The annual Appeal, which continues until June 30, helps fund 57 programs and services administered by Catholic Charities across 80 locations and many diocesan ministries through the Fund for the Faith. As the most comprehensive human services provider serving people of all ages and faiths across all eight counties of Western New York, Catholic Charities' programs and services include basic emergency assistance such as food pantries, educational and vocational advancement services, family safety and stabilization services, immigration and refugee assistance, behavioral health and substance use treatment, and youth and family support services.

"Catholic Charities has a century-long legacy of being a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable in our community," said Deacon Steve Schumer, president and CEO, Catholic Charities. "The continued generosity from the community over the past 100 years has been crucial in ensuring that much-needed programs and services can continue to help our neighbors who may be struggling to make ends meet or who are facing challenges impacting their health and well-being."

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 six open seats on the parish council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of 5/20/23 and 5/21/23. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be involved in the functions of our parish. Please consider running for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role. It requires a commitment on your part to attend all monthly meetings and participate on committees. 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 Paul LaCroix at (716) 783-2175, or email placroix@zenger.com.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, April 15th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly Offering & Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, April 16th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly Offering & Pew Rent Collection

SATURDAY, April 22nd:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly Offering Collection

SUNDAY, April 23rd :

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly Offering

9:50-10:50 am: PreK-10th grade Faith Formation Classes meet in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: Baptism of Aria DiRienzo

**CATHOLIC WOMEN OF BUFFALO
2023 CONFERENCE**

"For Such a Time As This," a conference on Saturday, April 29th, from 7:45AM to 4:00PM will take place at St. Joseph Collegiate Institute, 845 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo. The day includes a continental breakfast, Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher, three national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendor exhibits. For tickets or further information, visit www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org or email CatholicWomenBuffalo@gmail.com.

**PRE-CANA
MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**

A Pre-Cana Marriage preparation program will take place Saturday, May 6th from 9AM—3:30PM at Ss. Peter and Paul School, 68 East Main Street, Hamburg. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided. If interested in this opportunity for in-person marriage preparation, contact David and Leslie Jones, Program Administrators, at 716 400-3514 or 716 799-2668.

VOCATION THOUGHT

"Have Mercy on us and the whole world" we pray in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. God's mercy comes to us through the sacraments, especially in Eucharist and Confession—which only priests can provide. Is Jesus calling you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.



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