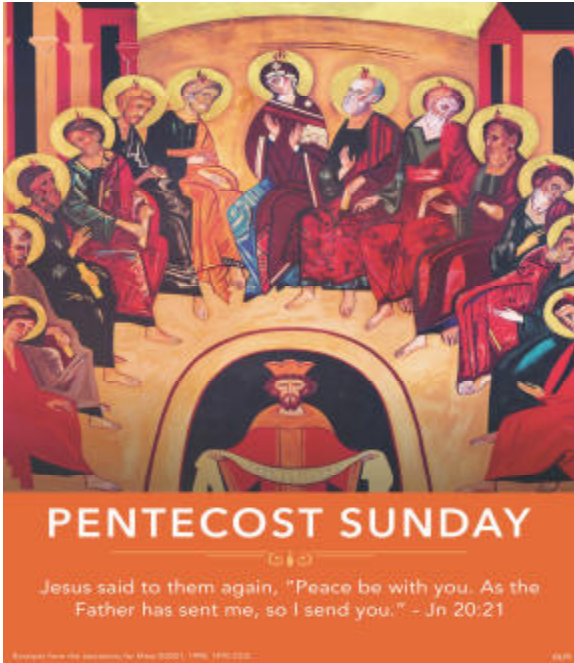


# 2020 St. Louis Church

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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.

### 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. 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

Mass for the People of Saint Louis Parish was celebrated privately on:

Monday, May 18th

Masses also were celebrated privately for the following intentions:

The repose of the souls of Helen, Chester, and Dennis Fink req. by Family  
 Anthony Partyka req. by The Partyka Family  
 Joseph Kugel req. by The Partyka Family  
 Richard Robinson req. by Carol Carter



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rev. Guy Siracuse, Mary 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 Vilz, 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.

### Pentecost Sunday/May 31, 2020

#### First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

#### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia

#### Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

#### Gospel:

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

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### 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.

#### St. Louis In Waiting

In case you may have missed it, during this time when St. Louis has been closed due to the corona virus pandemic the church has been open on Sunday from 10:00 am until noon for private prayer. Many people have found this to be a peaceful time to pray, meditate and reflect re-charging spiritually.

Behind the scenes, our parishioner and photographer has been visiting St. Louis Church while we have been shut down. He has been wandering around the church photographing the interior as it looks during the shutdown. Mike says: "Realizing how much we all miss being there, I thought it might be nice to share the photos with you. To me this series is about how we might feel as we pause and reflect about St. Louis...Patiently, peacefully, silently, our Church is waiting for us to return." If you haven't seen them, please check the St. Louis website News May 15<sup>th</sup> for A Church in Waiting.

Governor Cuomo and President Trump both created quite a stir last week when they said that churches can open. The Governor limited opening of churches to 10 people. How do you do that? Who is allowed to attend and who gets turned away? I don't think anyone wants to make that decision. The President called churches essential which they are. What did we learn? The announcements came out of the blue. We learned we are not yet ready to open our churches. We need to put into place a new protocol for how all this will happen. Parish churches need to procure sanitizing solutions, wipes and hand sanitizer to name a few things that we still need to do. It is not easy to obtain all of these things because everyone is looking for the same supplies.

We are forming a committee to study the guidelines published by the Diocese last week called "Forward in Faith." We need more time to get ready so that when we open our churches we can do it safely, prudently, and responsibly. This requires more patience, but hopefully soon we will be able to return to Mass. Everyone is excited to return and we will.

Thank you to all for continuing to support our Parish at this time. Your generosity and thoughtfulness continues to be inspiring knowing that you are remembering your Parish when we can't gather as we would like.

May the Lord continue to be with you all, watch over you and protect you until we are able rise from under the cloud that has been hanging over us for all of this time.

*Msgr. Manganello*

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

Catholic Charities still needs our support. As of last week Catholic Charities had raised more than \$7,065,838.05 of its \$10 million goal, 70.66%

This year the goal for St. Louis is \$110,000. St Louis parishioners have contributed \$90,967.92 to the 2020 appeal. Thank you for whatever you can do to continue supporting the good works of Catholic Charities.



### 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 week our regular collection was \$3,258.00

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.frccb.org](http://www.frccb.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."**

### CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$345.00 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/national/collections](http://www.usccb.org/national/collections) and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!

### VOCATION THOUGHT

#### Pentecost Sunday

The Holy Spirit sends its seven gifts to us. By calling upon these gifts, we are both made aware of God's will for us, and are given the strength to pursue it. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

### WORD OF LIFE

"God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life"

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Dear Friends,

**Thank you!** Last Friday, donors like you contributed **\$250,160** in support of Appeal 2020. The total for HOPE Day is increased by the matching gifts of \$108,750 for a grand, one-day total of **\$358,910**. And, the HOPE Day goal of \$250,000 was far exceeded!

**Think of me.** Your gift showed your care and concern for your neighbor. Your gift will help ensure that vital programs and services will continue to be available to those in need. Because of you, we are able to respond with hope and compassion.

But our work is not done, neither on behalf of Appeal 2020 nor on behalf of those in our community who turn to us for help, particularly during these challenging times. With your help we will continue to meet such issues as hunger, poverty, addiction, mental health concerns and more.

To follow our work, check us out at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Thank you again for making HOPE Day such a success!

Peace and Blessings  
Deacon Steve Schumer  
President and CEO  
Catholic Charities of Buffalo

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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### Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap your arms around our world  
and hold us in your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen.

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