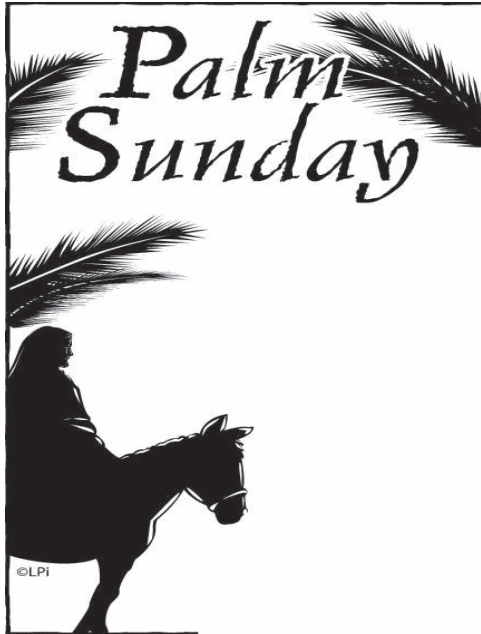


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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day..... 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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.

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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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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
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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 19:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 Virginia Barone, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

SUNDAY, March 20: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:00 am: For the Living and Deceased Members of the Oczek, Gentile and Klosko Families, by Family
11:00 am: Josephine E. Andrzejewski, by Family

MONDAY, March 21: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, March 22: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

WEDNESDAY, March 23: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:05 pm: Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate

THURSDAY, March 24: HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm: EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Maria Jackson, by Donna Dobbins

FRIDAY, March 25: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
2:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, March 26:
7:00 pm: THE EASTER VIGIL LITURGY
 Living and Deceased Members of Saint Louis Parish

SUNDAY, March 27: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF LORD
9:00 am: Emily and Thaddeus Mikos, by Family
11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riestler Family, by Michael Riestler

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 26th and March 27th

7:00 pm: Ann Dumansky, John Zygaj and Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Michael Riestler



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 26th and March 27th

7:00 pm: Kevin Brayer, Debbie Guillow Paul Griffin and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Judy Perkowski, and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Sue Kolbe and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Memory of Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by Family.** The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in **Honor of St. Joseph.**

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.

PASSION SUNDAY GATEWAY TO GOD'S MERCY

As a symbol of this Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, Pope Francis opened the holy door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The "Holy Door" of St. Peter's in the Vatican is a special door that is only opened for year-long jubilee celebrations called Holy Years. The Holy Door is normally bricked up and opened only during a holy year. It remains sealed up at all other times. Pope Francis also invited churches and shrines around the world to designate their own special "holy doors" during 2016 to pay special attention to God's call to be a people of mercy.

When Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's to begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy, he said the Holy Year will focus on the topic of mercy, one of the most important themes of the scriptures. Pope Francis wants the Church to be more merciful and less rigid toward sinners. He said that this Holy Year will be a time to rediscover the need to be forgiving and generous. This time should be a time of reconciliation and an occasion to promote hope and justice in the world.

The real symbol is not the physical door. Grace is realized in the act of walking through the door. It is a conscious decision to enter God's grace and enter into the Kingdom of God.

As we begin Holy Week in which we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, we are celebrating the great gift of God's mercy. Through the suffering of Jesus on the cross we have been promised forgiveness of our sins and the grace of new life in the Resurrection. In other words, we experience God's great mercy.

Please join us for our Holy Week Services so that as a community of faith we may experience the love and grace of God's mercy together.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathy Guise, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vitz, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram 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, especially Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Boruszewski 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 387 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,174.00, Easter Flowers collection was \$1,216.00 and Fuel collection was \$1,004.00.

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 19th—St. Joseph's Day

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms

SUNDAY, March 20th—Palm Sunday

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

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

11:00 am: Children's Procession of Palms

HOLY THURSDAY, March 24th

7:00 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Reposition. The church will remain open until 10:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25th—Holy Land Collection

2:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, March 26th

9:00 am: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) Decorate Church for Easter

7:00 pm: The Easter Vigil—The Regular Offertory Collection Including Easter Offering Collection

SUNDAY, March 27th—Happy Easter

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Easter Offering Collection

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Thank you to the many parishioners who made our 4th Annual St. Joseph's Table such a success this past Sunday. Proceeds were donated to our Sandwich Program.

PREPARE FOR EASTER

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord's Resurrection.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

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 these foods 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

HOLY THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE

Following Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m. we will be keeping the church open until 10:30 p.m. Last year there were many visitors who came either individually, in small groups, or by bus to view the beauty of our building.

If you are able to help staff the church after Mass, so we can continue to welcome those who have never seen St. Louis, please sign up on the provided sheets located in the sacristy. Come and enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners and meeting people from other churches and those of other faiths.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE



This year's St. Patrick's Day Sale was a huge success! Maureen's Flower Market generously donated the flowers, allowing all proceeds (\$420) to be donated to Catholic Charities. Thank you to all the parishioners who purchased flowers or made a donation. Also, thank you to all the families that helped sell the carnations.

GERMAN MASS AT ST. LOUIS

The annual St. Ann's German Mass will be held at St. Louis Church on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Daniel Jamros, S.J. will be the celebrant. The St. Louis Church Choir, directed by Frank Scinta, will be singing. Readings and Homily are in English. Following the Mass, a reception will be hosted by St. Ann's Community and St. Louis Parish. All are welcome to attend this celebration of our German Catholic Heritage! Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers needed!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This is the second weekend of 2016 Appeal Week! It's a perfect time to give if you haven't already done so. To all societies and other parish organizations—don't forget to support Catholic Charities with your contribution to the Appeal, too. All day, every day, whenever someone is in need, Catholic Charities is "finding good within" helping to protect, strengthen and empower our neighbors across Western New York. **Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus' lead.** Please give to the 2016 Catholic Charities Appeal. Find out more at ccwny.org or call (716) 218-1400.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION A PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.



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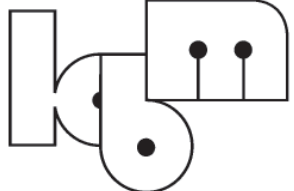
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