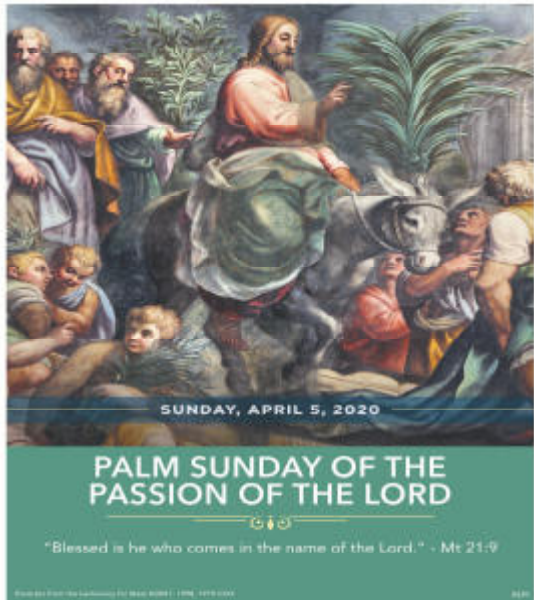


# 2020 St. Louis Church

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### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
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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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### PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836  
Reverend Alexander Pax ..... 1836-1843  
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Reverend Joseph Raffener ..... 1850-1851  
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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. Laudensch..... 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

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](http://www.buffalodiocese.org) as well as on our website [www.stlouisrcchurch.org](http://www.stlouisrcchurch.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.

### A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE

This health crisis is challenging many of us to make sacrifices in our lives. Some are huge, such as those made by exhausted health care workers around the world, desperately trying to keep patients alive (while avoiding the illness themselves).

Other sacrifices fall more in the category of inconveniences. It is inconvenient when events are canceled, schools are closed, and travel is limited. It is inconvenient to wash our hands intentionally and regularly.

But this kind of sacrifice is at the very center of our faith. Every time we gather around the Lord's Table, (and we hope that will be soon) we celebrate the powerful way Christ showed us how to love others. He sacrificed *everything* in self-giving love for us, and he invited us to do the same. In turn, we die to ourselves—through inconveniences and more—in order to love those around us. Truly loving others will always cost us something.

Actions that may not entirely make sense to us can have huge effects. Scientists point to the 1918 flu when St. Louis proactively and aggressively closed its schools to prevent infections. Death rates in the city were about one third those in Pittsburgh, which was much slower to close its schools. Thousands of lives were saved.

We may grumble about our resist changing our habits, especially if it's unclear what's in it for us. But we need to

Remember that many of these actions are more about protecting others. Perhaps the invitation amidst this crisis is to embrace the inconveniences fully, and then move *beyond* them to seek out the best ways to serve those who are most in need.

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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.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Mary Lou Summers, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Ginski, 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 William Keenan and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.**

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

#### Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Christm Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

### 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.

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

#### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today is called Palm Sunday because our Lord's love for us is so passionate that it was unhindered by harsh mockery and a painful death on a cross. How passionate is your love for God? If he readily took up the cross for us, how ready are you to respond to His call? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

### RETRouvaille OF BUFFALO

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details, call (716) 474-9371 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

### 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](http://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](http://ccwny.org).

**Today is Appeal Sunday.** Haven't donated yet to the 2020 Appeal? Now is a great time! The annual Appeal supports many of Catholic Charities' programs and services, like basic needs assistance and counseling and a number of ministries through the Fund for the Faith, including campus ministries, Apostolate for the Deaf and the Hospital Apostolate. If you're ready to make a positive impact in Western New York, think of all those served by Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith and make a contribution today. No matter the amount, your gift makes a difference. Make a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling (716-218-1400). **Think of me!**

### 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](http://www.BuffaloGerman.com) for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to [Redwing117@aol.com](mailto:Redwing117@aol.com).

### WORD OF LIFE

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that he might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any God, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

### 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 or 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 month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

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