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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:

Wednesday, May 13rd

Masses also were celebrated privately for the following intentions:

Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Louis req. by Parishioners
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 Repose of the Souls of Klosko, Fink, Rusniak Families req. by Family

New Hope On The Horizon

Last week the Million Dollar Question was: "When will we re-open?" This week the question may rather be: When will we be permitted to gather safely as a parish community for worship?

With the latest news from Governor Cuomo on Monday beginning to re-open Western New York on Tuesday, now the question is: "What about churches and other houses of worship? As reported in the Buffalo News on Tuesday, houses of worship are part of the fourth and final phase of re-opening along with Arts, entertainment, recreation, and education. The projected date for phase four to begin is June 29th. This is if all goes well.

What should we do in the meantime? First, we should continue to pray for an end to this disease as well as the health and safety of every person especially health care providers and first responders. Second, we will need to begin planning how we will re-open. A committee will need to be formed to study the Liturgical directives from the Diocese. Things like sanitizing, wearing masks, and social distancing will certainly be part of our new look.

The good news of this week is certainly cause for hope and rejoicing, but we cannot get ahead of ourselves. We still need to be vigilant and careful. We are all anxious to get back to normal whatever that may look like in the future. But we can't take any chances of allowing this disease to gain strength in the future. The first and foremost goal is when it comes to re-opening that it will be safe whether it be at the end of June or a later date. We will be together again.

May God be with you to protect you. May He guide you and give you strength. May He watch over you keep you in His care and bless you with His peace.

Msgr. Manganello

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.



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 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 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.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer. You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

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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 \$3,655.00. and the Sandwich Program collection was \$595.00.

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.frddb.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."

SANDWICH PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program. We are able to feed the many people who come to our door Monday through Friday thanks to your generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

No gift to Appeal 2020 is too small. **In fact, each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4 of government support and contracts.** More funding means more services, like affordable and accessible mental health counseling and basic needs assistance, for those who need it most. Your donation helps strengthen and empower thousands of individuals across the eight counties of Western New York. To make a secure donation online, visit ccwny.org/donation. If you have already given this year, thank you! Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. **Think of Me.**

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us to where he hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of Life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, this will be a working evening, along with a planning meeting to discuss this year's flowers and plantings. New volunteers are most welcome. Come and spend your Wednesday evenings helping to beautify God's green acre at Main and Edward.

The SLGS-Alive in Christ and growing.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH REFLECTION GUIDELINES

1. Our time for reflection will be held on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until noon.
2. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend this reflection.
3. In compliance with regulatory agencies, we are limiting attendance to 10 worshipers in our Church.
4. If necessary, we may ask you to limit your visit to accommodate other worshipers.
5. We ask you to limit your entrance to our Church using the north side (handicapped entrance). In case of an emergency, the Main Street entrance and Edward Street side entrance will be open for exiting.
6. The Church staff will be sanitizing entrance door handles and pews during this reflection time.
7. Our worshipers will be asked to use the designated area for prayer and reflection. We ask you to respect social distancing of at least six feet.
8. If you desire to light a candle, please ask the Sacristan to light your candle.

We ask for your understanding during this difficult time.

RESULTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SURVEY

In February, the Parish Council conducted a survey to determine activities of interest.

Here are the results of the Parish Council's survey:

96 parishioners responded:

- 1) Family Bowling—19
- 2) Painting Party for Adults—16
- 3) Defensive Driving Class—6
- 4) Buffalo Bison's Game—38
- 5) Summer Evening Concert—60
- 6) Summer Bocce League—6
- 7) Summer Croquet League—4
- 8) Cake Decorating—8
- 9) Floral Arrangement—9
- 10) Photography for Amateurs—7
- 11) St. Louis Cookbook—14

Other Suggestions:

Yoga Classes, Pickleball, Destroyer Golf, Prayer Group, Trivia Night, Card/Game Night, Bible Study

CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

Catholic Charities still needs our support. As of last week, Catholic Charities had raised more than \$6,588,309.84 of its \$10 million goal, 65.88%.

This year the goal for St. Louis is \$110,000. St. Louis parishioners have contributed \$79,882.92 to the 2020 appeal. Thank you for whatever you can do to continue supporting the good works of Catholic Charities.

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