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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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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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, September 25th: Vigil for the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00pm: Wedding of Joseph Barba & Ashley Hutchins
4:00 pm: Robert & Jean Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, September 26th: Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Sr. Catherine Meiler, OSF, by Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by St. Louis Choir

MONDAY, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

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

TUESDAY, September 28th: St. Wenceslaus

12:05 pm: Repose of the Soul of Barbara Clack, by Ashlee Campbell

WEDNESDAY, September 29th: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

THURSDAY, September 30th: St. Jerome

12:05 pm: For All Souls

FRIDAY, October 1st: St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

12:05 pm: Michael Sliwinski, by Marilyn Young
2:00pm: Wedding of Jacobb Komisarek & Brandi Klemenz

SATURDAY, October 2nd: Vigil for the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00pm: Wedding of Matthew Coons & Cynthia Minnick
4:00 pm: Repose of the Souls of Jim & Mary Ann Cannon, by the Burns Family

SUNDAY, October 3rd: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

9:00 am: Douglas H. Schulte, by Gary A. Halicki
11:00 am: Richard A. Neil, by Marilyn Neil

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of October 2nd & 3rd

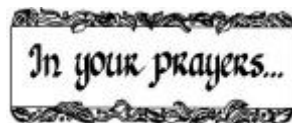
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of October 2nd & 3rd

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Tim O'Shea
11:00 am: Keith Boerner



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer,

Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Rev. Dennis Mende 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 Dick Agoston, requested by Family. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Debra Ann & James R. Caputi, requested by the Occek Family.

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.

THE ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE HAS BEGUN

The mailing for the Annual Preservation Fund Drive has gone out and you should have received it in the mail by now. We were a little slow to begin this year because of a delay by the company that processes the mailing and our own change in personnel.

We are still being challenged by the Covid-19 pandemic especially as the delta variant continues to spread. Even though, we continue to see people returning to Mass that have been away for a long time. Through the grace of God and the intercession of St. Louis this will all end and we will be able to return to normal. Still, in the midst of all this, through your generosity, we have been able to maintain our parish operations and pay our bills. Also, thanks to your generosity, St. Louis earned a **GOLD STAR** for surpassing our goal for Catholic Charities again this year. Our goal was \$118,000. We surpassed our goal by over \$11,349.99 for a total of \$129,901.99.

We have several projects underway and some finished. The side vestibules at the Main Street entrance of the church and stairwells to the choir are complete as are the refinishing of the exterior doors on Main Street and the Sacristy. Two projects that were not on our original list of things to do are also complete: some minor roof repair over the Sacristy and window repair in the Sacristy.

The projects yet to be completed are: cleaning the north side of the church of moss and repoint around the handicap ramp; replace the porch railing on the rectory; and replacing the entrance to the parking lot.

I thank you for your continued support of our parish. May St. Louis reward all of you for your kindness and generosity.

Msgr. Manganello

CHOIR UPDATE

We have some good news! For over 18 months, we have not been able to enjoy our wonderful St. Louis Choir either at the 11AM Mass or for choral presentations as in the past. This month, on September 16th, the choir met for the first time to rehearse and begin to sing as a group once again following CDC guidelines and appropriate "social distancing". The St. Louis Choir and at least three other Buffalo area choirs are just now restarting. Choir members will wear masks and selections for music will be based in consideration of that slight limitation. All choir members have been vaccinated.

It is our hope that we will have the choir active by mid-to-late October and there are plans for a choral presentation of "Lessons and Carols" in December. Anyone interested in joining the choir as this effort moves forward should contact the St. Louis Organist/Choirmaster Frank Scinta.

In addition, **Ars Nova** plans to schedule an event at St. Louis next year. Watch the bulletin for details.

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 weekend 292 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$9159.

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."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, September 25th:

4:00 pm: Weekly Offering Collection and also Seminarian & Diaconate Formation Collection. Second Collection for Haiti

SUNDAY, September 26th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Weekly Offering Collection and also Seminarian & Diaconate Formation Collection. Second Collection for Haiti

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

12:00 noontime: Meeting of RCIA in Sacristy

SATURDAY, October 2nd:

2:00-4:00 pm: Family Faith Formation Day; Getting-to-Know-Our-Families. Families will make a banner that depicts their family and traditions

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including Weekly and Monthly Collection

SUNDAY, October 3rd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including Weekly and Monthly Collection

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 five open seats on the Parish Council. Nominations are due no later than October 10th. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of October 30th-31st.

Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be involved in the functions of the parish. Please consider running for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

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 E-Mail placroix@zenger.com.

"GRIEFSHARING" SUPPORT GROUP

A 13-Session "GRIEFSHARING" SUPPORT GROUP: is offered at Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church! If you've experienced the death of a loved one, or know someone who has, please consider joining us on October 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM in our Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY. Visit www.olpparish.com or call to register 716 683-6522 ext. 103.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Michael Fisher and the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Ministries is pleased to invite couples celebrating their Golden, Diamond and Platinum Anniversaries in 2021 to a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 10:30AM. On this day, the entire Diocese of Buffalo will join those celebrating their 50th, 60th and 70th anniversaries in their joy and gratitude to God. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with anniversary couples will take place in the Lady Chapel. Brunch follows at the St. Anthony of Padua Church Center, 160 Court St, just behind City hall. Eligible couples are asked to call the Rectory (716-852-6040) before October 1st if planning to attend.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Tenth graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by October 5, 2021. To register, please submit the (1) Registration Form and (2) Confirmation Name & Sponsor form to the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, at stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com. Forms, as well as a list of all dates and confirmation requirements, can be found on the St. Louis website. For questions about Confirmation, please contact the DRE via email or phone (443-744-0354).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Has your financial situation changed because of the pandemic? If so, you may now qualify for the Women's, Infants & Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities is the administrator for WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, and is ready to assist you and your family. For more information about WIC, including an income chart, please visit ccwny.org/WIC. To connect with services, please call 716 218-1484. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

WORD OF LIFE

"Suicidal individuals — with or without a terminal illness— typically do not want to die ... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?"

..... USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Suicide is Tragic"

PILGRIMS TO ST. LOUIS

Word of St. Louis Church's architectural beauty and hospitality has led to a request by a group of approximately 55 Pilgrims from the Cleveland-Lorain, Ohio area to visit, tour and pray in our historic church. On Wednesday afternoon at 3PM, Archivist Michael Riestler will provide a tour and a brief history to the pilgrims from St. Angela Merici Parish of Fairview Park, Ohio. This is a compliment to all who have worked and supported our preservation efforts for so many years.



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