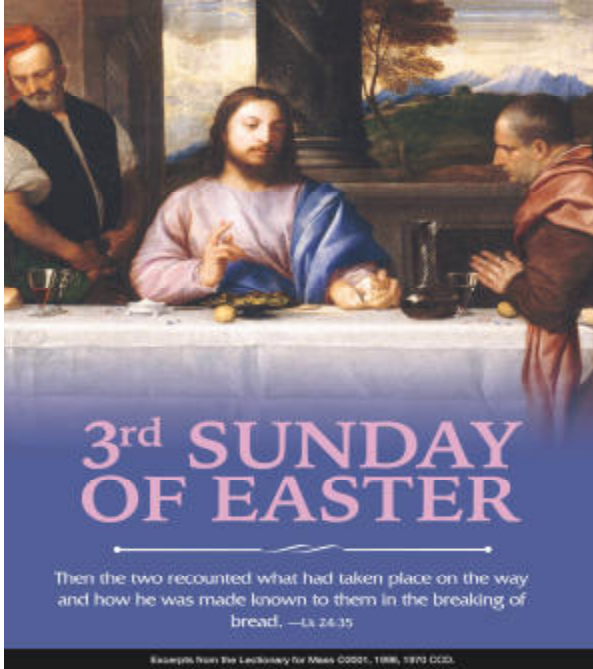


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MASSES

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
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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

Masses for the People of Saint Louis Parish were celebrated privately on:

Monday, March 16th
 Sunday, March 22nd
 Sunday, March 29th
 Sunday, April 5th
 Easter Sunday, April 12th
 Sunday, April 19th

Mases also were celebrated privately for the following intentions:

Larry and Marie Schieber, req. estate
 Rosalie Kurtzman and Spouse, req. estate
 The Crane Family, req. estate
 Mary K. Crane, req. estate
 John Kraus, req. estate
 Larry and Marie Schieber, req. estate
 Catherine Feist, req. estate

Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories.

"And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at the table, he took bread, said the blessing broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. —LK 24:3—31

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us.

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim; his disciples.

Let us pray that we may be able to gather for the Eucharist soon.

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Responsibility of a Godparent

The biggest responsibility of a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in the parish teaches by deed and shows godchildren how to live a life of faith. Next to the child's parents, a godparent can be one of great influence in religious formation and education.

As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Key moments in a godchild's faith journey is the celebration of first Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. The obligations of a godparent does not end with the ceremony of baptism, but are just the beginning.

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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.

Catholic Charities Update

Catholic Charities still needs our support. As of last week, Catholic Charities had raised almost \$5.2 million of its \$10 million goal.

This year the goal for St. Louis is \$110,000. St. Louis Parishioners have contributed \$69,167.00 to the 2020 appeal. Thank you for whatever you can do to continue supporting the good works of Catholic Charities

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rev. Guy Stracuse, 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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

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

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: -Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: -Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: -Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-

24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: -Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: -Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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.

Last weekend our regular collection was \$5,302.00.

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."

VOCATION THOUGHT

Often we are tempted to focus a great deal on other things and other people, and we fail to take account of what is going on deep within ourselves. Deep within our hearts is where we come to know God's plan for us. Take a look!

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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 more details or to register, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.

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 and 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 the month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

COMMUNIQUE OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE EASTERN CHURCHES

Collection for the Holy Land 2020

The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventive measures preclude the normal community celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The celebration that commemorates the discovery of the Relics of the Cross by Saint Helen also marks a new beginning of public worship in Jerusalem, with the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the Passion to which many peoples are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began".

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are victim of domestic violence and in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. "Where Families Come First" is for you! All services are free and all conversations private. For more information, call 716-558-7233 or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Looking for ways to boost your mood and immune system? The fix might be no further than your kitchen. Jessica Whitley, a clinical supervisor for Catholic Charities' Monsignor Carr Institute, recommends berries, yogurt and ginger. Whitley says the foods not only help fight infection and boost the immune system, they also have a positive effect on our mental health. **"A really important piece of our mental health is our gut health, so if you are making your gut feel good, they call it your belly brain, you're actually having a major influence on your mental health as well."** If you're feeling like you need additional support, Catholic Charities' mental health services are ready and able to assist you. Please call (716) 895-1033.

Think of your neighbor. Think of Me. Appeal 2020 is still ongoing.

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 for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

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