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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. 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

Mass for the People of Saint Louis Parish was celebrated privately on:

Sunday, April 26th

Masses also were celebrated privately for the following intentions:

The Crane Family, req. Estate

Last Saturday, April 25th was a beautiful day to be outside. So, after I finished cleaning my stove top, (the oven is a project for another day), I went for a nice long walk to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine before we returned to the cold and rain.

When I came home I sat on the patio catching up on some reading. I was reading the spring 2020 edition of the "Allentown Neighbor," the newsletter published by the Allentown Association.

Page 8 had an article titled: "Let's try to rise above the Covid-19 smackdown." The unnamed author suggests ways we can break the boredom and do some good: "Patronize restaurants, adopt or foster a pet, Help Hospitality workers and don't forget Churches."

The article continued: "as you know churches may not hold services for now, even on Easter Sunday. That means their contributions are down. Allentown has two magnificent history churches that you ought to consider at least assisting for their architectural upkeep even if you're not religious."

The first one named: St. Louis, the mother church of the Buffalo Roman Catholic diocese. "Donations can be made on PayPal at stlouisrcchurch.org, or mailed to 35 Edward Street, Buffalo 14202.

The other named church is First Presbyterian Church at 1 Symphony Circle. "It was built in 1888 for a parish founded in 1812. The Romanesque church with its signature tower was designed by famed Buffalo architect E.B. Green."

Thank you so much to the author of this article for mentioning the needs of St. Louis Church.

Msgr. Manganello

We have all heard people say I don't need to attend Mass, because I pray to God at home every day.

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God this may be true. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the church was prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "our Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God. The purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith.

During this time when we have been deprived of attending Mass we have discovered that a big part of our lives is missing. Church is not just a place of prayer but it is also where a community gathers; a community of love and friendship. We have all missed this part of our parish and hope and pray we can be together soon.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Ethel Agoston, requested by Dick and Mary Agoston.**

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 more than \$5.5 million of its \$10 million goal.

This year the goal for St. Louis is \$110,000. St. Louis parishioners have contributed \$74,422.92 to the 2020 appeal. Thank you for whatever you can do to continue supporting the good works of Catholic Charities.



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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



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

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts: 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6[1/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a] Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4/] Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-ab, 3cd-4 [3cd] Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 3-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4—9/Jn 14:1-12

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 \$3,033.00

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

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"Even from the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are master pieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

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.

SPRING CLEANING

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, appliances, curtains and drapes 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.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

On Mother's weekend Masses will be offered for our mothers—living or deceased. We invite you to enroll your mother in this remembrance by using one of the envelopes provided for this purpose. Envelopes can be found in the March/April envelope packet. The best gift of gratitude that we can give our mother is a spiritual gift. Remembering our mother in such a way—if she still has an earthly address or a heavenly one—expresses our appreciation for her. May God reward her for her unselfish life of service to us.

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 the poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis 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 solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began".

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you a victim of domestic violence and are 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. All conversations are strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233 or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Additional gift besides my regular pledge. Use as needed in this time of crisis," reads one note attached to a recent above-and-beyond donation. With only two months until Appeal 2020 closes, we remain so grateful for the support and generosity we have received—especially during the pandemic. But there is always more work to do, especially in these trying times as more people reach out to Catholic Charities with new dilemmas, such as food insecurity due to a layoff or a need for counseling to calm anxieties and lift depression. **We have been here for our neighbors in need, and today we ask if you'll be there for them, too.** Your gift to Appeal 2020 helps us continue our mission of helping the most vulnerable and in need. Donations can be made online at ccwny.org/donation or mailed to 741 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14209, Attn.: Appeal Department. Please reach out if you have a need to 716-218-1400, or at ccwny.org, or your local Catholic Charities office in your county. **Think of Me. (HOPE Day is coming: Friday, May 15).**

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