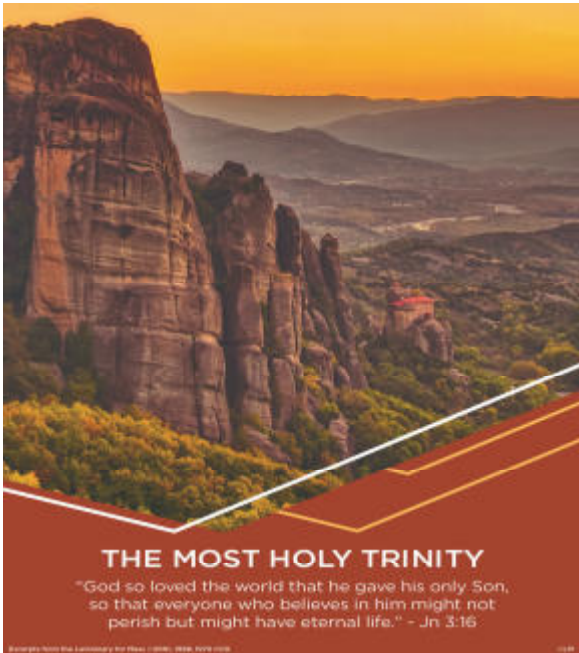


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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day..... 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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.

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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
Reverend Francis Guth 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffener 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862
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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 May 24th

Masses also were celebrated privately for the following intentions:

Living and deceased Members of the Pera Family req. by Tom Pera
 Repose of the souls of Rusniak and Szkutak req. by Family
 Carol Regan req. by Douglas Regan

Statement of Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger On the Death of George Floyd and Subsequent Turmoil

“As followers of Jesus Christ and as Catholics, we have the responsibility and mandate to eliminate the tragedy and scourge of racism. Our hearts ache for the family of George Floyd who suffered and died senselessly at the hands of those sworn to serve and protect. We mourn with people of conscience everywhere who have been motivated to speak out against abuse of power and to give voice to all who suffer the persistent injustices of racist attitudes and practices. It is not enough just to decry injustice, or even to pray and sympathize with those who suffer from an everyday experience of being treated as inferior or unworthy because of their racial or ethnic identities. This must be our constant work.

“We have no more urgent task than to join with those of all faiths in promoting the God-given dignity of each and every person, and to come together in these troubling days of our national life to bring about understanding, acceptance and healing among people of all races and backgrounds.”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Appeal 2020 continues. Your donation today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Think of them, and help make a tremendous difference in Western New York.** Make secure gift online at ccwny.org/donation. June is upon us and there are just four weeks left to close the gap to the \$10 million goal!

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray:

Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Roman Missal 2020

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.

Forward In Faith

The Diocese continues to offer us direction for preparing to reopen Churches. Last week they published a guide for use in parishes to be prepared when the time comes. Two weeks ago the Diocese published a lengthier document to assist parishes with what they need to know when the time comes to open the church doors and allow people in. These documents can be found on the Diocesan Website www.buffalodiocese.org.

The latest guide is what is called “Forward in Faith” Parish Playbook. It contains many useful suggestions for parishes to use. This will allow all parishes to follow the same protocols. Parishes will not have to come up with ideas on their own. The guide begins with very basic suggestions about planning and inviting people to return. It offers practical things that parishioners and ministers will need to know when they return to church.

St. Louis has formed a committee to prepare us for when we return to Mass. The committee will see to it that we have all the necessary procedures in place and that we follow them. They will make sure that there are enough people to help carry out the guidelines that will be followed.

If you are planning ahead, here are some things to keep in mind. Anyone who wishes to attend Mass should be healthy. The dispensation to attend Mass will remain in place for all parishioners who are uncomfortable attending Mass during this time. You will need to wear a mask even when receiving Communion. Communion will only be distributed in the hand. Gloves are optional and are not allowed when receiving Communion. There will be markings on the church floor in order to maintain a 6 foot distance between each person. Not all pews will be available. Some pews will be closed off in order to maintain a safe physical distance from non-household members.

Please check our website for more details on when we will reopen and what we will all need to do. May God continue to watch over you and help you all to stay healthy. In gratitude we pray for all health care workers and we pray for all who are suffering in any way from the Corona Pandemic.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rev. Guy Syracuse, Mary Lou Summers, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favotito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, 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.

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 \$2,470.00.

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: "The Spirit of Truth will come to you." What is the 'truth' of your life? How can you best serve God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

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FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

On Father's Day weekend, June 20th and June 21st, all Masses will be offered for our fathers living or deceased. We invite you to enroll your father in this remembrance by using one of the envelopes provided for this purpose.

Envelopes can be found in the May/June envelope packet. The best gift of gratitude that we can give our father is a spiritual gift. Remembering our father in such a way—if he still has an earthly address or a heavenly one—expresses our appreciation and respect for him. May God reward him for his unselfish life of service to us.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

Catholic Charities still needs our support. As of last week, Catholic Charities had raised more than \$7,571,875.77 of its \$10 million goal, 75.72%.

This year the goal for St. Louis is \$110,000. St. Louis parishioners have contributed \$96,247.92 to the 2020 appeal. Thank you for whatever you can do to continue supporting the good works of Catholic Charities.

What Is the Purpose of the Pope?

Why do Catholics have a pope?

To answer the question of why Catholics have a pope, we have to pull the lens back and think about the very nature of the Church herself. According to the Nicene Creed (which is the statement of beliefs that we recite each Sunday at Mass), we profess that the Church is "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic." These adjectives are called the marks of the Church, and they help us see that the Church is bigger than just our individual parish communities or even the Christians living in a particular region or country.

To help ensure that the community of disciples would remain united in a communion of love, Jesus entrusted the Apostles with special authority to teach, heal, and forgive sins in his name. And from among this group, Jesus chose Simon Peter to play a special role, designating him as the "rock" on which the Church was to be built (see Matthew 16:18-19; John 21:15-17). Peter "the Rock" became the visible sign of union within and among the Apostles. In time, as Peter and the other Apostles passed away, other men were chosen to take their place. The successors of St. Peter — who we honor as the first Bishop of Rome — and the successors of the other Apostles (the bishops) continued the work entrusted by Jesus to that first generation of Church leaders.

According to long-standing tradition, the successor of Peter was Linus, who was followed by Cletus, who was followed by Clement I, etc. This line of succession continues to Pope Francis in our own time.

Over the centuries, these Bishops of Rome — who came to be known as the "pope" (from papa, which means "father" in Latin) — still continue to act as the "rock" of the Church and as the visible sign of unity for all the Catholic Christians. The pope, more than any other bishop, stands as the Church's primary teacher and as pastor of the Church throughout the world, helping to ensure that the Church remains what Jesus intended her to be: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 857-862 and 880-882).

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