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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

SATURDAY, July 11:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mae Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, July 12: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family
11:00 am: Brendan Cody, by Debbie and John Beller

MONDAY, July 13: SAINT HENRY

12:05 pm: Birthday Blessings for Debra Ann Caputi, by Family

TUESDAY, July 14: SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

12:05 pm: Gerhard Lang, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, July 15: SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12:05 pm: Edward and Otilia Hager, by Estate

THURSDAY, July 16: OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

FRIDAY, July 17: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Sue Kolbe, by Marilyn Young

SATURDAY, July 18:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Living and Deceased of the John Thomas Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, July 19: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Michael Ball, by Beverly Ball
11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, by Debbie and John Beller

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of July 18th and July 19th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Michael Riestler



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of July 18th and July 19th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Joyce Persico



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Peter and Caroline Berst, requested by Marilyn Young.**

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.

A MODERN DAY PARABLE

If Jesus came to our world he may have told a parable like this:

"A terrible sickness struck a village. The people were terrified of getting sick and wanted to know what to do. The doctor asked people to wear face masks to protect one another. We will they said. Some did for a while, but they found the masks uncomfortable, and made it difficult to breathe, so they soon stopped wearing them.

"The rabbi asked the people to share their food with the poor and sick. We will they promised. But many became more and more concerned for their own needs and that of their families, so they kept their barns and larders full and locked.

"The mayor asked the merchants to close their shops and innkeepers to close their taverns so people would not gather and spread the sickness. We will they all agreed. They did so for a few days, but their profits dropped, and they could not pay their help, so slowly, one by one, they quietly re-opened.

"Soon, the sickness took the lives of many in the poor village.

"But then there were good folk who understood that wearing face masks protected others from the sickness, who kept their distance from one another so the sickness would not spread, who readily shared what they had with those who had little. Oh, it was very hard, and there were many days when they wanted to give up. But they persevered.

"Because of them, many people did not get sick and survived.

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear," Jesus may have said.

This story from *Connections*, published by Media Works for this weekend, is reminiscent of what we have been through. It is difficult and uncomfortable wearing a mask. It is hard to be separated from friends and loved ones. It always takes a great effort to be kind and charitable. We must continue with these directives for the very near future.

Even though people complain about them they have been proven to work. Where they are not being followed, Covid-19 has spiked. It is a lesson for us not to let down our guard just yet.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially George Collins, Rev. Guy Siracuse, 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.

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 157 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,477.50

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, July 11th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, July 12th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SATURDAY, July 18th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, July 19th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

VOCATION THOUGHT

Since we are all created in Christ, it is only fitting that we live as Christ. How does Christ call YOU to live as he lives? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ...That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"Married Love and the Gift of Life"

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Appeal 2020 in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith officially closed on June 30. In a truly unprecedented time of hardship and uncertainty, **we have an immense amount of gratitude for every person who helped to support Appeal 2020**—from our dedicated volunteers and parish leaders to our compassionate and generous donors. On behalf of Catholic Charities and all those we serve across Western New York, we extend a heartfelt thanks. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



WIN A LABOR DAY PICNIC!

The St. Louis Parish Council is having an opportunity to win a Picnic Prize that includes:

**Weber Spirit Gas Grill
Picnic Table**

5 lbs. of Hamburgers

5 lbs. of Hot Dogs

5 lbs. of Chicken

5 lbs. of Sausage Links or Patties

5 lbs. of Steak

The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2020

The winner need not be present and the Picnic Prize will be delivered.

The proceeds will be donated to the continuing restoration and preservation of our historic church. The ticket price is \$10.00 and tickets will be available after Mass and by contacting Tim (Mac) McCarthy at tmcc24240@yahoo.com or 345-7054.

Kissing the Altar at Mass

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbolic gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).

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