St. Louis Catholic Church

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January 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Mark Mullaney
Rev. Andrew Haissig

Sunday Mass
7:30am 8:45am
10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*
12:30pm

Saturday Mass
8:45am
5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass
6:30am 8:45am

Confessions
Mon-Sat: 9:15am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Saturday: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

Misa en Español
Domingo 3:00pm
Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm
Grupo de Oración
Sábado 6:30pm

Poor Clare Monastery
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Mass Every Day
7:00am (Gregorian chant)
Sunday Devotions
Eucharistic Exposition
8:00am - 4:00pm
Rosary 4:00pm
Benediction 4:30pm

Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Friends,

Our church building was built in 1962 which is the same year that Vatican Council II began. The principal teaching and message of that historic Council was the "universal call to holiness." In a document entitled "Lumen Gentium" the Council pronounced:

"In the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (I Thes. 4:3; cf. Eph. 1:4). However, this holiness of the Church is unceasingly manifested, and must be manifested, in the fruits of grace which the Spirit produces in the faithful; it is expressed in many ways in individuals, who in their walk of life, tend toward the perfection of charity."

Notice that this "universal call to holiness" depends on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, the One Who makes us holy from within.

In this new year 2020 cultivate a greater knowledge and love of the Holy Spirit. Make this simple prayer a daily prayer and a frequent prayer throughout your day: "Come, Holy Spirit!' The Spirit enlightens the mind and strengthens the will, "for this is the will of God, your sanctification." (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

Your Pastor,
Father O'Hare

SPIRITUALITY

Four Sundays of Eucharistic Adoration!

Every Sunday in January the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 11:30am (at the end of the 10:30am Mass). The priest will lead brief prayers, and then allow time for 15 minutes of silent meditation. Benediction will begin at 12:00pm. Mark your calendars and take advantage of this special opportunity to pray before Our Lord with your family, friends, and fellow parishioners!

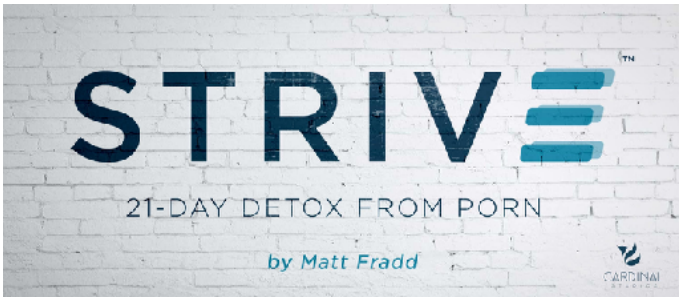
Am I Being Called to the Holy Priesthood?
Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men

Grow in prayer and discernment; speak with priests and seminarians.
Feb. 28-March 1 (starts Friday 6pm, ends Sunday after lunch)
San Damiano Spiritual Life Center.
Cost is $60 (includes private room, all meals, financial aid available). Deadline to register: Feb. 14
For more info go to: www.arlingtondiocese.org/yearly-discernment-retreat-men

Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love
for those who are weak, infirm,
and dependent.
Bless the homebound parishioners
of our parish as they carry
their daily crosses.
May our prayers bring them strength and consolation,
and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week we pray especially for the following homebound parishioners: Virginia Masse, Douglas McCollum, Abbie Moore, Pascal Munyampara, Dorothy O'Donnell, and Francis O'Hara.



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Monday, February 10, 7pm
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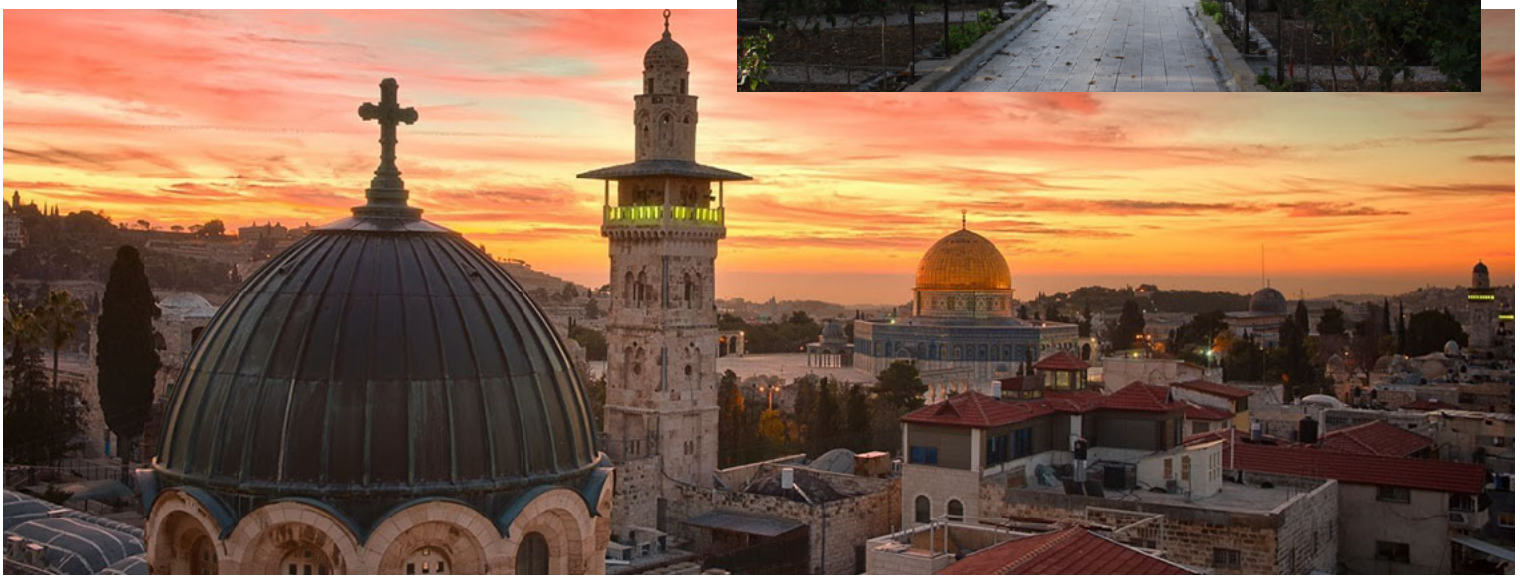
Peter holds a Masters of Theological Studies from Ave Maria University and has worked in adult formation since 2003. His experience includes preaching retreats, teaching theology and adult catechesis courses, and giving presentations and trainings for numerous parishes, dioceses, movements, and institutions in the Church. He lives in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin with his wife and seven children.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
WITH FATHER MULLANEY
NOVEMBER 8-21, 2020
(Jordan and Israel)

Have you ever considered going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Here's your chance! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the region where Jesus lived and performed miracles, and immerse yourself in the culture of the Middle East. The Scriptures will take on a new depth once you've seen these holy sites. This pilgrimage focuses on spiritual opportunities, with daily Mass and prayer to allow each pilgrim to grow closer to God at their own pace. Heidi has decades of experience leading tours to the Holy Lands which insures that our time is well-spent, maximizing the sights seen. Moderate November temperatures, along with good food and beautiful exotic lands make this a great time to visit. Come explore the land where Jesus walked and lived. See what God has planned just for you in the Holy Land!

$3,380.00 includes air/taxes/fees from Dulles; deluxe bus transportation, 1st class hotels in double or triple rooms with private bath; Half Board (breakfast and dinner) daily; 3 lunches and a special mid-East feast; English-speaking licensed Christian Tour guides; all entrance fees as shown on the itinerary; Daily Mass and spiritual direction; all tips (drivers, guides, hotels and dining services), and Jordan visa. Contact Heidi Watson at gvthnks@aol.com for more information.



AN EVENING OF PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE AND INTERCESSION

Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm, The Basilica of St. Mary

The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration & Intercessory Prayer, Personal testimonies from those who have been affected by abortion and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, call Lumina at (877) 586-4621, email Project Rachel at info@helpafterabortion.org or visit online at https://stmaryoldtown.org.

CWIA Prayer Breakfast this Saturday!

Men and women are invited to a prayer breakfast at the Holiday Inn (2460 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria), at 10:00 AM. Cost is $16. Come for fellowship and to hear a dynamic speaker (Dawn Curazzato) share her testimony of dramatic miraculous events in her life! For more info go to cwiaholyspirit.org, or call Evelyn at 703 850 7607. Come and bring a friend who needs encouragement in their faith! Includes praise and worship, and a healing service.

LEARNING

Learn your Faith with Father Mullaney!

A weekly class on theological and spiritual topics begins this week!
Fr. Mullaney LOVES to teach! He'll offer this class on Tuesday evenings and also again on Wednesday mornings:

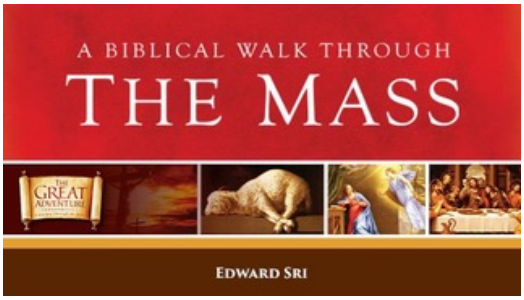
Tuesdays, 7pm-8:30pm in the School Library

Wednesdays, 10am-11:30am in the St. Francis Room

No need to sign up - just come and enjoy!
There will be a handout given for each class.

Week 1: Belief, Revelation
Week 2: Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture
Week 3 and beyond: Stay tuned!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (Wednesday Nights)



In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Please join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* in the **St Louis Catholic School Library** beginning January 15 from 7:00 to 9:00pm and continuing every Wednesday for five weeks. You can register using the following link: https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/44258/registrations/new or contact John Gray for more information on the study, via email: **johngray91@gmail.com**.

Study Theology!

Did you know that there is a world-class graduate school of theology located just 30 minutes from St. Louis Parish? Check out the Christendom College Graduate School of Theology (located on the campus of Queen of Apostles Parish in Alexandria). Audit a class or enroll in a certificate program, and deepen your faith! Search "Christendom College Graduate School of Theology" for more information.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

All those adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who need one or more sacraments are invited to join us for RCIA classes, beginning Sunday, January 26, 2020 after the 10:30 Mass in the St. Francis Room . Please contact Lisa Temple at rcia@saintlouisparish.org, or call the parish office at 703-765-4421.

SERVICE

Lend your time and skill to making St. Louis Parish beautiful!

Are you experienced with gardening and landscaping? Would you like to volunteer to help make the St. Louis Parish grounds even more beautiful? Contact the parish office or go to the "Contact Us" section of the parish website.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Louis provides direct financial assistance to families in our parish and needs your support to do your work. In 2018, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we provided $39,136 in assistance to 101 families for rent, utility, medical bills and other needs. Please support our work through your parish envelope offering, Faith Direct, or by placing donations in the Poor Box, located in the church vestibule during Mass. Any amount is appreciated. For more information about volunteering with us, contact Keith Snider, kasnider@cox.net or 703-980-0726; or Robin Bachman at robin@svdpalexandria.org or 703-768-2136.

Sign up now to attend the Annual March for Life - Friday, January 24!

Buses depart at 10:30am and return by 5pm. To reserve your seat go to the Knights of Columbus website: KofC5998.org, or contact the Parish Office.

Sign up to be an altar boy!

All boys, 4th grade and up, are invited to serve at God's altar! To inquire, please contact Mrs. Rastovski at servers@saintlouisparish.org

FELLOWSHIP

First (in a long time) Annual Parish Volunteer Party!

Special thanks to Carmen Lane and the parish staff for putting on a REALLY great party last Sunday for almost 300 parishioners at the KofC Hall! St. Louis Parish is a family and it was a festive family party with great food, great live music, dancing, and smiles all around!

All Young Adults Invited!
20's and 30's

Monday, Jan 20
The Auld Shebeen
3971 Chain Bridge Rd.
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
6:30pm-8:30pm

Contact Andrew if you're interested in going! ym@saintlouisparish.org

All are invited to Celebrate World Marriage Sunday with Mass and free dinner with Bishop Burbidge on February 8, 2020.

On Saturday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Bishop Burbidge will serve as celebrant and homilist for a Mass celebrating World Marriage Sunday with dinner to follow. All married couples are invited to attend. Dinner is Free but you must RSVP at arlingtondiocese.org/wms20 because space is limited.

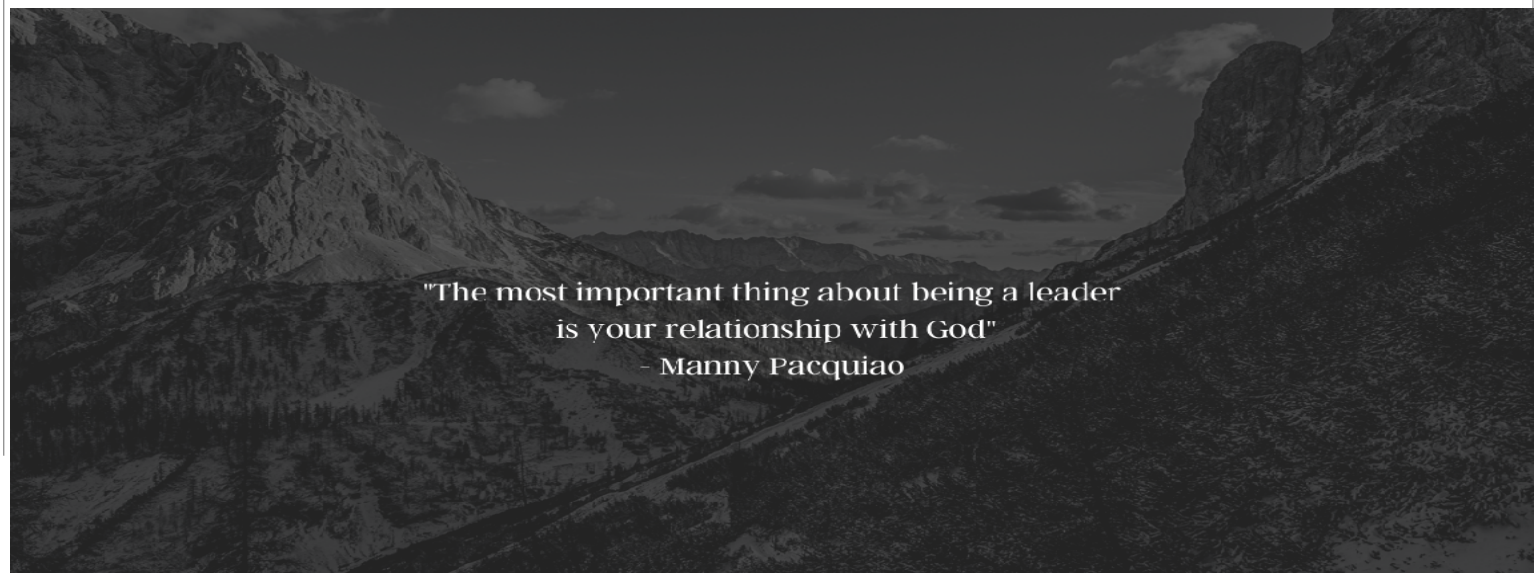
If you are new to St. Louis Parish….Welcome!

The parish is a spiritual family and we are happy that you are here! Please introduce yourself to any of the priests after Mass and (if you desire) you can formally register by completing a registration form (found in the vestibule of the church). If you feel called to be active in a certain area of parish life do not hesitate to contact the parish office to inquire. If you have sacramental needs please do the same. A special welcome to military families who have transferred to this area!

YOUTH FORMATION

WORKCAMP 2020: Sign Up Now!

WorkCamp 2020 is happening this June! It is a week-long event put on by the Arlington Diocese to serve the rural poor. High school teens will have an opportunity to engage in work projects that improve homes and make them a safer place to live! Programming also includes fellowship, fun, and faith activities. Anyone who is currently in high school can attend! We also have many adult volunteer roles that can be filled. Online registration begins in December. If interested, email our Director of Youth Ministry (Andrew Lane) at ym@saintlouisparish.org. It's a life-changing experience!



STEWARDSHIP

Job Opening: Part-time Business/Hospitality Manager

The Mount Vernon Columbus Club (the non-profit corporation of Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus) is seeking to hire TWO Part-Time individuals to serve as Business/Hospitality Managers. Accounting experience (including Quickbooks experience) and experience with Microsoft Office required. Flexible Hours are available. Job details can be found at: http://www.mvkofcclubinc.org

Email cover letters and resumes to mvkcclub@vacoxmail.com

Keep Your Parish Registration Up to Date!

If any of your parish registration details have changed (phone number, address, children living at home, etc.), please contact the parish office by phone or email - admin@saintlouisparish.org.

If you are not currently registered, please register! Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church.

Bake Sale next weekend!

All proceeds support our wonderful parish school!

Special Thanks to our Christmas Flowers Team!

A very sincere thank you to Theresa Kritcher, Michiko Bohlin, and all the volunteers who set up and maintained the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary during the Christmas Season!

Attention High School Seniors and Parents of High School Seniors

It is time to apply for the annual Knights of Columbus Outstanding Young Man and Outstanding Young Woman of the Year award! Six scholarships will be awarded paying a total of $3,500. Please email Al Johnson at alex.johnson@nationwide.com or call 703-509-9884 for details. The application deadline is March 16th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are STILL SEARCHING for assistants for RE classes on Wednesday night, for 4th grade and 7th grade. If you like kids and think God might be calling you to help teach the faith, contact the DRE at DRE@saintlouisparish.org or call Paige at 703-765-4421 ext. 406 to learn about how you can help!

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Monday, January 20
6:30am No Mass (Holiday)
7am-Poor Clares,+Joseph Beaulier
8:45am, +Robert Harry Neame

Tuesday, January 21
6:30am, +Howard Wilson
7am-Poor Clares, +Ed Purcell Jr.
8:45am, +Richard Flipping

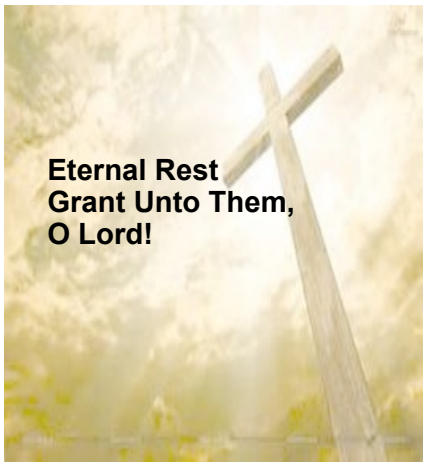
Wednesday, January 22
6:30am, Intention of Nicholas and Sonia Wagner
7am-Poor Clares, +Ona Buschko-Gohn
8:45am, Intention of Anna T. Park

Thursday, January 23
6:30am, Intention of Flor Jessin and Salvador
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of John T. Lee
8:45am,Intentions of Robert Kopasz

Friday, January 24
6:30am,Intentions of Tania and Isabella Dunken
7am-Poor Clares, +Therese Winkler Williams
8:45am, +Concepción Vaquerano

Saturday, January 25
7am-Poor Clares, Intention of Rosalie Schwent
8:45am, +Joe and Mary Lewis
5:30pm, +Olga Centellas

Sunday, January 26
7am-Poor Clares, Intentions of Geneva Park
7:30am, +Ramon Carag
8:45am, +Timothy Swartz
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, +Albert Dingman
3:00pm, +Antonia Loayza



Monday	**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22	
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28	
Wednesday	**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6	
Thursday	**Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12	
		Friday **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
		Saturday **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
		Sunday **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

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