

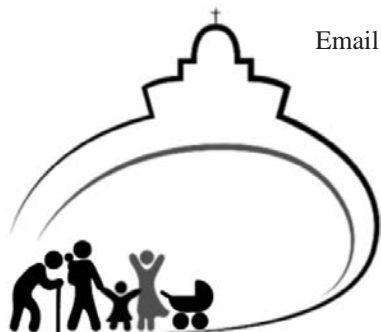
# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12



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## **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.

*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday  
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

## **Sunday Masses:**

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**  
**11:30 a.m.**



## **Pastoral Team:**

### **Pastor**

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### **Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries**

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### **Parish Secretary**

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### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**Welcome new members** - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful.

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

**Parish Records** - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

**Music in the Liturgy** - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com),

5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

**Sunday programs for children** - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

**Sacramental Life** - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

**Baptism** - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

**Marriage** - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

**Becoming Catholic** - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

**Anointing and Pastoral Care** - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Anointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

**Pastoral Care to those in Hospital** - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

**Priesthood and Religious Life** - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.ca

**Diocesan Newsletter** - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

## **Parish Organizations and Contacts:**

### **Finance Council**

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### **Parish Webmaster**

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### **St. Vincent De Paul**

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 23 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, May 24 – World Day of Prayer for the Church in China – Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians**

9:00 AM † Keith Adams – Pat Helm

**Wednesday, May 25**

9:00 AM † Walter Kraemer – Cecilia Beechey

**Thursday, May 26 – St. Philip Neri, Priest**

9:00 AM † Barbara Schmuck – Cecilia Beechey

**Friday, May 27**

9:00 AM † Don Reinhart – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, May 28**

**Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord**

5:00PM † Ron Cappadocia – Wayne & Marj MacDonald

† Kent Cook – Doug & Gai Brown & Family

Intentions of Jack & Marilyn Yolkowskie – John & Sharon  
Carey

**Sunday, May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord**

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † Rose Kuntz – Kuntz Family

† Clarence Anstett – The Family

† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family

### Reflection on the First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is a sort of bookend account of a major controversy in Jerusalem concerning how Gentiles should be accepted into the faith. First, we have visitors from Judea arriving in Antioch, who demand that converts need to be circumcised. Then, the reading jumps to the written response prepared in Jerusalem and delivered to the Church in Antioch announcing that Gentiles would be exempt from circumcision. What is missing in today's reading is the debate that took place in between. Peter and James offer brief but eloquent testimony that God does not wish to place distinctions among His people. Thus, the decision is made not to make things unnecessarily difficult for those who were turning from paganism to belief in Christ.

While Paul covers the discussion in his letter to the Galatians (2:1 -10), Luke's reporting of the story is much more peaceful. The debate at Jerusalem produces three resolutions. First, those Jewish Christians who had stirred up the Gentiles lacked authority in their teaching. For this reason, the Jerusalem Church now sends Judas (Barsabbas) and Silas as credible witnesses to the truth. Second, those who turn from paganism to Christ are to be considered exempt from the Mosaic Law and the tradition of circumcision. Finally, Gentile Christians are to abstain from several customs held by some outside the faith, namely, eating meat that was sacrificed to idols, eating meat with blood in it, eating meat of strangled animals (instead of meat from ritual slaughter), and marriages with close family members.

There is a genuine sense of collaboration in this Scripture passage, as the Apostles "with the consent of the whole Church" calmly select representatives to quiet the turmoil instigated by the Jewish Christians at Antioch. In their wise debate, the apostles restore the credibility of Paul and Barnabas, "who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ". Furthermore, the letter sent from Jerusalem acknowledges the work of the Holy Spirit in guiding the deliberation. As the early Church spread rapidly throughout the Mediterranean regions, one of the central concerns was the unity of faith. The dispute concerning the requirement of circumcision provides the Church with the opportunity to enter into the work of discernment and clearly define what is necessary for Christian unity.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word.)



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> beginning with Mass at 7 PM with meeting to follow in the Large Hall. Refreshments will be served. (Please note: our Annual Potluck is postponed until the Fall.) We warmly welcome all members and non-members to all of our General Meetings!

### Attention High School Graduating Students!

St. Louis CWL Christian Leadership Award for a student who is: an active member of St. Louis parish and at school; exemplifies Christian gospel values, uses well God-given talents, and models Christian virtues. Applicants are requested to submit an essay where they share: what the Catholic Faith means to them, how they practice their faith, and how they use their God-given talents (2 page max., Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.). Please submit your essay by May 25<sup>th</sup> to the att. of Kitty Tsang, St. Louis CWL at the Parish office.



**LEAP of FAITH in CONCERT!** - Christian country band LEAP of FAITH will be performing here, at St. Louis on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM in the Church. Now in their 25<sup>th</sup> year, the band includes two members of our Church: Carolyn Beaton, pianist at 11:30 Mass, and Al Kehm. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds going to: S.H.O.W. (Supportive housing of Waterloo - a not-for-profit charitable corporation with a mandate to supply affordable housing to people in need in Waterloo Region). Arrive early and bring a friend!



**With St. George on the Porch** – The Lunch and Learn Book Group is doing something different this summer. Under the patronage of St. George (Patron Saint of Books and .... Dragon Slayers) we will meet at the Rectory Porch and read together a new book, "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri (Tuesdays after the morning Mass [9:30 AM] starting May 31<sup>st</sup>). Edward Sri looks at the crucial passages in the Bible about Mary and offers insight about her faith and devotion that we can apply in our daily lives. Excellent for enhancing our Rosary prayer. Contact the parish office to order your copy, or just come and listen whenever you can.

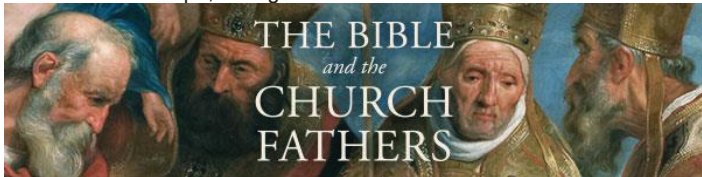
**Mass for the intention of Our Beloved Deceased to be held on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM at St. Louis Church.** This Mass is to honour and acknowledge all those loved ones whom we have lost either during the pandemic, or outside of the pandemic and to pray for the repose of their souls. Small candles will be available for you to claim and light for your Loved One of whom you will be thinking and praying for during this Mass. You may send a digital photo to Kelly Krause at the parish office. This photo will be placed with the candle. When you come, prior to Mass starting, you will light the candle for your Loved One. The candle will remain lit throughout the Mass honouring your intention that this Mass is for this Loved One. There will be a small reception with tea and coffee to follow in the Large Hall. Please mark your calendars if you would like to attend this event.

**Wedding Certificate 2022 Registration:** The Wedding Anniversary Mass will not occur this year. Please register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) to receive a certificate with Bishop Crosby's blessing.

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival** May 26, 7- 9 PM for our last screening of the season, *He Named Me Malala*. This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Visit us at [reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com) to register.



Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him and We will come to him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If God is calling you contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Aux. Bp. & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



Video study program after both Sunday Masses in the Large Hall. Video (20 min.) plus brief discussion. Refreshments. Come and check it out.

**Synopsis of the previous session ("Preserving the Truth"):**

The Apostles appointed the first successor to take the office vacated by Judas in the Book of Acts. We see more examples of apostolic succession in the writings of Paul. In 2 Timothy, we hear how Paul personally appointed Timothy to follow after him by the laying on of hands. We see the laying on of hands in other places with regard to the sacrament of Holy Orders as well (2 Tim 1:6, 1 Tim 4:13-14). The Fathers saw the same thing. In fact, they discuss how ordination and succession needed to be an orderly process.

True unity comes through the visible Church established by Christ. Simply having a Bible in hand isn't enough. Remember that at the time of St. Ignatius, there was no canon of scripture. There is little doubt the bishop was familiar with some of the writings of the New Testament, but he was confident of preaching the apostolic gospel because he was in communion with the apostolic Church. He knew, as Paul says, that the Church is the "pillar and bulwark of truth" (1 Tim 3:15). Scripture and Tradition make it clear: if you want to know the Truth, then you must know the Church. It is the mission of the Church to preserve the truth and hand it on to all people.

In that Church, the Bishop of Rome has pre-eminence over the other bishops. Clement was the fourth Bishop of Rome (Pope). Around the year AD 90 he wrote to the church in Corinth. He speaks with authority, despite the fact that he is Bishop of Rome and he is speaking to Christians in faraway Greece. The people of Corinth had turned to Rome to settle a dispute, and Clement answers then with authority and fatherly assurance. The Church has always recognized that the Bishop of Rome, as successor of St. Peter, holds preeminent authority.

The Fathers of the Church are rightly concerned with unity, which is maintained through the Eucharist. Through the priesthood, instituted by Christ (John 17), united under one head (the Pope), we are nourished by Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We have to remember that receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion not only symbolizes our communion with God and His Church, it makes possible that communion. So to receive the Eucharist when one does not hold the doctrines of Christ, or when one has been gravely disobedient to Christ and His Church, is sacrilege.

If we want to know the truth of Christ, we have to listen to those He entrusted with His message: the Apostles and their successors.

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to present **Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils** on May 27 at 1 PM for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they try to navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker and psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience ministering to youth and young adults. To register go to Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACE - St. Louis Bells**

("St. Louis, Confessor King" & "St. Magdalena") are rung every night at 7 PM to call us to prayers for Peace wherever we are.

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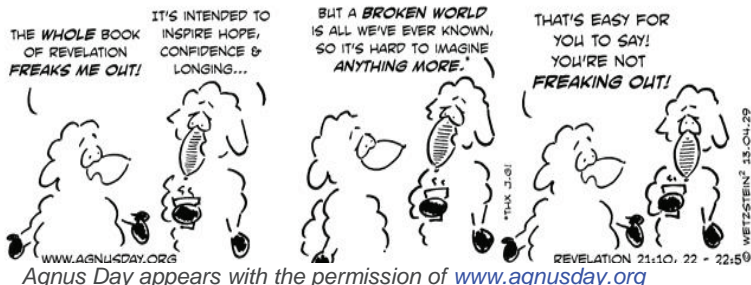
Saint Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise. At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layman actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laymen won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretences and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way. Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip's followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laymen preached and sang vernacular hymns!

Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent people. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

After spending a day hearing confessions Philip Neri suffered a haemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. In 1848, Card. John Henry Newman founded the first English speaking house of the Oratory in UK. (From [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com))



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