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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Louis Church,

We hope you have made it through the long winter and are enjoying the return of Spring.



We are pleased to inform you that our pew kneeler repair project has been completed. A total of 86 kneeler pads—approximately one-third of our kneelers—have been replaced at a cost of \$31,875. Bryans Brothers, one of the contractors on this project, also generously refinished many pews at no additional cost. We extend a special thank you to parishioner and former trustee Mike Mikos for his dedicated supervision of this project.

In December, the Foundation provided hot cocoa at the Allentown Association holiday event, where we met many new friends who share our commitment to preserving St. Louis as a neighborhood landmark.

In January, the Foundation supported “Where Faith and Royalty Meet,” a faith formation program attended by 30 participants.



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Planning also continues in collaboration with local and international art conservators as we work to ensure the long-term preservation and proper display of our world-class collection of historic vestments. We are grateful to parishioner and fabric conservator Barb State, who has been carefully cleaning vestments using equipment loaned by Buffalo State University.



Currently, the Foundation is covering the cost of refurbishing our beautiful exterior Church doors. The work is being supervised by Mike Mikos and carried out by Bryans Brothers.

On the weekend of June 13 and 14, we will again take our message to the streets as we participate in the annual Allen West Festival. We welcome anyone who can spare a few hours to help at our table—please stop by and say hello!

Please visit our Facebook page to learn more about Foundation activities, or feel free to contact me at 716-803-5773 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

We again ask you to consider donating to the Foundation. Our parish continues to face financial challenges within the diocese; however, the Foundation is completely independent and ensures that 100% of donations support the preservation of our beloved Church and its programs.

If you are a regular supporter, we sincerely thank you. If you have not yet considered donating, we invite you to do so. Your gift—no matter the amount—is vital to keeping St. Louis Church strong and ensuring its future.

Sincerely and with appreciation,

Michael A. Riester

President, Joseph M. Sorg Foundation

