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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.

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
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 Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
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 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 1917-1944
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 Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964
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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 30:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Carol Regan, by Douglas Regan

SUNDAY, January 31: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Suzanne Bousquet, by Kathryn Missert

11:00 am: Madonna Buscaglia, by Marilyn Neil

MONDAY, February 1: WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY, February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12:05 pm: George Milanovich, by Family

WEDNESDAY, February 3: SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR AND SAINT ANSGAR, BISHOP

12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of the Klosko, Oczeck and Fink Families, by Family

THURSDAY, February 4: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of Aloisius J. Oczeck and Diane Oczeck Gentile, by Family

FRIDAY, February 5: SAINT AGATHA

12:05 pm: Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate

SATURDAY, February 6:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

James P. McLellan, by Family

SUNDAY, February 7: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Alfred and Helen Missert, by Kathryn Missert

11:00 am: Virginia Manganello, by Carolann Besch

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 6th and February 7th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: John Loss

11:00 am: Matt Glynn



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 6th and February 7th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Tim O'Shea

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



BODY OF CHRIST

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.

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Last week's message introduced us to the Apostolic Letter of St. Francis, *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) marking the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. In a visit to Rome with Pope Pius IX in 1849, it was suggested to Bishop Timon, the first Bishop of our Diocese, that our Diocese have as our patron, St. Joseph and July 1, 1855, our Cathedral was dedicated to St. Joseph.

Our new Bishop, Bishop Michael Fisher, who has a special devotion to St. Joseph, is encouraging the faithful of the Diocese to join him in prayer with a Consecration to St. Joseph. The 33 day prayer leading up to the Consecration will begin on Monday, February 15th and conclude on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Friday, March 19th when Bishop Fisher will preside at the 12:10 p.m. Mass in honor of St. Joseph.

You may recall that a couple of years ago we had a Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Consecration to St. Joseph begins two days before Lent and therefore, may be a fitting spiritual exercise during the season of Lent.

All of the scheduled activities and information will be available on the diocesan website, including daily prayers, which can also be downloaded for your use.

Mmgr. Manganello

THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

This week Wednesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was one of the early martyrs known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers invoked against various diseases. Although very little is known about his life, St. Blaise is known to have been a doctor who healed a boy choking on a fish bone. This healer and martyr is invoked against illnesses of the throat.

This day has been traditionally the day for the blessing of throats asking St. Blaise to intercede for us for healing of all illnesses including the diseases of the throat. This year like so many things in the past year the blessing will be different. The blessing will be given this weekend as a general blessing and on Wednesday, the Feast of St. Blaise only as a general blessing. The crossed candles will not be held to the throat due to the inability to properly sanitize the candles after each person.

Since we pray to St. Blaise for healing of diseases of the throat and every other disease, let us call upon St. Blaise to bring a speedy end to the Pandemic we are still experiencing.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Mary Lou Summers, Dr. Richard Saab, Charles S., Patricia Guena, George Collins, Rev. Guy Siracuse, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, 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 187 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3,701.00.

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."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**SATURDAY, January 30th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

SUNDAY, January 31st

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

TUESDAY, February 2nd

7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 3rd

12:05 pm: General Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise

SATURDAY, February 6th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

SUNDAY, February 7th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

SHOW THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS WITH A MASK

St. Louis Parish Council is selling reversible masks. The mask is royal blue trimmed in black with trim of our Fleur-de-lis logo. The opposite side is all black. The masks are available at the handicap side entrance and the Main Street entrance after each Mass or you can call Marilyn Neil at 882-6395.

The cost is \$10.00.

VOCATION THOUGHT

St. Paul recommends a celibate life in this weekend's second reading from 1st Corinthians 7. Even in his time, there were those who decided to forego marriage in order to give themselves entirely in service to God. Could Jesus be calling you to serve Him in this way? If so, contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

RETRouvaille BUFFALO

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?—Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is February 26-28, 2021. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, **Appeal 2021** also helps to support the **Fund for the Faith**. Established in 1937 by Bishop Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the Fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our Diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, donations to the Fund for the Faith are more important than ever as we extend comfort to all of God's people—our family, friends and neighbors alike. Our hope and prayer is that a successful Fund for the Faith drive will help restore and support expanded ministries including Catholic education and formation programming for youth and young families. For a list of the programs the Fund for the Faith supports, go to ccwny.org/appeal-programs. You can make a secure online donation at ccwny.org/donation.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund's pre-application is now available for NEW families in the 8 counties of Western New York for the 2021-22 school year. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering kindergarten–8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2021. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com. The average scholarship is \$1,480 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information call 716-854-0869 ext. 1.

WORD OF LIFE

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities—Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, LANCASTER TO HOST BEFORE CANA PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lancaster, will host a daylong Before Cana program for couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. The program will take place on Saturday, February 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center—concluding with 4:30 Mass at St. Mary's Church. Cost is \$90 per couple.

The Parish Center is located in the St. Mary's Elementary School building at the corner of Aurora and St. Joseph Streets in the Village of Lancaster. The Church is located behind the school building, with a parking lot in between the two buildings. (Street address: 1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086).

Before Cana is a Buffalo diocesan requirement prior to being married in the Church.

For more information, visit <http://stmarysonthehill.org/before-cana>. Or, contact Deacon John Owczarczak at (716) 683-3269 or deaconjohnowczarczak@gmail.com.



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