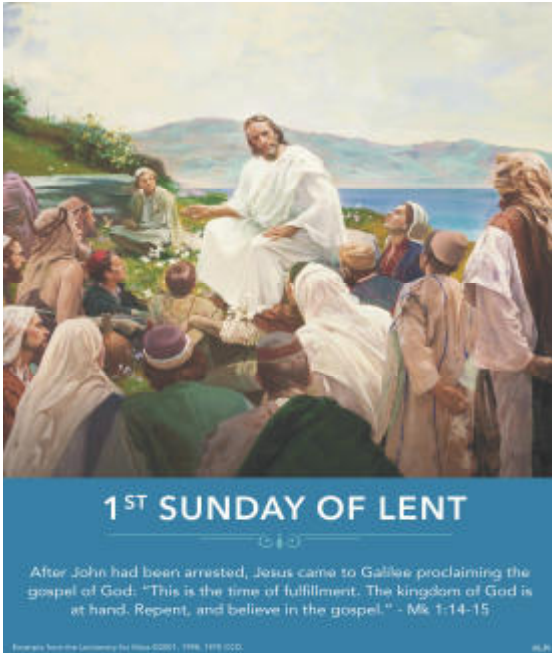


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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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 Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
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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
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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, February 20:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, February 21: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Eva Tamoga, by Pat Robinson
11:00 am: Virginia Manganello, by Carolann Besch

MONDAY, February 22: THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

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

TUESDAY, February 23: LENTEN WEEKDAY—SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

12:05 pm: Emma Lang, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, February 24: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Mary Eckert, by Clem and Anne Eckert

THURSDAY, February 25: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

FRIDAY, February 26: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: God's Blessings for Jessica, Heather, James T. and Avery Caputi, by Family

SATURDAY, February 27:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Jr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, February 28: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Jesse and Mary DePalma, by Kathryn Missert
11:00 am: Theresa M. Whinihan, by Kevin Brayer

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 27th and February 28th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Michael Riestler



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 27th and February 28th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Tim O'Shea
11:00 am: Steve Kane



"BODY OF CHRIST"

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Earl and Mary Young, 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.

LENT—A TIME TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD

Lent has begun with a call to penance, prayer, and almsgiving or charity. In Lent, we are all invited to practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as outlined in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday. These practices are meant to help us to put aside those things that are blocking us from God, and to ask God to use that space to bring us closer to him.

Penance or fasting typically brings to mind food. But it can refer to giving up anything that hinders our access to God's love and mercy. Prayer is the most obvious of all invitations to draw closer to God by spending more time with God in prayer, transforming us, and opening our hearts and minds to the grace and love of God.

Almsgiving, charity are important aspects of our Season of Lent and so it is most appropriate that we direct our attention to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. As we know, Catholic Charities serves thousands of Western New Yorkers in need throughout the 8 counties of our Diocese. The goal of the 2021 Appeal again is \$10 million. The Appeal is under the patronage of St. Ignatius Loyola and runs until June 30th.

Commenting on the 2021 Appeal, Bishop Fisher said, "With your continued support, the work of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith is addressing real needs of real people each and every day—person to person, providing comfort and healing. This is the work that is so needed, and which should inspire renewed zeal for manifesting the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is who we are as Catholics Christians and simply put—it's just what we do. I look forward to seeing the work of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith in action, and doing all that I can to support and extend their work to ensure an even greater impact among those who need it most."

Last year in spite of a Pandemic, St. Louis parishioners donated \$116,227.92 to Catholic Charities which was \$6,000 over our goal. This year our goal is \$118,552 of which \$26,180.55 has been donated to date. We are confident that your generosity once again this year will allow Catholic Charities to continue its good works.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Michael MacPherson, Mary Lou Summers, Dr. Richard Saab, Patricia Guerra, George Collins, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau,

Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank 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 194 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,619.00.

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, February 20th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection

SUNDAY, February 21st

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection

FRIDAY, February 26th

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 27th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, February 28th

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

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.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. In places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

WORD OF LIFE

"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion:

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE

Days of Abstinence—Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, and no meat can be taken.

Days of Fast—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

Weekdays of Lent—No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty Obligation—Must be made from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21st) through Trinity Sunday (May 30th).

Self Denial—Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Canisius High School students achieved the honor roll for the 2nd marking period.

Grade 9:

Luca D'Angelo
James Flannery
Ryan Stravino

Grade 11

Brian Manning
John Stravino
Samuel Whistler
William Wischerath

Grade 12

John Pirrung
Zachary Whistler

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When you are troubled, we are hope. Are you struggling with hybrid learning, trying to work remotely, having a hard time with the seemingly endless grey that is WNY in winter? If you are experiencing mental health, familial or marital problems we can help. Catholic Charities offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment. Diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. To find out more, visit ccwny.org and click the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under Services on the right-hand side. To begin the referral process, call 716-895-1033. If you are located outside of Erie County, call your local Catholic Charities office for counseling or go to ccwny.org/counseling for information and contact number. **HOPE for All Seasons.**

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