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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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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HEARING ASSISTANCE

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 Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 12th: Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by Rita Piskorz

SUNDAY, February 13th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Dorothy & Edward Radwan, by Marie Haremski

11:00 am: Susan Riester Bogner, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, February 14th: Sts. Cyril & Methodius

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, February 15th:

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

WEDNESDAY, February 16th:

12:05 pm: For All Souls

THURSDAY, February 17th: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:05 pm: The Curtis Family, by the Irene D. Curtis Estate

FRIDAY, February 18th:

12:05 pm: Mary Stockman, by Family

SATURDAY, February 19th: Vigil for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 noon: Wedding of Kevin Morreale & Amber Rector

2:00 pm: Wedding of Jeremy Enriquez & Jessica Imagna

4:00 pm: Dr. & Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, February 20th: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Herbert C. Bucki, by Tom Pirrung

11:00 am: Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family & Friends

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 19th & 20th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: John Loss

11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 19th & 20th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Mary O'Shea

11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



"BODY OF CHRIST"

VOCATION THOUGHT

Proclaiming Jesus' Name and His Gospel isn't easy, and sometimes it brings retaliation. But Jesus promises that those who bear insult for His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His Holy Name? If it's through a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in His presence in the Tabernacle The St. Joseph Candle burns in memory of all generational family members of the Young Family as requested by Marilyn Young.

ROAD TO RENEWAL IS UNDERWAY

The Diocese has begun the *Road to Renewal* beginning with the pilot parishes of *Family of Parishes*. St. Louis will join with Blessed Sacrament, St. Michael, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph Cathedral, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the family of parishes during phase two of the renewal.

In order to help us prepare, we will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The survey will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will be open to everyone in the parish. We will be asked to reflect on our own spiritual growth and to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help us grow as disciples of Christ. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The information will be made available to the parish and our various ministries as we plan the future. We will receive the results of the survey this spring or summer.

The survey will be available online. It can be completed online or a printable version of the survey will also be available. For those who prefer, paper copies will also be available. The survey will be available March 2nd through April 4th. When more information is available, it will be shared with you and directions will be given for taking the survey.

Msgr. Manganello

BIBLE RETREAT

You are invited to enjoy a weekend virtual retreat with Fr. Michael Shmitz and Jeff Cavins held **Friday, February 18, beginning at 5:00 PM (with dinner) and closing on Sunday, February 20th, 2022 at 5:00 PM** hosted at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in North Tonawanda. This will include exclusive LIVE talks from these presenters and a time for questions and answers, prayer reflections and testimonies of miracles and conversions of listeners of the *Bible in a Year*. There will be four main sessions beginning Friday night and ending on Sunday afternoon. Each session explores a different dimension of continuing a life immersed in the Word of God, and an opportunity for fellowship with other *Bible in a Year* listeners, an interactive prayer experience, and the chance to reflect on what you've experienced. Suggested donation is \$75 - \$100. There is a guest house available at OLC parish if interested. For more information or to register, please contact Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com or 716 692-0276.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially 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 248 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5130.00

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 12th: Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including Maintenance & Repairs

SUNDAY, February 13th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including Maintenance & Repairs

9:50 am-10:50 am: PreK-10th Grade Faith Formation Classes in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy on the topic of Conversion & Evangelization

MONDAY, February 14th:

5:30 pm: Parish Council meets in the Church Hall and via ZOOM

SATURDAY, February 19th: Vigil for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Regular Collection including Weekly Offering and Pew Rent

SUNDAY, February 20th: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Collection including Weekly Offering and Pew Rent

9:50 am-10:50 am: NO Faith Formation Classes this weekend - Presidents' Day

12:00 noontime: NO RCIA meeting this weekend - Presidents' Day

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

On Thursday, February 24th at 7:00PM, Fr. Thomas Slon, S.J., will present a program "St. Ignatius of Loyola—Then and Today: Ignatian Spirituality" at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209. Fr. Slon will present what is unique about Ignatian Spirituality and why it may be especially helpful to us in our time, as we face our own Church crises. The evening will offer opportunities to experience these methods of prayer and to engage in conversation. Blessed Sacrament is within our "Family of Parishes" under the Diocesan **Road to Renewal**. Further information is available at www.BSCBuffalo.org, or email: office@BSCBuffalo.org or call 716 884-0053.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

St. Louis will be offering the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring. All children making a sacrament this spring must attend sacrament preparation classes on Saturday, March 5th, March 12th, & March 19th from 9:30-11:30 AM in the church basement. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, April 30th and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 1st.

First Reconciliation classes are open to children who are in second grade. First Eucharist classes are open to children who are in third grade. All children should be actively participating in faith formation classes, either at St. Louis or their school. **Parents must register by February 13th**. Registration forms can be found on the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org/>). Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell, with questions (443 744-0354 / stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children K-8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. The average scholarship is \$1500 and the maximum award is \$2500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716 854-0869.

SAINT OF THE WEEK—ST. VALENTINE

On Monday, February 14th, we celebrate Valentine's Day. It is also the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, brothers who were important in evangelizing the Slavic people.

Although not much is known about St. Valentine, he is forever remembered by the church and secular society. There are at least three different St. Valentines, all of them martyrs, mentioned in early martyrologies under the date of February 14th. One is described as a priest at Rome, another as bishop of Interamna (present Terni), and both of them were probably martyred around the year 269. Both were buried on the Via Flaminia at different distances from the city of Rome. Of these St. Valentines, there are some writings preserved of questionable historic value because they are relatively late writings not from the time in which they lived. The only thing known about the third St. Valentine is that he and a number of companions suffered in Africa.

The custom of sending Valentines arose from a number of legends surrounding the lives of the St. Valentines. One legend has it that the night before he died, St. Valentine scrawled a message on a heart shaped stone writing: "to those who love me, and to those I love, know that my heart is with you to the end." He signed the message "Your Valentine". The St. valentine described as a priest at Rome was also believed to be a physician and legend has it that he sent letters of love and encouragement to the people of his community who lived in fear of persecution.

Another explanation for the custom of sending Valentines comes from the Middle Ages. People believed that on February 14th, the day St. Valentine died, birds began choosing their mates for springtime. For this reason the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers tokens. So this day came to be thought of as a the perfect day to chose a sweetheart. No matter how the occasion came to be, the important lesson is that we never forget to convey our love for one another.



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