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MASSES

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 by appointment. 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

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

Grades Pre-K to 8

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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
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach..... 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
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
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, January 14th: Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Herbert Bucki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 15th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Nicholas Carosella, by Sandy Curlett

11:00 am: Tom Gaiser, by Pam & Bill Nordstrom

MONDAY, January 16th:

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

TUESDAY, January 17th: St. Anthony, Abbott

12:05 pm: Larry J. & Marie E. Schieber, by the Marie Schieber Estate

WEDNESDAY, January 18th: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity through January 25th

12:05 pm: John Baker, by the Baker family

THURSDAY, January 19th:

12:05 pm: Richard P. Ebersole, by Tom Pirrung

FRIDAY, January 20th: St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

12:05 pm: Milton & Florence Speyer, by the Pirrung Family

SATURDAY, January 21st: Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

SUNDAY, January 22nd: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Kathleen Miller, by John & Melanie Loss

11:00 am: Mary Del, by Bill & Pam Nordstrom

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 21st & 22nd:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta

11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 21st & 22nd:

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neil

9:00 am: Mary O'Shea

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



ST LOUIS CALENDARS FOR 2023

Some St. Louis Calendars are still available. Please take our 2023 calendar home with you!

VOCATION THOUGHT

John the Baptist was called to a unique role in God's plan of salvation. Every call to ministry is crucial. There are people that you can reach who would otherwise never know the hope of the Gospel. If God is calling you to 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 honor of the many generous parishioners of St. Louis who share their resources, time and talents to sustain our beautiful church and parish community in so many ways.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a specific loved one or for your own special intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Over the last several months, there have been several meetings regarding the formation of the Families of Parishes.

Our Family is comprised of the downtown parishes which include: St. Anthony, Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Louis, St. Michael, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The Pastors of our Family of Parishes met on December 12, 2022 and determined the timeline for forming our Family. The activation of our Family will take place on February 15, 2023. The process to complete this activation will take six months.

In the next few months there will be simple "meet and greet" gatherings for parish staffs, parish councils, and finance councils so that we may introduce ourselves to one another. After these initial meetings, committees will be formed with members of each parish to discuss the larger issues in activating the Parish Family. When the time comes, anyone interested should contact the parish office.

On August 15, 2023, the downtown Family of Parishes will come into existence.

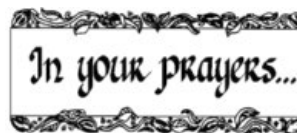
Please continue to pray for the success of this new venture, and for those having to make decisions connected with the Formation of the Families of Parishes of the Diocese.

More information can be obtained by visiting the website www.roadtorenewal.org.

Msgr. Manganello

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An annual Diocesan Mass in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be taking Place this Sunday, January 15th at 9:30 at St. Martin de Porres Church, 555 Northampton Street, Buffalo. This year's theme is "Come Spirit, I'm Called to Act." The celebrant will be Bishop Michael Fisher and the homilist will be Rev. Avery Daniel of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. A reception featuring a basket raffle and 50/50 split raffle will be held following the Mass with proceeds to support the MLK Scholarship Fund. All are welcome!



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Clarence Fomess, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, we will gladly include them as long as necessary.

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 292 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5170.00. Our online donations totaled \$185.00.

You can also support your parish by mailing your donation or using our PayPal account on our web page.

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 14th:

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

SUNDAY, January 15th: Martin Luther King's Birthday

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

SATURDAY, January 21st:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SUNDAY, January 22nd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

9:50-10:50 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION LESSON in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA meets in the Sacristy

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention, repair or upgrade. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have been able to maintain our beautiful church in remarkable condition. With your support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

As this Bulletin goes to print, a total of \$137,394.62 has been so generously donated by St. Louis parishioners and friends.

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB "How to Build a Culture of Life"

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Happy New Year! Is giving back one of your goals for 2023? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer. View all current opportunities at www.ccnw.org/volunteer and start the year by becoming a beacon of HOPE in your community!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST SPRING 2023

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 11th, Saturday March 18th and Saturday March 25th from 9:30-11:30AM in the Church Hall. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, May 6th and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 7th.

First Reconciliation classes are open to all 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 11th.**

Registration forms can be found on the St. Louis website <https://stlouisrcchurch.org>. Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell, with any questions (443 744-0354 or religiouised@stlouisrcchurch.org).

CATHOLIC HEALTH

Volunteers are at the heart of our community! Catholic Health Services is looking for volunteers for all of our hospital sites - Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, South Buffalo Mercy and Mt. St. Mary's. If you are looking for a way to give back, call Lisa Carey, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at 716 862-1106 or apply online at www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2022 tax deduction must have been postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31st. As in past years, we only issue year end contribution statements if requested.

Anyone that wishes to have a tax statement may contact the rectory at 716 852-6040 or write "TAX STATEMENT" on the front of your church envelope.

BONNETS FOR BABIES

PROVIDING COMFORT AND WARMTH FOR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT WNY

Bonnets for Babies is a non-for-profit 501c3 organization in Buffalo that serves children birth to age five. There is an urgent and ongoing need for new hand-crafted knitted hats, scarves, bonnets and blankets. We have provided children at Catholic Charities, Women Infant and Children's, St. Gianna Molla House and Jericho Road with these articles of warm clothing. This is a beautiful reminder of the church communities' love and prayer. Please join them in fulfilling the Gospel call to comfort those in need with warmth and love. Donations can be made online at www.bonnetsforbabies.com or check us on Facebook. **A special thank you on behalf of our children and families, and to all who have been so generous in this ministry.**



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