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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 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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The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

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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. 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
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, February 15:

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Special Intentions of Jessica, Heather and James T. Caputi, by Family

SUNDAY, February 16: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Theresa and Vicci Recckio, by Daughters and Sisters

MONDAY, February 17: THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

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

TUESDAY, February 18: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of Conny and Charlotte Occek and Anna Kossal, by Charlotte and Family

WEDNESDAY, February 19: WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY, February 20: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Living and Deceased Members of the Pera Family, by Tom Pera

FRIDAY, February 21: SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12:05 pm: Emma Lang, by Estate

SATURDAY, February 22:

2:00 pm: Wedding of Zachary Shoemaker and Ximena Martinez Govea

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, February 23: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: In Thanksgiving for Tim and Mary (Jerger) Reid Family

11:00 am: Henry and Stephanie Partyka, by the Partyka Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 22nd and February 23rd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: J. & M. Loss
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 22nd and February 23rd

4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Jane Pelosi and Ron and Margaret Foegen
9:00 am: Anne Mecca, Judy Perkowski, Michael Loss and Robert Sprague
11:00 am: Pat Doyle, Michael Riester and Keith and Kathy Boerner



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.

THINK OF ME

The Catholic Charities Appeal for 2020 is now underway. Requests for donations have been mailed out. The goal of the Appeal this year is \$10 million. The theme this year is "Think of Me." The patron of the Appeal is St. Joseph. The Catholic Charities Appeal runs through June 30th.

The Catholic Charities Appeal helps to fund 51 programs and services administered by Catholic Charities throughout the eight counties of Western New York, along with a number of ministries that benefit all parishes through the Fund for the Faith. More than 160,000 people benefited from services provided by Catholic Charities during 2019.

Understandably, many people have questions about their donations in light of the Child Victims Act and the talk about bankruptcy. Like donations to Upon This Rock, donations to Catholic Charities are protected funds. This means they cannot be used for anything other than for what they are designated. Catholic Charities is a separate non-profit entity distinct from the Diocese of Buffalo. The money raised for the Catholic Charities Appeal will be effected. Donations to the Appeal and Fund for the Faith are restricted gifts and therefore legally protected.

Ministries and services supported by the Catholic Charities Appeal are: Counseling and Mental Health programs; Domestic Violence programs; Family and Parent Resources; Foster Care and Adoption Resources; Immigration Services; Services to Older Adults; School Based services; Chemical Dependency Treatment and Support; and Workforce and Education programs. The ministries supported by the Fund of the Faith are: Campus Ministry; Catholic Schools; Communications; Cultural Diversity; Deaf Ministry; Evangelization and Faith Formation; Hospital and Nursing Home Ministry; Priest, Seminarian and Deacon Formation; and Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Once again this year, donors are able to select where they want their gift to go: Both Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith; Catholic Charities only, or Fund for the Faith only.

Last year St. Louis contributed \$93,123.75 to the Catholic Charities Appeal. This year our goal is \$110,000. Parishioners of St. Louis have already contributed \$18,901.92 toward the 2020 Appeal. Once again we ask that you be as generous as your means allow and thank you on behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, 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. Last weekend 289 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,197.00.

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.

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 15th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, February 16th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

SATURDAY, February 22nd

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, February 23rd

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

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

WORD OF LIFE

"Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life"

VOCATION THOUGHT

Proclaiming the Lord's name and love is not always easy, and sometimes must be done in the face of persecution. Still, God promises that those who bear insult for the sake of His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His name and love? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS**IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE**

This winter we are collecting men's, women's and children's **Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Boots of all sizes!**

(New or Gently used and clean please)

These items will be given to our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families in the Western New York area.

Donations can be dropped off at our office located at:

20 Herkimer Street, Buffalo, NY

Monday—Friday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

For more information about pickups contact:

Donation Coordinator **Kate Hays @**

(716) 842-0270 ext. 211

Or email: **Catherine.Hays@ccwny.org**

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Save the date for the Annual St. Joseph's Table Dinner on Sunday, March 15th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for some wonderful traditional foods in the church hall. Tickets will be sold in March prior to the dinner. More information to come!

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2019 if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write "**Tax Statement**" on the front of your church envelope.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- * Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
- * Are currently enrolled in a university or college.

Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"

See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten—8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship pre-application is now available for NEW families for the 2020-21 school year. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships. For more information visit our website (www.bisonfund.com) or call 716-854-0869.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

College can be a time of profound searching—both in an academic and personal sense, and campus ministries, like the Newman Center at Buffalo State College, can often act as a safe space for students to echo such questions and find a sense of belonging. As one student said, **"In college, it can be difficult to find a place where you belong. Many seek out different organizations for different reasons, so often in an attempt to feel part of something greater, something they believe in. It was very easy to feel part of Newman because everyone there was so inviting."** Your gift to the Fund for the Faith through the 2020 Appeal helps support ministries like the Newman Center, and in turn, supports the faith and spirituality of hundreds of young people in Western New York. Make a secure donation online at ccwny.org donation or by calling 716-218-1400. **Think of me.**

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