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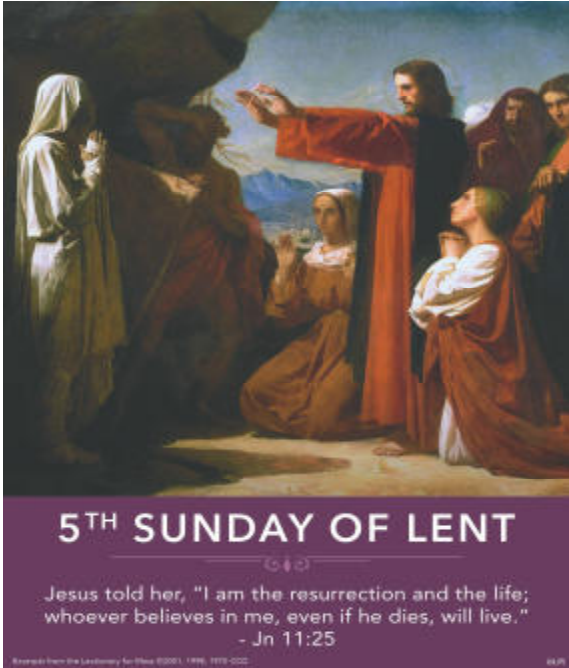
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MASSES

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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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

Due to the directives of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, there will be no regularly scheduled public Masses in the Diocese of Buffalo until further notice.

Mass intentions that were scheduled last week and for the upcoming weeks will be rescheduled at a later date when we are able once again to celebrate Masses. As far as is possible we will contact persons who requested particular Mass intentions to make other arrangements for these intentions to be satisfied.

On Friday, March 13th, Bishop Scharfenberger announced that all Catholic faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

A list of live streamed Masses is located on the Diocesan website www.buffalodiocese.org as well as on our website www.stlouisrcchurch.org.

In addition, all other parish events and large gatherings are to be postponed. Funerals will continue to be conducted, though with only immediate family present until further notice. All Catholic schools will remain closed until April 20, 2020.

FAITH RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time?

A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is "Do not be afraid!" or "have no fear!" God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

PROTECT THE VULNERABLE

Scripture and the social teachings of the church remind us again and again that we - as individuals and a society—must protect and give priority to those who are most vulnerable and at risk. We see this from the laws in the Old Testament that looked out for the poor and the widows, to Jesus' embrace of people on the margins of society, to the early church's adamant support of those who had less. The Bible urges us to put those who are most at risk first.

In the midst of the coronavirus, the vulnerable take many forms. Most obvious are those who are elderly or have other health conditions that make them most susceptible to illness. Those who are younger may not be concerned about our own health risks, but if we help pass on the virus, it can be a life-or-death situation for others.

Others are financially vulnerable and do not have the flexibility to take sick leave that many of us take for granted. That puts them in a difficult situation when they become ill and may have to choose between putting their job at risk and staying home to protect others. Likewise, many parents do not have the flexibility to stay home when school is canceled for their children.

The situation is impacting many others, such as small business owners who may already be on shaky financial ground.

Let us continue to pray with and for one another as we all must face these difficult and challenging times.

Msgr. Manganello

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Geraldine Sliwinski, requested by Michael and David**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Darlene Sliwinski, requested by Michael and David** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Melvin Sliwinski, requested by Michael and David**. 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.

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially **Mary Lou Summers, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharer, 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, especially our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-5



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.

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."

VOCATION THOUGHT

Often we are tempted to focus a great deal on other things and other people, and we fail to take account of what is going on deep within ourselves. Deep within our hearts is where we come to know God's plan for us. Take a look!

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"With great openness and courage, we need to questions how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (The Gospel of Life 95).

RETROUVAILLE OF 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, call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. "Where Families Come First" is for you. All services are free. All conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233 or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married Couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage.

If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, call the Family Life Office—847-2207 or www.buffalodiocese.org/fortheengaged.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Appeal 2020: Catholic Charities is doing everything possible to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors in need at this time. We are operating every service we safely can and especially those most vital at this time such as basic emergency assistance, including our food pantries, and counseling and mental health services. We are here to help. A staff member is available to take questions (or even pledges at 716-218-1400 and to receive appeal donations at our office. Other staff are working remotely and returning office calls daily. For a daily update on our organization, go to our home page at ccwny.org.

Please help us reach our goal of \$10 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps strengthen, protect and empower thousands of people across Western New York through Catholic Charities services and a number of ministries through the Fund for the Faith. Will you think of those most in need in Western New York? Make a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling (716) 218-1400. **Think of Me.**

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.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, is in much need of blankets and flatware. They also accept donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the First Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

Temporary Shelter for Homeless Men and Women

There is a need for volunteers. Little Portion Friary located at 1305 Main Street in Buffalo provides temporary shelter, meals and counseling to homeless men and women as they struggle to acquire permanent housing and jobs. We are a 501c3 organization sustained solely by an all-volunteer staff and donations from private individuals and organizations. Volunteers can assist existing staff with; house supervision during the day, evening or night shifts, preparing evening meals, doing laundry, maintaining the house, administration and bookkeeping, Please call 882-5705 to schedule a visit or ask any questions. Thank you.

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