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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, February 4th: Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Susan Riester Bogner, by Michael Riester

SUNDAY, February 5th: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Special Intentions of the Debra Ann & James Richard Caputi Family, by Family

11:00 am: Bill Kurzdorfer, by Bill & Pam Nordstrom

MONDAY, February 6th: St. Paul Miki & Companions

12:05 pm: William W. Orrange, by Stanley Cieslar

TUESDAY, February 7th:

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

WEDNESDAY, February 8th: St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

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

THURSDAY, February 9th:

12:05 pm: Richard Suchan, by The BISON Fund

FRIDAY, February 10th: St. Scholastica

12:05 pm: Repose of the Soul of Jessica Marie Caputi & Diane Occek Gentile, by Family

SATURDAY, February 11th: Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Repose of the Souls of Edwin H. Gallagher & Gerald P. Glose, by Charles C. & Grace M. Martorana

SUNDAY, February 12th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Alfonso Mazzariello, by Dominic Corigliano & Family

11:00 am: Harold "Harry" Schroeder, by Carolann Besch

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 11th & 12th:

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: John Loss

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 11th & 12th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Pat Doyle

11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



BISON FUND

The Bison Fund is a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. The application process is now open for new families. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **March 15, 2023**. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via mail on March 16th, 2023.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the BISON Fund office at 716 854-0869 or email cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of the many generous parishioners who share their resources time and talents to sustain our beautiful church and parish community in so many ways. The **St. Joseph Altar Candle** burns this week in memory of **Michael Della Selva**, requested by Lynn Wilson.

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.

UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE

From January 2016 until June 2016 St. Louis was part of the *Upon This Rock initiative*. As part of this program, parishes were asked to identify a need that they would like to address in order that each parish may continue their good works. Because of your generosity to the *Upon This Rock Campaign*, we have been able to complete several major projects. We have received our twelfth disbursement from the *Campaign*. Over the years these funds helped us complete some very major projects.

We should now have reached the end of our two yearly disbursements from the *Upon This Rock Campaign*. Even though we were guaranteed to receive ten disbursements, there are still some residual funds disbursed to St. Louis as final pledges are received by the *Upon This Rock Campaign*. Due to various circumstances many donors have extended their payment arrangements.

At the end of July the Parish received another \$744.33. This added to our previous disbursements totals \$365,569.74. Thank you for remaining faithful to your pledge commitment to *Upon This Rock*.

The Finance/Restoration Committee is continually working on projects that we hope to complete each year. As with any old house there will always be something that needs to be done. Once again thank you for your support of the projects that St. Louis is able to complete each year allowing us to maintain our Gothic Grandeur. As always, may St. Louis bless you in return for your generous support over the years for our *Upon This Rock Campaign*.

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Take a moment and check out a presentation about Catholic Education and the good things that are taking place within our Catholic schools this session. Visit "*Shooting For The Stars*", a one hour show released Jan 2023 on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2qJxe_IXS0



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Clarence Forness, 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.

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 261 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3,830.00. Our online donations totaled \$225.00. The Catholic relief Services collection totaled \$537.00.

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, February 4th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection

SUNDAY, February 5th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection

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

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy

12:00-5:00 pm: Confirmation Retreat in the Church Hall

TUESDAY, February 7th:

5:30 pm: Finance Committee meets in the Church Hall

SATURDAY, February 11th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly and Maintenance & Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, February 12th:

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

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

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy

Monday, February 13th:

7:00 pm: Meeting of *Family of Parishes* Parish Council Members at St. Joseph Cathedral

WORD OF LIFE

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

... Pope Francis, *29th World Day of the Sick*, 2021

VOCATION THOUGHT

"Your light must shine before others," Jesus says. Don't hide under a bushel. Let it be seen, and inspire others to deeper faith! Preach the Gospel with words and deeds. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In the 98 years of the Appeal, close to half a billion dollars has been raised to provide help and hope to those who need it most, so you can see why its importance cannot be understated. In our founding year, Catholic Charities served about 12,500 people. Last year, we served 134,000; the annual Appeal makes this possible! Your donation helps ensure programs and services like basic emergency assistance, educational and vocational programs, counseling, and family safety and stabilization services. Give **HOPE** today at www.ccnw.org/donation or text GIVE HOPE23 to 44321.

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 at 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 religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org).

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

There will be an OPEN HOUSE for families interested in enrolling children for the 2023—2024 academic year on Tuesday, February 7th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM and Thursday, February 9th from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Please come and meet faculty members, parents and staff and learn about our wonderful school. The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is our parish school. Call 716 885-6111 for more information.

NOTE OF CAUTION

In recent weeks there have been a series of car break-ins in the neighborhood including our parking lot during the week. The Buffalo Police asked that we advise people not to leave anything in plain sight in their vehicles. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to break a window and grab whatever may be visible or just ransack the car. Of particular note are such things as: spare change in consoles, GPS systems, any mobile power cords, no bags whatsoever.

This advice should be heeded wherever you may be. This is not only a city problem but can happen in your own driveway at home. Please be cautious

CATHOLIC SINGLES GATHERING

Enjoy an evening of hot chocolate and fellowship by the fireplace of Lafayette Brewing Company (391 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 14203) on Friday, February 10, 2023 for "Catholic Singles Mingle". This St. Valentine's Day Celebration is for Catholic single adults in their 30's and 40's. All proceeds to be donated to the Mother Teresa Home, which provides shelter, community service, and education referral services for all mothers in need. For more information and to reserve your free spot visit <https://CatholicSinglesMingle.eventbrite.com>



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