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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

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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 25th: Vigil for First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Herbert Bucki, by the Bucki Family

SUNDAY, February 26th First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Dr. & Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

11:00 am: Deceased members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

MONDAY, February 27th St. Gregory of Narek

12:05 pm: Ronald Concilla, by Doug & Liz Benz

TUESDAY, February 28th

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

WEDNESDAY, March 1st

12:05 pm: Jack Rozanski, by Barbara Adelsberger

THURSDAY, March 2nd

12:05 pm: Emily Mikos, by Family

FRIDAY, March 3rd: St. Katharine Drexel

12:05 pm: Special Intentions of Charlotte Oczeck & the Gentile Families

SATURDAY, March 4th: Vigil for Second Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY, March 5th: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Thomas Walsh, by Sue Villari

11:00 am: Don "Bill" Wolcott, by Ashlee Campbell

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 4th & 5th:

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler

9:00 am: John Loss

11:00 am: Matt Glynn



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 4th & 5th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Tim McCarthy



ST JOSEPH'S TABLE TICKET SALES BEGIN

St Louis is hosting a St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 19th from 12:00 —2:00 pm after the 11:00 Mass in the church hall. We're excited for this annual tradition to return after a three-year hiatus! Tickets will be available after Masses the weekends of March 4th & 5th, March 11th & 12th, and March 18th & 19th. Prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dine-in or take-out dinner. Gluten free options will be available. Please contact Christina Mandolfo at feedback@stlouisrcchurch.org if you would like to volunteer or bring a dish to share.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Brendan Thomas Cody, requested by Joyce "Poppy" Persico. The St. Joseph Candle also burns this week in memory of Brendan, requested by Poppy Persico and the Pieta Candle glows this week in tender memory of Brendan, requested by his Grandmother.

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.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Over the last several months, there have been 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.

Our pastors of our Family of Parishes met on December 12, 2022 and determined the timeline for forming our family. The activation of Our Family began on February 15, 2023. The process to complete this activation will take six months. On August 15, 2023, the downtown Family of Parishes will come into existence.

In the last couple of months there have been simple "meet and greet" gatherings for the parish staffs and parish councils so that we may introduce ourselves to one another. The meet and greet of financial councils is scheduled to take place on March 15th after the 6:30 p.m. Lenten Penance Service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. After these initial meetings, committees will form with members of each parish to discuss the larger issues in activating the Parish Family. When that time comes, anyone interested should contact the parish office.

On February 13th, the Parish Councils of Our Family of Parishes met to introduce ourselves to one another. It was a very fruitful meeting. Everyone shared their reasons for belonging to their particular church and why they were drawn to that church rather than another.

The things that seem to be common to all the parishes in our Family is that everyone is very proud of their parish. They find a sense of community and faith that nourishes them spiritually. Most have been long standing members of the Churches to which they belong and have a long history with the church to which they belong.

Everyone recognizes there will be challenges as we go forward, but everyone seems to be willing to work together in forming our Family of Parishes.

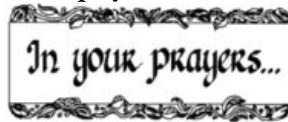
Please continue to pray for the success of this new venture, and for those having to make decisions connected to the Formation of the Families of Parishes in the Diocese.

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

Msgr. Manganello

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

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 289 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3915.00. Our online donations totaled \$45.00.

You can also support the 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 25th:

4:00 pm: Weekly Offering

SUNDAY, February 26th:

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

11:am: *Rite of Sending Ceremony* with RCIA Candidates and Sponsors within liturgy at St. Louis.

3:00 pm: *Rite of Election Ceremony* with RCIA Candidates and Sponsors at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, March 4th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including Weekly and Monthly Collection and Black & Indian Mission Collection.

SUNDAY, March 5th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including Weekly and Monthly Collection and Black & Indian Mission Collection.

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

12:00 noontime: RCIA meets in the Sacristy.

WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Respect Life Reflection : *Cherished, Chosen, Sent.*

VOCATION THOUGHT

Lent is here — time to challenge ourselves to be holier. This year, don't just give something up—start a new life in ministry! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate the following parishioners who are Honor Roll students at Canisius High School for the fourth quarter of the 2022-2023 school year:

Grade 9: Henry Plizga,

Grade 11: Luca D'Angelo & Ryan Stravino

JOINT CHORAL EVENSONG

The Choir of St. Louis Church will join the Choir of Calvary Episcopal Church for a Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 5th at 4:00PM in Calvary Church, 20 Milton Street in Williamsville, New York. Featured will be works of Healey Willan, Craig Phillips, and Virgil Thomson. All St. Louis parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend this wonderful afternoon of prayer, meditation, and beautiful music offered by a combined ensemble of sixty voices.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, **Appeal 2023** also benefits the **Fund for the Faith**. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the **Fund for the Faith** continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our Diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. **Support Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith** by visiting www.ccnny.org/donate or text **GIVEHOPE23** to 44321 today.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Lent is a holy season of prayer much of which is focused on doing penance, seeking God's forgiveness, and renewing our spiritual lives. One of the ways to help us prepare for the celebration of the Easter Resurrection is to receive the Sacrament of Penance by which God renews us. Our Penance Service this Lent will be held on March 15th at St. Anthony of Padua church at 4:00 p.m. and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:30 p.m. This will be a communal penance service followed by the opportunity for individual confession. Please join our family of parishes: St. Anthony of Padua, Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Louis, St. Michael, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for this celebration of pardon and peace.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Travel to Ireland, the "Land of Saints and Scholars," from October 19-27, 2023 with Fr. Paul Seil, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, a member of our "Family of Parishes." Take in the beauty, culture and faith of the Emerald Isle in Galway, Killarney, Dublin and more. Limited openings for the group are available. For complete information and to register, call Kathy-Jo at Travel Outlet, 716 675-1190



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