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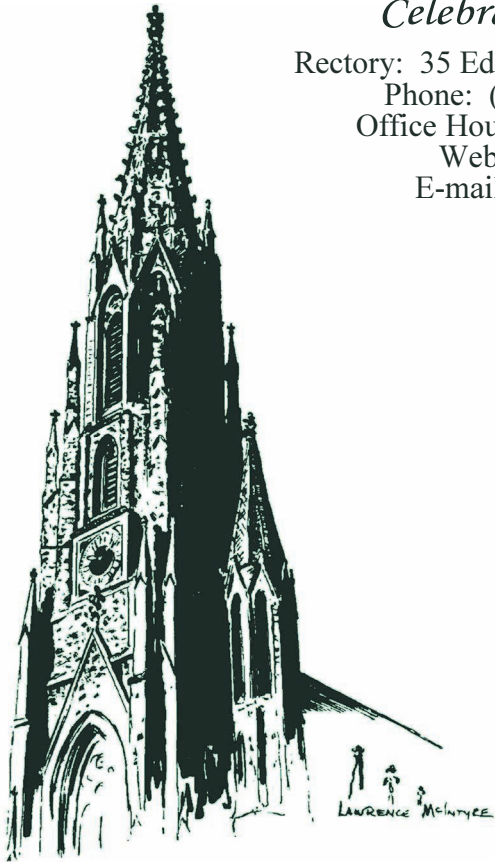
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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
 Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Eve of the Holy Day..... 4:30 p.m.
 Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
 Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
 Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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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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 Rafffeiner..... 1850-1851
 Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
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 Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
 Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

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 Reverend Howard J. Schwartz 1948-1964
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 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 3:**

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mary Guzowski, by Rosemary Bloch

SUNDAY, February 4: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Judy Beecher, by Carl and Grace Post

11:00 am: Sebastian Mandolfo, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

MONDAY, February 5: SAINT AGATHA

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

TUESDAY, February 6: SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

12:05 pm: Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, February 7: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Msgr. William A. Schwinger, by Gary and Sandy Witman

THURSDAY, February 8: SAINT JEROME EMILIANI AND SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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

FRIDAY, February 9: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Deceased of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

SATURDAY, February 10:

2:00 pm: Wedding of Devon Monaco and Cassandra Gryns

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

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Jr., by Richard and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, February 11: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Richard A. Grimm, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Benz

11:00 am: Helen Frost, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 10th and February 11th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Anne Continetti

11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL****MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Weekend of February 10th and February 11th

4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow,
Jane Pelosi and Kevin Brayer

9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Robert Sprague,
Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo, Sue Kolbe
and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**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.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of February, there are many days set aside for specific purposes both religious and secular. Among the days observed in February are Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day (which also happens to be Ash Wednesday this year), Presidents Day commemorating Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, and Chinese New Year.

The Church also sets aside several days focusing our attention on important aspects of the Church in the world. February 3rd and 4th is World Day for Consecrated Life. The Church designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day, as an appropriate moment to thank God for the gift of consecrated life. Jesus is manifest as "light of revelation for the Gentiles" and glory for God's people, Israel." Consecrated men and women reflect this light as witnesses of Jesus in a world that is often shrouded in shadow. They are the glory of God's people. We pray for the perseverance of consecrated men and women and ask God to continue enriching the Church with their unique vocation. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

February 8th is International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. The first International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking was celebrated on February 8, 2015. This is also the Feast Day of Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese slave who became a Canossian nun. She was kidnapped as a child from her home in Sudan at the age of 7 and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. The day of prayer on February 8th is intended to raise awareness of and encourage reflection on the violence and injustice that impact victims of human trafficking.

World Marriage Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of February, this year February 11th. Marriage is an irreplaceable good for society and all people. Promoting and strengthening marriage remains a pastoral priority today.

February 11th is also World Day of the Sick. World Day of the Sick was instituted on May 13, 1992 by St. Pope John Paul II. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before and it is considered that his own illness was the impetus for his designation of the day. It was first observed on February 11, 1993 which is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus performed many healings and continues to heal those who come to him. Can Jesus be inviting you to assist Him on His healing mission? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 365 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,111.00 and Catholic Relief Services collection was \$735.00.

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 3rd

- 4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
- 4:00 pm: Blessing of Throats
- 4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, February 4th

- 9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Blessing of Throats
- After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

TUESDAY, February 6th

- 7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, February 10th

- 4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, February 11th

- 9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
- After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy
- 12 noon: Baptism of Luca Christopher Billoni

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joel Rivera, Norbert Sliwinski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Geraldine Sliwinski, 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 Donald Kopp, Donald Szymanski and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself" Galatians 5:14. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities offers basic, emergency assistance such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the 2018 Appeal helps us to ease the struggling by giving food to the hungry, clothing to the naked and shelter to the homeless. To make a donation or to find out more about the 2018 Appeal call 716-218-1400 or visit ccwny.org/donation. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. **"Love your neighbor."**

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Beat the cold at our annual Chili Cook-off Saturday, February 24th after the 4:00 Mass in the church hall. Check out our flyer next week for more details.

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Our annual St. Joseph's Table will be held on March 18th after the 11:00 Mass. More details to follow.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS
We will only issue year end contribution statements 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.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today's first reading, Job reminds us that we all face suffering in our lives. Loss of loved ones, health problems, day to day struggles. How many times have you tossed and turned at night like Job, questioning the reasons for your pain? Like Job, we may not get the answers we are looking for, but we need to remember that no matter the suffering, God is always present to give us strength and hope. In fact, after we hear about Job in the first reading, the Psalm that follows draws us back to hope. "For He is good...He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds." The point is, we can choose to ask God for the strength to help us endure our suffering, or we can turn away from him in anger. Taking comfort in God and his goodness is undoubtedly the better choice.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY WINTER OPEN HOUSE

Come learn more about the Catholic Academy difference at our **Winter Open House** for families interested in enrolling children at **Catholic Academy of West Buffalo** in **September 2018**. Dates are **Tuesday, February 6th from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 8th from 6:30—8:00 p.m.**

Catholic Academy offers rigorous academics, excellent religious and moral education and a wide array of sports and extracurricular activities in grades Pre-K 3 to 8. Pre-K for 3 year olds is a very popular part time program, with a 10:2 ratio. According to **Business First** rankings for **Middle Schools** in June 2017, **we are ranked third of the private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo!**

Come tour our building, meet the Catholic Academy family and learn more about our programming. Registration for September 2018 is ongoing, and office staff will be available to review admission forms and answer questions regarding the different **tuition assistance available**. For information, call the school @ 885-6111 or visit us at cawb.org, on Facebook or Twitter @ [cawb1069](https://twitter.com/cawb1069).

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