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### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
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### PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Frank Pelosi  
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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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### 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 Rafffeiner..... 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, March 2:

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Emily Mikos, by Family

### SUNDAY, March 3: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate  
11:00 am: Carl and Marie Miller, by Estate

### MONDAY, March 4: SAINT CASIMIR

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

### TUESDAY, March 5: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: All Souls

### WEDNESDAY, March 6: ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate  
12:05 pm: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

### THURSDAY, March 7: SAINT PERPETUA AND SAINT FELICITY

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

### FRIDAY, March 8: SAINT JOHN OF GOD

12:05 pm: Frank Mikos, by Family

### SATURDAY, March 9:

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

### SUNDAY, March 10: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate  
11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riestler Family, by Michael Riestler

## SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 9th and March 10th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky  
9:00 am: John Loss  
11:00 am: Michael Riestler



## SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 9th and March 10th

4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow, Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky  
9:00 am: Anne Continetti, Judy Perkowski, Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero  
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Michael Riestler, John Beller and Joyce Persico



## MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of **Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by Sons**. 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.

## A CALL TO RETURN TO THE LORD

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of another season of Lent. Lent is one of the most popular and historical devotions of the Catholic Christianity: ashes are put on the forehead on Ash Wednesday, the Way of the Cross is a devotional prayer that is quite popular during the season of Lent especially on Friday and blessed palms are a part of the celebration of the Passion.

A popular question we hear during Lent is: What are you giving up for Lent? Often people reply: chocolate, desserts, pop, candy or sweets. The traditional Lenten practices we inherit from the early centuries of the Church are threefold which we hear on Ash Wednesday: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In the early Church, when Lent was a time for reconciliation of public penitents, the penitents would come to the church at the beginning of Lent, that is, on Ash Wednesday. They would wear a penitential garment, like sackcloth and be sprinkled with ashes. Then they would be ritually expelled from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to the church on Holy Thursday, when they would be readmitted to the sacraments. With time, the expulsion of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained and became a call to penance for all the faithful.

The prophet Joel who speaks to us on Ash Wednesday, encourages us to turn our hearts back to the Lord and experience the Lord's mercy especially through the directives given by Jesus: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

*Msgr. Manganello*

## VOCATION THOUGHT

While we are all called to lead each other to Christ, we must have the humility to recognize our own blind spots. What can you do to bring greater clarity to your sense of Jesus and how He is calling you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Borte, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, 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 330 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$8,053.00.

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, March 2nd

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

**4:00 pm:** Western New York Catholic Available

#### SUNDAY, March 3rd

**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:** Western New York Catholic Available

**12:00—1:30 pm:** People of Faith Prayer Program—Preparing for Easter with Meditation—Church Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, March 6th—Ash Wednesday

**8:00 am & 12:05 pm:** Distribution of Ashes

#### FRIDAY, March 8th

**After 12:05 Mass:** Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY, March 9th

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Fuel Collection, Maintenance and Repairs Collection and Black and Indian Missions Collection

**4:00 pm:** Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph's Table

#### SUNDAY, March 10th

**2:00 am:** Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Spring Forward 1 Hour

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

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Fuel Collection, Maintenance and Repairs Collection and Black and Indian Missions Collection

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph's Table

### 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.

### S T. JOSEPH'S TABLE

The annual St. Joseph's Table will be held on March 24th from 12—2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of March 9th-10th and March 16th-17th.

Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (Dine-in or Take-out).

### OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE

**Days of Abstinence**—Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

**Days of Fast**—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

**Weekdays of Lent**—No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Easter Duty Obligation**—Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (March 10th) through Trinity Sunday (June 16th).

**Self-Denial**—Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominate someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of April 6th and 7th. Elected Members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role. Nomination forms are included in this week's bulletin and can be put into the collection basket or sacristy.

For questions or more information about the Parish Council, contact Keith Boerner at [keithboerner@roadrunner.com](mailto:keithboerner@roadrunner.com).

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick's Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 16th and Sunday, March 17th. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

### PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER PROGRAM

Thanks to all who joined us for our People of Faith program on the ancient roots of our liturgy on February 17th. We are very grateful to our assistant choir director, Karen Podd, for sharing her expertise with us! Next, we welcome our parishioners and friends to our program on **Sunday, March 3rd from 12—1:30 p.m.** in our Church Hall. The program will include lunch and a shared experience with **PREPARING FOR EASTER WITH MEDITATION** led by our own Msgr. John Madsen.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Roger was providing a good life for himself and his children. Then things changed in an instant.** He lost his job and was evicted when he couldn't pay rent. "I felt terrible knowing that my kids used to have enough food, a place to live and good things that kids want," Roger said. Losing hope, Roger came to Catholic Charities, where he received assistance with food, medicine, clothing and household items. Soon, his luck changed and he found employment and regained stability in his life and his children's. Your donation to the 2019 Appeal helps people like Roger and his children. You can select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400

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