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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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

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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, January 25:

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

Carol A. Regan, by Douglas Regan

SUNDAY, January 26: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Florian Chmurzynski, by Bud Vetter

11:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

MONDAY, January 27: SAINT ANGELA MERICI

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

TUESDAY, January 28: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of the Klosko, Gentile, Oczek and Fink Families, by Family

WEDNESDAY, January 29: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, January 30: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Good Health and God's Blessings for the Gentile and Krustapentus Families, by Family

FRIDAY, January 31: SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

12:05 pm: Return to Good Health for Luke Wesolowski, by Family

SATURDAY, February 1:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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

SUNDAY, February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

11:00 am: George Milanovich, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 1st and February 2nd

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Tom Pirrung

11:00 am: Joyce Persico



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 1st and February 2nd

4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Ann Dumansky
Diane Randazzo and Jim Ferrini

9:00 am: Anne Mecca, Susan Ministero
and Tim and Mary O'Shea

11:00 am: Joyce Persico, Pam Nordstrom
and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **John DeGain**, requested by **Susan Holden**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Roger Broadhead**, requested by **Wendy Mistretta and Family**.

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.

CREATING THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This weekend is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time according to the counted time of our liturgical calendar. To help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be dedicated to the word of God. Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture, he said in his new apostolic letter. Devoting a special day "to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God" will help the Church "experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world," the pope said. The apostolic letter given "motu proprio," on the pope's own initiative, is titled, "Aperuit Illis," based on a verse from the Gospel of St. Luke, "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." "The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians," the pope went on to say in the apostolic letter. The letter of Pope Francis was released by the Vatican on September 30, 2019, on the feast of St. Jerome, who is the patron saint of biblical scholars. "The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few," the pope wrote. "It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words."

Msrgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

When Jesus read before the crowd today, he made known to us his vocation, What is yours? Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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 Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, Richard Robinson, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine

Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, 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 225 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3,152.00 and Fuel collection was \$948.00.

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, January 25th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

SUNDAY, January 26th

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

SATURDAY, February 1st

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

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, February 2nd

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Think of Me is the theme for the 2020 Appeal in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. Last year, thanks to the generous support of donors like you, Catholic Charities was able to positively impact the lives of more than 160,000 children, families and seniors across the eight counties of Western New York with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, counseling, and parent education and support. Appeal Chair Rick Cronin announced our goal of \$10 million and the patron of the 2020 Appeal: St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, husband of Mary and patron of our diocese. Through your gift to the 2020 Appeal, you can think of those in need and offer comfort, peace, healing and hope. We look forward to working with you now through Appeal Sunday, or until our goal is reached.

Find out more at ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

THANK YOU

Dear Parish Council,

The Ladies of Charity, of the Diocese of Buffalo, want to thank you for the donation of new toys that was delivered to our center on December 27th. It is very much appreciated!

The toys will be given to needy families throughout the Western New York area, who have been referred to us by Catholic Charities Social Workers. It is because of the generosity of people like you, and the parishioners of St. Louis Church, that we are able to assist as many families as we do.

Thank you again for allowing us to share your kindness.

May God bless you. Sincerely,

Eileen C. Nowak, Director

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

Melt the snow with some Chili heat. Join us on February 8th after the 4:00 Mass for our Annual Chili Cook Off. Make a chili or bring your favorite dessert. Contact Debbie Guillow @ 465-6196 or dlguillow@yahoo.com.

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.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 4TH & 6TH

Come learn more about the Catholic Academy Difference at our **Open House** for families interested in enrolling children at **Catholic Academy of West Buffalo** in **September 2020**. Open House **February 4th is 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** and **February 6th is 5:30—7:00 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 2019, **we are ranked among the top 10% of private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo!** Our 2019 8th grade earned over \$300,000 in academic scholarships...a school record!

Come tour our building, meet the Catholic Academy family and learn more about our programming. Registration for September 2020 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.

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