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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 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 8:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Jimmy Horbett, by The Stott Family
- SUNDAY, February 9: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate
11:00 am: Dorothy and Edmund Radwan, by Marie Radwan Haremski
- MONDAY, February 10: SAINT SCHOLASTICA**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish
- TUESDAY, February 11: OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
12:05 pm: Helen Frost, by Family
- WEDNESDAY, February 12: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Deceased of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate
- THURSDAY, February 13: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate
- FRIDAY, February 14: SAINT CYRIL, MONK AND SAINT METHIDIUS, BISHOP**
12:05 pm: God's Blessings for Jessica Marie Caputi and Avery Marie Griffiss, by Family
- SATURDAY, February 15:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Special Intentions of Jessica, Heather and James T. Caputi, by Family
- SUNDAY, February 16: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Theresa and Vicci Recckio, by Daughters and Sisters

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 15th and February 16th

- 4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: J. & M. Loss
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 15th and February 16th

- 4:00 pm:** Ann Dumansky, Debbie Guillow, Jane Pelosi and Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Michael Loss, Susan Ministero and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Michael Mandolfo, Joyce Persico and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Special Intentions of **Jessica, Heather and James T. Caputi, requested by Family.** The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Earl and Mary Young, requested by Marilyn Young.**

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.

FREE AND FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Although November seems like a long way off, politics has us thinking of Election Day already. With Iowa Caucuses in full swing and the impending special election for the 27th district of New York underway, our minds are naturally drawn to the candidates for possible election. As "Free and Faithful Citizens" of the United States, we have a responsibility to be fully informed about what each of the candidates stand for in order to make an informed judgement about who we should elect.

The campaigns promise to be contentious and divisive. So how do we separate the truth from the lies, the real issues from the fog and the noise? How do we discern the road our nation should take to realize "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for all of us?

As people of faith, the challenge, as in any important decision, is to find Christ in the middle and muddle of it all. Where do we see Jesus in the issues and public policy questions? Who speaks the voice of Christ for the vulnerable, the poor, the sick, the unemployed and underemployed in America? How does our nation best realize Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God? These are questions for us to contemplate in deciding for whom we will vote. Especially for people of faith, this is a difficult matter to decide.

In the coming months in the run-up elections, let us keep in mind that Christ is with us. Let us listen to his voice with humility; let us embrace the principles of his Gospel with generosity of heart and spirit; let us remember to bring God's Kingdom of justice and peace to reality in this moment in our nation's history.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Not long ago we heard about Jesus' vocation as foretold by Isaiah. Today we hear of St. Paul's vocation to spread the good news of Jesus to people far and wide. What is your vocation? 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, 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 361 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,711.50.

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 8th

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

4:00 pm: Chili Cook-Off After Mass—Church Hall

SUNDAY, February 9th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Family Faith Formation Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

MONDAY, February 10th

7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, February 15th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, February 16th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Eamonn Dwyer, Emmett Joyce, Zachary Whistler, Brian Manning and Samuel Whistler who made the second marking period Honor Roll at Canisius High School.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

Immigrant and Refugee Assistance Program Annual Winter Coat Drive

This winter we are collecting men's, women's and children's
**Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves
and Boots of all sizes!**

(*New, or Gently used and clean please)

These items will be given to our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families in the Western New York area.

Donations can be dropped off at our office located at:

20 Herkimer Street, Buffalo, NY

Monday—Friday—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For more information about pickups contact:

Donation Coordinator **Kate Hays** at

(716) 842-0270 ext. 211

Or email: Catherine.Hays@ccwny.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCARIST 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.

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.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten—8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship pre-application is now available for NEW families for the 2020-21 school year. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships. For more information visit our website www.bisonfund.com or call 716-854-0869.

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 3, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When Brian was 14, he began to act out and become physically aggressive. His mother was at a loss at how to help her son. **"I tried getting Brian a mentor, took him for counseling, talked to our priest, and nothing seemed to work. Then Father suggested Catholic Charities."** Two days after calling Catholic Charities, Brian and his mother began working with Emily, a therapist through the Multisystemic Therapy Program. Through MST, a program designed for at-risk youth, Brian and his mother found ways to manage his behavior and get on track to a more peaceful home life. "It is hard work, but it is worth it to see my child return to his normal behavior. It wasn't easy for Brian or myself, but I stuck with it and am very impressed with the results. I feel that 100 pounds has been lifted off my back." Your gift to the 2020 Appeal helps families like Brian and his mother. Will you think of them? Make a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling (716) 218-1400. **Think of me.**

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