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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.

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
Grades Pre-K to 8
1069 Delaware Ave. • Buffalo, NY 14209 • (716) 885-6111

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.

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.

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 Raffineer .................................. 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ................................. 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ...................................... 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ........................ 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulenpickoff ..................... 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ................................. 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ......................... 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach ...................... 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, August 1:
  2:00 pm: Wedding of Matthew Krajna and Nicole Lintner
  4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
              Al Szczepaniec, by Stephen and Pat Ackerman
  5:30 pm: Wedding of Scott Budzenski and Rebecca Greco

SUNDAY, August 2: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
  9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
  11:00 am: Lucille Decker, by Carolann Besch

MONDAY, August 3: WEEKDAY
  12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, August 4: SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
  12:05 pm: Vincey and Anthony Barone, by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 5: THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR
  12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Hession and Sullivan Families, by Ann Hession

THURSDAY, August 6: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
  12:05 pm: Deceased of the Chojnacki and Halicki Families, by Family

FRIDAY, August 7: SAINT SIXTUS, II AND SAINT CAJETAN
  12:05 pm: Adelaide D. Volo, by Family

SATURDAY, August 8:
  12 noon: Wedding of Steven Burdzy and Kristen Challgren
  2:00 pm: Wedding of Christopher Bartkowski and Jane Ginther
  4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
              Dolores Jones, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

SUNDAY, August 9: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
  9:00 am: Mary Kontos, by Bill Kurzdorfer
  11:00 am: Lucille Decker, by Christine Lacey

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of August 8th and August 9th
  4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
  9:00 am: Maureen Saab
  11:00 am: John Zygaj

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of August 8th and August 9th
  4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Robert Sprague and Frank and Jane Pelosi
  9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero, Judy Perkowski and Jim Brigante
  11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Paul Griffin, Pat Doyle and Kevin Brayer

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by 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.

**LAUDATO SI**

Recently, Pope Francis released his Encyclical *Laudato Si* “Praise be to you, my Lord” which is taken from the invocation of St. Francis in his Canticle of Creatures. The Encyclical has 6 chapters: “What is happening to our common home;” “The Gospel of creation;” “The human roots of the ecological crisis;” “Integral ecology;” “Lines of approach and action;” and “Ecological education and spirituality.” The Encyclical ends with an interreligious prayer for our earth and a Christian prayer for Creation.

The Encyclical has generated a great deal of discussion. The purpose of the Encyclical is to generate reflection, discussion and action on the environment we live in. It extends out toward social issues that affect the world around us leading people to question the meaning of existence, that is, the purpose of our life in this world; the goal of our work and our efforts; and the earth’s need for us to protect it.

Pope Francis invites everyone, individuals, families, local communities, nations and the international community to take on the responsibility of "caring for our common home." Pope Francis recognizes that there is a “growing concern, for what is happening to our planet.” The Encyclical is a message of hope. “All is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”

May the Lord be praised.

Msgr. Manganello

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

In the Gospel, Jesus says to the crowd, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.” Is God calling you to help others to find Jesus, the bread of life? If you think you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Rev. Andrew Lauricella—847-5535.

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Herb Bucki, Eleanor Brayer, Larry Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamiie Kate Johnson, Bob and Mary Dickerson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloi, Kathleen A. Walter, Kristina Lewis, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram 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 Msgr. Paul J. Whitney 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 387 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,246.00.

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, August 1st
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, August 2nd
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

MONDAY, August 3rd
7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

SATURDAY, August 8th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, August 9th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

Catholic Biblical Studies Program
For those who've been part of it, this opportunity is often credited with being a “life changer,” sometimes bringing people back to a meaningful experience of faith, sometimes carrying them through difficult challenges and personal crisis and always opening the door to meeting remarkable women and men. It has quietly but steadily continued for nearly three decades and now is taking a slightly altered form, adapted to the needs of busy people. An introductory Bible study, “Israel Becomes God’s People,” will start in September. This is to be the first of three seven-week sessions planned for the school year 2015-2016. The locations will be:
- Wednesday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
  St. John Vianney Parish
  2950 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park, NY
- Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  St. Vincent de Paul Parish
  6441 Seneca Street, Springbrook, NY
- Thursday Afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  The Newman Center (UB North)
  495 Skinnersville Road, Amherst, NY

Registration information with details about specific class dates and cost is available on the website www.cbstudies.org and by phone at 871-9180. You can also learn about other upcoming events sponsored by the Catholic Biblical Studies Program involving nationally known speakers and teachers.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
If you know of any couple or couples that are celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversary for the year of 2015, a special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Malone on Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo. Please contact your parish rectory as soon as possible if you wish to attend, or call the Office of Family Life at 847-2210. Following the Mass, an informal reception will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel.

Faith Moment Reflection
In today’s reading from the book of Exodus, we see the Israelites grumbling to Moses about the lack of food in the desert. When God rains down bread from heaven for them to eat, Moses teaches them about God’s life-giving generosity. Moses is telling us that God’s generosity knows no bounds and He will satisfy our every need. But the nourishment God sends is much more than food to satisfy our immediate hunger. God satisfies our hunger for eternal life. Through Him we find love that leads to true and lasting satisfaction. As Jesus promises, “whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” We only need to trust and believe.

Buffalo Religious Arts Center
Ever wonder what happened to some of the religious artifacts from the closed churches in Buffalo? Book a tour to see the Buffalo Religious Arts Center located in the former St. Francis Xavier Church, 157 East Street, Buffalo, NY—call 716-481-2350 for more information.

St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center
Are you expecting and need help? We are here to help you before, during, and after childbirth. The center serves life by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to single mothers and young families in need from pregnancy through the first years of life. Our primary office is at 76 Church Street, Buffalo, open Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Satellite locations: Chautauqua area—103 E. Doughty Street, Dunkirk, open Tuesdays; Niagara area—335 24th Street, Niagara Falls, open Wednesdays & Saturdays. If you would like more information on the services provided or if you would like a brochure, please call 716-842-2229 or 716-847-2205.

Project Rachel
A post-abortion reconciliation offering forgiveness, hope and healing to women, men or anyone suffering emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually from the effects of an abortion—Don’t suffer alone. We care. Let us help you. Confidential hotline: 716-847-2211.

Now and at the Hour of Our Death
Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making
What does the Church teach about...end-of-life medical treatments? ...doctor assisted suicide? ...health care proxies and living wills. Find answers to these questions and more at www.catholicendoflife.org.

Domestic Violence
If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. “Where Families Come First” is for you! All services are free. All conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233.