PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen………………………….....Weekend Assistant
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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President............................................................................... Wendy Mistretta
Vice-President .............................................................................. John Zygaj
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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
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.

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 Raffeiner…………………...1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ……………………………1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall………………………………1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ……………………………1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schouplenkoff ……………………………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 8:
12 noon: Wedding of Steven Burdzy and Kristen Chaligren
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

MONDAY, August 10: SAINT LAWRENCE
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, August 11: SAINT CLARE
12:05 pm: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Niziti Ascela

WEDNESDAY, August 12: SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL
12:05 pm: Beverly, Albert and Esther Fest, by Estate of Esther Fest

THURSDAY, August 13: SAINT PONTIAN AND SAINT HIPPOLYTUS
12:05 pm: Franklin Fragale, by Dell Costello

FRIDAY, August 14: SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
12:05 pm: William Pax, by Judy Perkowski
4:30 pm: Wedding of David Cassetta and Denise Zenicki

SATURDAY, August 15:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, August 16: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Carmela, John and Mary Arnone, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of August 15th and August 16th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Gina Derrico

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of August 15th and August 16th
4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini and Robert Sprague
9:00 am: Tim and Mary O'Shea
and John and Nancy Pax
11:00 am: Bernie Gerling, Carolann Besch,
Ryan McGowan and Kevin Brayer

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Henke, requested by Raymond E. Sharrer. 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.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF SUMMER

Typically, when people hear the word “summer,” images of beaches, pools, vacations, picnics and festivals are some of the first things to come to mind. After a long cold winter in Western New York, we all look forward to reconnecting with the great outdoors to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and warmth. There is a sense of relaxing that enters into our summer routines. The rhythms of our work changes and we try to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy all that we can.

The spirituality of rest is often an overlooked aspect of our faith, but to God, it is far from insignificant. When forming the universe and all of creation and when God was doing creating the earth, He took a day off. As the Book of Genesis tells us on the seventh day God rested, not because he was tired from creating, but because He was setting a precedent for us. Rest is a gift from God, created by God to give us time to recuperate and spend time with Him. Just as we are meant to work during the week and set aside the Sabbath, summer is for us the “Sabbath” of our year. We have been given a time when the pace of society slows down.

So do fun things, take a vacation to interesting places and explore. It is critical for our spiritual development that we take the time to rest, relax and enjoy the life that God has created for us.

Msgr. Manganello

WORD OF LIFE BRIEF

Keeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person.

~ Archbishop William E. Lori, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty on the “Freedom to Bear Witness”

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Herb Bucki, Eleanor Brayer, Larry DiGuilio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bob and Mary Dickerson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloj, 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 Rev. Raymond R. Russell, Rita Zwack and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
To register for the event and for more information, please visit tributegardenwny.org.

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

SATURDAY, August 15th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
6th Annual Break the Cycle Bike-A-Thon & Walk honoring the lives of those affected by domestic violence. The Erie County Commission for the Status of Women, along with several domestic violence service providers, will be holding the 6th Annual “Break the Cycle Bike-A-Thon & Walk on Saturday, September 26 at Isle View Park in Tonawanda, NY. Following the Bike-a-Thon & Walk, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Tribute Garden will take place, along with a celebration of music, basket raffles, and light food and refreshments. One in four women will be a victim of domestic violence at some point in their life; the Garden will act as a permanent memorial to those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, as well as to honor the lives of survivors. To register for the event and for more information, please visit tributegardenwny.org.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
In today’s reading we find Elijah exhausted by his journey into the desert. He is ready to give up when an angel encourages him to regain his strength by eating and drinking some food and water that God had provided. At times, we all act a bit like Elijah on our journey in life, We feel discouraged and defeated by the trials we encounter - - a problem at work, difficulties in our family, or simply the day-to-day challenges. Like Elijah, we can regain our strength by turning to God for the nourishment we need. Through our prayers and quiet reflection, He will provide answers and guidance. And like the angel, we can encourage others to turn to God for strength. God never stops loving us and is always there to help us recharge.

ST. LOUIS PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD
Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 23rd following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Sahlen’s hot dogs, Italian sausage and hamburgers will be prepared by our Award Winning Grilling Experts, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass; salads are always needed and desserts are a welcome addition.

Volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the picnic, and even the smallest contribution of your time is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located at the church entrances.

Come and enjoy the afternoon with your friends and meet your fellow parishioners.

FOURTH ANNUAL MSGR. MANGANELLO OPEN BOCCÉ TOURNAMENT
Two-person teams for the Msgr. Manganello Bocce Open Tournament are now forming and the competition will be held during the parish picnic. You need not have Bocce skills or be Italian to compete. Team sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances. Get a team together and enjoy the fun!

CONCERT OF SUMMER HEALING
Friday, August 21, 2015—7:30 p.m.
St. Mary’s of the Lake Church
4737 Lakeshore Road
Hamburg, NY 14075

Come join Tenor Vocalist, Cory James Gallagher and Poet, Amy Gallagher for a glorious evening, as we celebrate Summer’s many gifts. Cory’s tender voice and inspirational songs—woven with Amy’s delicate and insightful poetry—will nourish and uplift your heart. This concert is by donation and wine/cheese/dessert reception will follow.

VOCATION THOUGHT
The divine presence is often symbolized in the bread and wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. However, each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God’s presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life as a priest or religious, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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 3:00 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.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE
The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage. If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, please call the Family Life Office at 847-2210.
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