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Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment.
Day or night.
Call Rectory for date and time.
Anointing of the Sick, anytime.

First Sunday of Lent
The devil said to him, “All this will be yours, if you
worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve.”
Lk 4:7-8

PASTORAL STAFF
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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.

WINEDINGS
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime
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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 Raffeiner .......................................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

SAINT VALENTINE

Did you know…

Who was Saint Valentine? Valentine was a priest who lived in Rome in the third century. Because he assisted persecuted Christians, and refused to denounce his own faith, he was put to death. Legend has it that on the night before he died, he scrawled a message on a heart-shaped stone…”to those who love me, and to those I love, know that my heart, is with you to the end…” He signed the message…

Your Valentine

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharer, John Zawistowski, John Forsyte, James Vasi, Amy Vitez, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, 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. Larry Burns 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 430 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,766.00. 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, February 13th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, February 14th—Happy Valentine’s Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Iliana Gloria DeSantis and Elizabeth Sally Duquette

FRIDAY, February 19th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 20th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

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

SUNDAY, February 21st
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Grayson Brian Schultz, Louise Sarah Howard and Victor Yuriy Karno

“WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS: BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE LAND”
Presenter: Sister Laurie Brink, OP
Saturday, March 12, 2016—8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Millennium Hotel
2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY

The Catholic Biblical Studies Program proudly announces the 24th Annual Lenten Day of Reflection This will be a virtual Holy Land Retreat, drawing on familiar images and places mentioned in the Gospels that will help us enter into the final days of Jesus’ life. We will imagine the journey of Jesus and the disciples as they ‘set their faces toward Jerusalem’, journeying from Capernaum through Jericho to the Holy City and finally to the cross...and beyond to the empty tomb. What is our place in this journey of discipleship?

Sister Laurie is a Dominican Sister, Associate Professor of NT at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, associate editor of The Bible Today. Her study and research has taken her into investigating the ancient social, religious and cultural world out of which Christianity emerged. She has recorded two lectures series for Now You Know Media (Acts and Philippians).

Please contact us for registration information.

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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 (February 14) through Trinity Sunday (May 22).

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.

CHILI COOK-OFF AT ST. LOUIS

Please join us at our Chili Cook-Off in our hall on Saturday, February 20th after the 4:00 vigil Mass. We are not only looking for contestants to bring their best chili to see who will be St. Louis’ Chili Cook-Off champion, but for great company and fun with our fellow parishioners. Everyone will have a chance to sample the entries and cast a vote for your favorite. If you are interested in entering the Cook-Off, please either email Debbie Beller at dbjb2@roadrunner.com or call and leave a message at the rectory.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

LENT IS HERE

Don’t Give Up Something—Give Something
This Lent you can help those carrying their cross. The Response to Love Center is in need of these foods to help serve families in our community who need a helping hand.

Can you help provide these soups?

- Chicken Noodle
- Cream of Chicken
- Cream of Mushroom
- Cream of Celery

CANIUS COLLEGE CHORALE TO PERFORM IN ST. LOUIS CHURCH

The Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will continue its 2015-2016 Sacred Spaces concert series with a program on Sunday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

The concert will feature works by Hogan, Mendelssohn, Buxtehude, Dawson, Ticheli and others. Admission is free.

Sacred Spaces stems from an idea the choir proposed nine years ago to feature its music in some of Western New York's most beautiful and acoustically resonant environments—namely, the sanctuaries of our area's churches. As a result, the choir has visited nearly forty houses of worship with its repertoire of sacred and secular music spanning five centuries.

Now in its nineteenth season, The Canisius College Chorale remains one of Western New York’s most active collegiate music ensembles. Composed of 100 undergraduate and graduate members, the Chorale regularly presents concert programs to school, church, and community audiences throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario. In recent years, the Chorale has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Chamber Musicians, Amherst Symphony Orchestra, Camerata di Sant’ Antonio, Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

Please join us for a lovely evening of great choral music.

For more information, please contact the Canisius College Music Office at 888-2536.
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