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Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35



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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.

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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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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 20:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, February 21: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Susan Riester Bogner, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, February 22: FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

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

TUESDAY, February 23: SAINT POLYCARP

12:05 pm: Emma Lang, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, February 24: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Emmett and Eleanor Buckley, by Kathleen Deal and Family

THURSDAY, February 25: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Mary Eckert, by Clem and Anne Eckert

FRIDAY, February 26: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Anne Metzger, by Family

SATURDAY, February 27:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, February 28: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Nancy Varco, by Patrick Leach
11:00 am: William Pax, by Whelan Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 27th and February 28th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 27th and February 28th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Kevin Brayer and Robert Sprague
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Paul Griffin Sue Kolbe and Michael Mandolfo



"BODY OF CHRIST"

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Nancy Hill Jewett, requested by Phoebe Collins**. 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.



LENT 2016—THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The season of Lent calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a means of spiritual growth. Many traditional prayers, devotions, and customs have developed over time in order to aid our spiritual growth during the season of Lent. One of these traditional customs, prayers, and devotions is the Way of the Cross or the Stations of the Cross as they are more commonly known.

As early as the fourth century, the Spanish pilgrim Egeria walked in the footsteps of Jesus, pausing at various places along the way, remembering the incidents recorded in the Gospel accounts of Christ's Passion. The stations took the form we recognize today under the influence of an eighteenth-century saint, Lorenzo da Porto Maurizio. For St. Lorenzo, the Way of the Cross was a journey of self-discovery, an examination of conscience. St. Lorenzo's Way of the Cross asks us to pause at each station to contemplate Jesus' Passion, and to take responsibility for it; to see our sins as the cause of Jesus' suffering. Each station concludes with a prayer for forgiveness.

The fourteen stations made popular by St. Lorenzo, and made official by Pope Clement XII, include both scriptural and traditional events of Jesus' journey to Calvary. Jesus' encounter with his mother, his meeting with Veronica, and the three falls under the cross are not found in the Scriptures. Nonetheless, they still offer us important reflections on Jesus' concern for others even while enduring his own suffering.

The Stations of the Cross can be prayed communally, as we do on Fridays during Lent, or individually. The Way of the Cross is a good opportunity to fulfill the call to prayer during Lent.

Msgr. Manganello

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

The scripture readings today teach us that fidelity to God's Word is at the very core of our Catholic faith. Throughout the scriptures we discover that faith does not mean blindly believing in *things* or *events*. Rather, faith is shown to be a profound trust. Our loyalty to our faith simply means having a profound trust in God. We have faith that what God tells us—through the scriptures and through his church—is the truth. We have faith that his will for us is in our best interest. And we have faith that his promises will be fulfilled. In other words, we take God at his word. Like Abraham in today's first reading, we are called to embrace God's word, his guidance and his promises. In turn, he will lead us to peace and happiness, and ultimately, eternal life. This Lenten season is a good time to focus on God's word and how it guides our lives. It is in deepening our relationship with God that we deepen our trust in him; and from *that* our obedience flows naturally.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, James Vasi, Amy Vitz,

Paulette Snavelly, 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 **Dr. Daniel J. McCue, Timothy Meyers** 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 352 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,029.00 and Ash Wednesday collection was \$495.00.

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 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 Carlino

FRIDAY, February 26th

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 27th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

4:00 pm: Tickets for St. Joseph's Table Available

SUNDAY, February 28th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets for St. Joseph's Table Available

7:00 pm: Canisius College Chorale Concert

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Ronald Loss, who achieved the Honor Roll for the 2nd academic quarter of the 2015-2016 school year at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

We would also like to congratulate Jonathan Rucinski and James Twist who achieved First Honors, Stephen Boyd who achieved Second Honors and August Mathien who achieved Third Honors during the 2nd marking period at Canisius High School.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Open hearts follow Jesus' lead. Ryan and Olivia never hesitated when four brothers, all under the age of 10, needed a foster care placement after their parents could no longer properly care for them. Through the support of Catholic Charities, Ryan and Olivia were able to open their home and eventually adopt all four children. The couple had also previously adopted another child. Kyle, now 10, wrote in a letter, "When I found out that we would be adopted, I was very excited because I would have a forever family!" Help Catholic Charities continue to link loving families with children in need through our foster care and adoption programs. Give to Catholic Charities 2016 Appeal and join us to **'find good within'** for the tens of thousands of others who benefit from Catholic Charities' 70 programs and services.

CANISIUS 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 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Please join us for our annual St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 13th from noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12. Eat-In or Take-Out meals and gluten free options are available through PRE-SALE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY. Tickets will be sold after Masses on February 27-28 and March 5-6. Seating is limited.

If you are interested in providing a traditional dish or wish to volunteer, please contact Debbie Guillow at 465-6196 or dguillow@montyinternational.com.

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

INTO LIGHT: A CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

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Saturday, March 5, 7:30 pm—\$10 Donation

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Sunday, March 6, 7:00 pm—\$10 Donation

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

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Music of light and darkness, space and time, hope and rebirth, Lent and Easter. Stunning lighting and sublime a cappella. This concert has become a beautiful annual tradition celebrating some of the most gorgeous choral music ever written. Featuring the Allegri *Miserere*, Holst *Nunc Dimittis*, Hopkins *Past Life Melodies*, Hogan *Walk Together, Children*, Pärt *Morning Star*, Puerling *A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square*, and a world premiere performance of *Conditor alme siderum* by composer-in-residence Rob Deemer. Joining us will be choirs of the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, George Davis, Director.

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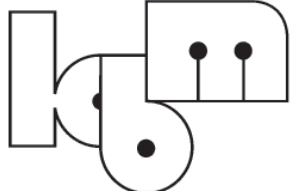
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