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Reverend J. E. Moshall
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Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.
Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment.

day or night.

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime

Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Monday at noon.

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

Please pray for our former pastors

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.

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.

In your prayers...

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 Snively, 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.

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

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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 6th 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

Harmonia Chamber Singers

Robert Pacillo, Artistic Director

Saturday, March 5, 7:30 pm—$10 Donation
St. Louis Church
35 Edward Street, Buffalo, NY

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Ss. Peter & Paul Church
5480 Main Street, Williamsville, NY

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 Berkeley 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.

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.
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