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giving up of what we are,
for what we may become.

LENT



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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 Rafffeiner..... 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

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
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Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
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Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. Pastor
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen..... Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella..... 12:05 Mass—Friday
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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.

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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 4:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Connor Purcell and Mallory McCoy
 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, March 5: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:00 am: Happy Repose of the Souls of Mary T., Joseph and Thaddeus Klosko, by Family
 11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kersten

MONDAY, March 6: LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY, March 7: SAINT PERPETUA AND SAINT FELICITY

- 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, March 8: SAINT JOHN OF GOD

- 12:05 pm: Frank Mikos, by Family

THURSDAY, March 9: SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

- 12:05 pm: Peter and Anna Burke, by Family

FRIDAY, March 10: LENTEN WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm: Joseph Szczesny, by Father Andrew Lauricella

SATURDAY, March 11:

- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
 Kieran and Mary Ann Kreiss, by Estate

SUNDAY, March 12: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:00 am: Special Intentions of Anne Stepien and Renee Wisner, by Family
 11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Geoffrey Klass

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 11th and March 12th

- 4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
 9:00 am: Clark Jordan
 11:00 am: John Zygaj



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 11th and March 12th

- 4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Robert Sprague, Kevin Brayer and Jim Ferrini
 9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O'Shea
 11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of the **Nurses of Buffalo General Hospital, requested by David Zawistowski.** 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.



TO RISE WITH CHRIST

On August 15, 2016, The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a formal statement under the direction of Pope Francis called *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* (To rise with Christ). This document regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation clarifies the Catholic Church teaching about cremation.

In 1963, the then Holy Office established that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed, adding however that cremation is not opposed per se to the Christian religion." This change was later included in the law of the Church in the Code of Canon Law of 1983.

The Instruction from the Congregation notes that over the years the practice of cremation has increased while at the same time new ideas contrary to the Church's faith have also become widespread.

The Instruction states that following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places in memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord. By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person. Burial corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit. The burial of the faithful departed encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead.

From the earliest times, the tombs of Christians have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in sacred places ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect.

For above reasons, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

For more information regarding cremation burial contact Catholic Cemeteries at 873-6500 or visit www.buffalocatholiccemeteries.org.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmmler, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vitz, 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 Msgr. Edward J. Sobierajski 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 378 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,256.00.

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, March 4th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, March 5th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

4:00 pm: St. Louis Choir & Canisius College Chorale to Perform with Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra

FRIDAY, March 10th

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 11th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection and Fuel Collection

4:00 pm: St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale

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

SUNDAY, March 12th

2:00 am: Daylight Saving Time Begins
Spring Forward 1 Hour

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection and Fuel Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale

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

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

What is the cost of temptation? We see in our readings today that when we give in to temptation—when we choose our own self-interests over what God wants for us—there is always a cost. Adam and Eve's lack of trust in God's Word led them to give in to the serpent's temptation and eat the forbidden fruit. Making that poor choice cost them their fellowship with God as they were banished from the Garden of Eden. In contrast, in the Gospel reading we see that Jesus does not give in to Satan's temptations. He chooses to do God's will, to trust in His Word. What is the cost when we give in to our own temptations; when we choose self-interests over God? While we may experience short-term gratification, this path never brings true happiness. When faced with temptation, we instead need to trust in God's Word to help us make the right choice.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick's Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 11th and Sunday, March 12th. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

St. Louis Church is hosting its Fourth Annual St. Joseph's Table on March 19th from noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and free for children under the age of 5. Eat-In or Take-Out meals and gluten-free options are available through PRE-SALE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY. Tickets will be sold after Masses March 11th and 12th and March 18th. If you are interested in providing a traditional dish or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Debbie Guillow at 465-6196 or dlguillow@yahoo.com.

**ST. LOUIS CHOIR, CANISIUS COLLEGE CHORALE
TO PERFORM WITH
CAMERATA DI SANT' ANTONIO CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA**

The *Choir of St. Louis Church* and the *Canisius College Chorale*, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will present a program in collaboration with the *Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra*, Christopher Weber, director, on **Sunday, March 5th at 4:00 p.m.** in **St. Louis Church**, located at Main and Edward Streets in downtown Buffalo.

The program will feature works by Faure, Verdi and others. Admission is \$18.00 and all proceeds will benefit the Camerata Orchestra fund.

Now in its twentieth season, The Canisius College Choral 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.

The Choir of St. Louis Church is an all-volunteer ensemble composed of members of the parish and others from throughout the community. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition. In past years, members of the choir have performed with the Ars Nova Musicians, Greater Buffalo Opera Company, Opera Sacra and Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

St. Marianne Cope, our patron saint of the 2017 Appeal, **multiplied God's goodness by showing mercy and aiding those suffering from leprosy.** Today, Catholic Charities deploys that same mercy by offering individual, children and family counseling and mental health treatment through our Family and Community Services sites, and Monsignor Carr Clinics, Marriage Counseling Center, Diocesan Counseling Center and more. Your gift to our 2017 Appeal helps us to continue helping those suffering in Western New York. To donate, call 716-218-1400 or visit ccwny.org/donation.

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