

2017 St. Louis Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." *Jn 4:9a, 10*

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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. 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
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
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
TRUSTEES Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
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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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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.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 18:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,
 by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, March 19: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Josephine E. Andrzejewski, by Family

MONDAY, March 20: SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
12:05 pm: In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph, by Josephine Pellicane

TUESDAY, March 21: LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, March 22: LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: The Steimel Family, by Roseann Curtis

THURSDAY, March 23: SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO
12:05 pm: Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate

FRIDAY, March 24: BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO
12:05 pm: Maria Jackson, by Donna Dobbins

SATURDAY, March 25:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 Camille Kreglicki, by Gary A. Halicki

SUNDAY, March 26: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am: Happy Repose of the Souls of Emily Rusnak and Verna Szkutak, by Family
11:00 am: David Beyers, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 25th and March 26th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Gina Derrico



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 25th and March 26th

4:00 pm: Jane Pelosi, Debbie Guillow, Robert Sprague and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Judy Perkowski, Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Pat Doyle, Sue Kolbe and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the **Special Intentions of the Gentile and Krustapentus Families, requested by Family.**

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.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. He is also the patron of the Diocese of Buffalo. Each year the Diocese recognizes those who have followed in the footsteps of St. Joseph and honors them for all they have done for the Church, especially their Parish.

This year Dick and Mary Agoston are receiving the **Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker** at a Mass and reception Saturday, March 18th at St. Joseph Cathedral. During the Mass Bishop Malone will present an award to the recipients of the St. Joseph the Worker Award.

Dick and Mary are being recognized for their many years of service to St. Louis Church in various ways. They are always ready and willing to help with our various social activities by assisting with preparation, cleanup as well as contributing their talents to the life of the parish. In addition, Dick is always the first one here for the cleanup and maintenance of the church grounds. They have helped us prepare the church for Christmas and Easter as well.

We thank Dick and Mary for their selfless service and dedication to St. Louis and congratulate them on their Award and honor.

Msgr. Manganello



During the Season of Lent, our diocese will be participating in *The Light is On For You* program. This program creates an enhanced opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. In addition to Saturday afternoons, **St. Louis Church will be open Wednesday, March 22nd, Thursday, March 30th, Thursday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 12th during Lent at 11:00 a.m. for the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. The Light is on for you.**



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Barbara Suffoletto, Caitin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R.

Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloj, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, 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 **Mary Scully** 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 368 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,636.00 and the Fuel collection was \$1,114.00.

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 18th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

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

SUNDAY, March 19th

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

12 noon: St. Joseph's Table—Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 22nd

11:00 am: Sacrament of Penance

FRIDAY, March 24th

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 25th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

4:00 pm: Coffee Hour

SUNDAY, March 26th

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

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Coffee Hour

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 will be sold after Mass on March 18th.

VOCATION THOUGHT

All of us thirst for fulfillment. Christ alone is the living water that can satisfy the innermost longings of our souls. Might Christ be calling you to lead souls to the source of this living water? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Poet Alexander Pope wrote the famous words, "*Hope springs eternal.*" He meant that no matter how challenging the circumstances, we can always hope for the best and trust that things can get better. Hope certainly springs from our readings today and we see how hope is rooted in faith. The Israelites were in deep despair in the desert until Moses struck the rock and brought them hope in the form of life-giving water. In the Letter to the Romans, we hear St. Paul share that hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts. And in the Gospel, the Samaritan woman finds hope in her encounter with Jesus at the well, trusting what He told her and proclaiming it to others. That is a key point. Faith in God gives us hope. And like Jesus did, we are called to bring that hope to others.

ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR

The 48th Annual Altar Servers Mass and Award Ceremony was held at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, March 18th.

Congratulations to Dominick and Patrick Loss who were honored this Saturday by Bishop Malone for their service to our parish. Dominick and Patrick, who serve at the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday, received the Altar Server Award Medal from Bishop Malone at a Mass and Ceremony Saturday morning at the Cathedral followed by a luncheon at the Convention Center. We are most grateful to Dominick and Patrick for being of service to our parish.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

This year's St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale was a huge success! Maureen's Flower Market generously donated the flowers, allowing all proceeds (\$421.05) to be donated to Catholic Charities. Thank you to all the parishioners who purchased flowers or made a donation. Also, thank you to all the families that helped sell the carnations.

GERMAN MASS AT ST. LOUIS

The annual St. Ann's German Mass will be held at St. Louis church on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Daniel Jamros, S.J. will be the celebrant. The St. Louis Church Choir, directed by Frank Scinta, will be singing. Readings and Homily are in English. Following the Mass, a reception will be hosted by St. Ann's Community and St. Louis Parish. All are welcome to attend this celebration of our German Catholic Heritage! Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers needed!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Multiply God's goodness. Western New York owes a lot to its military members and veterans. That's why Catholic Charities ensures that all current and past members of the military are supported throughout the eight counties of Western New York. In addition to basic and emergency assistance, military members, veterans and their families have access to all services as needed. **To help us continue to best assist military members, veterans and their families, please give to our 2017 Appeal** by calling 716-218-1400 or visiting ccwny.org/ donation. **Finite time. Infinite good.**

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, call the Family Life Office at 847-2210.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is pleased to announce the **23rd Annual Silent Ticket Auction on Saturday, April 1st at 1069 Delaware Avenue.** The evening is once again **adults only** and **beer and wine** will be served, along with great kitchen items. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and drawings will begin promptly at 7:50 p.m. Entertainer Keith Shuskie will be performing at 6:45 **Our admission price is a low \$10.00** and includes 25 tickets. There will be over 100 theme trays and raffle items available as well as a special raffle for a Salvatore's Italian Gardens overnigher package. Silent Auction items includes (2) baskets of cheer, a kayak and fine dining packages. Don't miss out on a great evening!

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