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." — John 4:10

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.

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen…………………………….Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella……………………………..12:05 Mass—Friday
TRUSTEES……………………………..Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ……….William Kurzdorfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER…………………………….Frank Scinta
CANTOR ………………………………..James Mrozek
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION …………………..Ashlee Campbell
BUSINESS MANAGER ………………….John Beller
SECRETARY ………………………………..Dolores Vasi

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President………………………………………..James Reeves
Vice-President…………………………….Ryan McGowan
Secretary…………………………………….Keith Boerner

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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL
The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo
Grades Pre-K to 8
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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.

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
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ……………………..1888-1916
Reverend Michael A. Anstett………………………1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz………………………1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott…………………………….1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack…………………………1965-1979

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 Krenglicki, 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, Caitlin Kasberg, James
Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R.
Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Asceta, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp,
Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alo,
George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers,
Paul Sweeney, Ronald Bella, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly,
Raymond Sharrer, John Zavistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz,
Paulette Snayley, 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.

VOCAITION 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.

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 overnighter package. Silent Auction items includes (2) baskets of cheer, a kayak and fine dining packages. Don’t miss out on a great evening!