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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.

WEDDINGS
Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

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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 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, April 1:**
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Thomas Schwartz and Angela Argauer
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
  - Charles “Gary” Jones, by Ted and Mary Guzowski
- 5:30 pm: Wedding of Joseph Peters and Kelly Barsanti

**SUNDAY, April 2:**
- 9:00 am: In Memory of Gina Strianese, by Family
- 12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**MONDAY, April 3:**
- 12:05 pm: LENTEN WEEKDAY
- 9:00 am: Happy Repose of the Souls of Diane Oczek Gentile and Aloisius J. Oczek, by Family

**TUESDAY, April 4:**
- 12:05 pm: **SAINT ISIDORE**
- 12:05 pm: Happy Repose of the Souls of Diane Oczek Gentile and Aloisius J. Oczek, by Family

**WEDNESDAY, April 5:**
- 12:05 pm: **SAINT VINCENT FERRER**
- 12:05 pm: Norman Frank, by Josephine Pellicane

**THURSDAY, April 6:**
- 12:05 pm: **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
- 12:05 pm: Special Intentions of Helen T. Fink and Charlotte F. Oczek, by Family

**FRIDAY, April 7:**
- 12:05 pm: **SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE**
- 12:05 pm: William Adams, by Lauricella Family

**SATURDAY, April 8:**
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
  - Gary Jones, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

**SUNDAY, April 9:**
- 9:00 am: Repose of the Soul of John Esposito, by de Rosa, Hoffman, Nelson & Wolcott Families
- 11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

### Schedule of Lectors

**Weekend of April 8th and April 9th**
- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
- 11:00 am: Gina Derrico

### Schedule of Special Ministers of Holy Communion

**Weekend of April 8th and April 9th**
- 4:00 pm: Debbie Guilow, Kevin Brayer, Robert Sprague and Jim Ferrini
- 9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Al Bluemle and Tim and Mary O'Shea
- 11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, Pat Doyle and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

### Memorial Prayer Candle

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **John Peters, requested by Joseph Peters and Kelly Barsanti**. 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.

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### Catholic Charities Appeal Continues

This weekend begins the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal week which continues through April 9th. By now all our parishioners should have been contacted by mail regarding a donation to Catholic Charities. This weekend and next weekend volunteers will be available at the Masses to accept your donation to Catholic Charities if you have not already contributed. If you have not received a request by way of the mail our volunteers will be able to assist with your donation at the Masses.

Through your generosity last year St. Louis parishioners donated $129,000 to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Wouldn’t it be great if we could once again reach this goal this year? St. Louis parishioners have donated $51,781.25 so far for the 2017 Appeal.

Mike Mikos has kept a watchful eye over the donations that continue to come in. If you have not yet contributed to the Catholic Charities Appeal you can do so by placing your donation in the collection basket, speaking with one our volunteers in church this weekend and next, mailing your donation to the rectory or directly to Catholic Charities or even on line at www.ccwny.org.

The goal for the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal is $11 million. Catholic Charities as reported earlier in the week has raised $4,213,945.17 or 38.31% of the goal. They still need our help to make the goal this year. Our opportunity to support Catholic Charities is now. Catholic Charities and the people they serve are grateful for your gift of faith and love. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents, provide care to young children and provide social support to seniors, enabling them to remain safe and healthy in their own homes. Catholic Charities is also there to offer individual, family and marriage counseling and GED education and job assistance for youth. For more information and to read about and watch those who have benefited from Catholic Charities, visit their website www.ccwny.org.

This year the appeal is under the patronage of Saint Marianne Cope who is a native of upstate New York (Utica). The theme of this year’s Catholic Charities is “Finite Time—Infinite Good.” This year’s theme reminds us that we have only so much time to accomplish infinite good in the lives of other people who need our support.

Catholic Charities addresses the physical and spiritual needs of many Western New Yorkers. When you answer the call to support Catholic Charities you improve the lives of many in Western New York, one donation at a time.

With all of us working together we can achieve our goal and help the Catholic Charities Appeal reach their goal to provide for the many needs of Western New York. Once again we are asking everyone to do what they can to help those in need.

Msgr. Manganello
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 409 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,796.00.

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, April 1st
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Easter Flowers Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available
4:00 pm: Catholic Charities Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 2nd
9:50 am: Sunday Mass
11:00 am: Mass
6:00 pm: St. Ann’s German Mass

TUESDAY, April 4th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Mass
4:00 pm: Catholic Charities Volunteers

SATURDAY, April 8th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Mass
4:00 pm: Catholic Charities Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 9th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Mass
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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of May 20 and 21. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

Nomination forms are included in this week’s bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristy. For questions or more information about the Parish Council, please contact KEITHBOERNER@ROADRUNNER.COM.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Finite time. Infinite good. Appeal Week 2017 kicks off this weekend. Please help us reach our goal of $11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in your communities. Your donation provides basic and emergency assistance to individuals and families alike, and helps today’s youth work toward a brighter future with education and workforce programs. The 2017 Appeal has finite time, but it creates infinite good in Western New York and beyond.

Please support our Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or visiting cwny.org/donation.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In times of difficulty and loss, we find comfort in those who offer us support and compassion. A kind word, a listening ear or a warm embrace can lift our spirits and encourage us. Although Jesus grieved over the loss of his friend Lazarus in today’s Gospel, he calls to Lazarus and awakens him. Through this scripture reading, we know that Jesus understands any loss we may experience. He’s been there and will help us through it. Jesus continues to reach out to us in our darkness today. Through those who show their care and concern for us, Jesus offers his love and mercy. We might sit in the dark tombs of our sadness, stress and difficult situations with a stone rolled in front of us, but we are not alone. We are encouraged to recognize the presence of Jesus in those who bring light and warmth on our cold and dark days.
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