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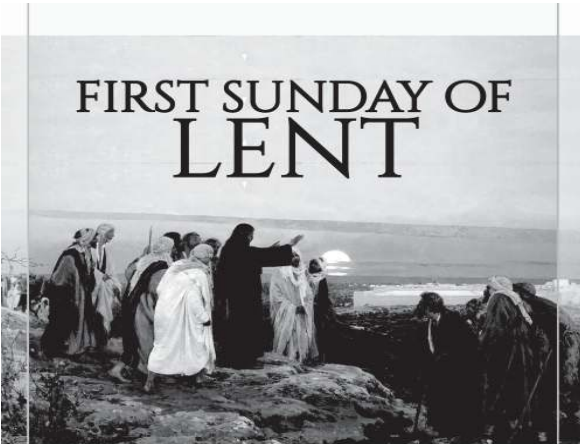
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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
 Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
 Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
 Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
 Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

AFTER JOHN HAD BEEN ARRESTED, JESUS CAME TO GALILEE PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF GOD: "THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL."
 — MK 1:14-15

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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
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 Reverend Howard J. Schwartz 1948-1964
 Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
 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

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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, February 17:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 Robert V. Halicki, by Family
- SUNDAY, February 18: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 am: In Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Ray and Betty Jerge, by Mary and Tim Reid Family
11:00 am: Susan Riester Bogner, by Michael Riester
- MONDAY, February 19: LENTEN WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish
- TUESDAY, February 20: LENTEN WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Gisela Ederer, by Ginny and David Everett
- WEDNESDAY, February 21: SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP**
12:05 pm: In Thanksgiving for Molly Reid, by Tim and Mary Reid Family
- THURSDAY, February 22: THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**
12:05 pm: Nancy Treen, by Tom and Shelly Reidy
- FRIDAY, February 23: SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP**
12:05 pm: Emma Lang, by Estate
- SATURDAY, February 24:**
2:00 pm: Wedding of Steve LeVangie and Jenelle Villani
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family
- SUNDAY, February 25: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Mary Guzowski, by Mike Mikos

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 24th an February 25th

- 4:00 pm:** Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Gina Derrico



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 24th and February 25th

- 4:00 pm:** Kevin Brayer, Mike Mikos and Ron and Margaret Foegen
9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero, Jim Brigante and Robert Sprague
11:00 am: Pat Doyle, Br. Nick Romeo and Keith and Kathy Boerner



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Kenneth Boerner, requested by Dick and Mary Agoston**. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT RITE OF ELECTION

The Season of Lent has begun. For us it is a time of repentance and renewal. For others among us it is a time also of the preparation for the sacraments to be celebrated at Easter.

On the First Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the Rite of Election, also known as the Enrollment of Names. With the Rite of Election, those who have been preparing to be Baptized, Confirmed and celebrate the Eucharist, enter more deeply into their spiritual preparation for the Sacraments. This is a time of purification and enlightenment, which takes place during Lent.

The Rite celebrates the choice of those who wish to be admitted to the Easter Sacraments. The Bishop himself, as the Head of the local Church, presides at the Rite of Election. During the Rite, the Bishop declares the approval of the candidates after they are presented and examined by him.

This Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral, Bishop Malone will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates for those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter throughout the Diocese of Buffalo. We are happy to present to our Bishop Sunday afternoon from St. Louis two candidates for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We show them our prayerful support in our Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election. Our parish celebration of sending takes place at our Sunday 11:00 Mass this First Sunday of Lent.

We present to the Bishop those who will receive the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil March 31st: Lu Yang and Kailene Jones.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey to our faith.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joel Rivera, Norbert Sliwinski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Mamise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, Geraldine Sliwinski, Carlos Calhoun 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 **Rev. Msgr. Paul R. Juenker, Gloria Pivetz, Carina Bailor 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 296 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,203.00.

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, February 17th

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

4:00 pm: Coffee Hour

SUNDAY, February 18th

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

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

FRIDAY, February 23rd

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 24th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

After 4:00 Mass: Chili Cook-off—Church Hall

SUNDAY, February 25th

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

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

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

12 noon: Baptism of Francis Baptiste Rhoney and Clara Mae Doll

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write **"Tax Statement"** on the front of your church envelope.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the following students who achieved the honor roll for the second quarter marking period at Canisius High School:

Grade 9—John Andrew Pirrung, Zachary Nelson Whistler

Grade 10—Eamonn John Dwyer, Emmett Till Joyce

Grade 11—James Francis Twist

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.

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE

Days of Abstinence—Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

Days of Fast—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

Weekdays of Lent—No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty Obligation—Must be made from the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) through Trinity Sunday (May 27).

Self Denial—Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

DON'T GIVE UP SOMETHING

Dear St. Louis Family,

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 soup 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

Boxes are available at the entrances of the church for donations.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Please join us at our annual Chili Cook-Off in our church hall on Saturday, February 24th after the 4:00 vigil Mass. We are not only looking for contestants to bring their best chili to see who will be St. Louis' Chili Cook-Off champion, but for great company and fun with our fellow parishioners. Everyone will have a chance to sample the entries and cast a vote for your favorite. Side dishes and desserts are welcome!

Enter your favorite Chili @ dlquillow@yahoo.com or call Debbie Guillow at 465-6196!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Jesus was entrusted to and raised lovingly by his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. **Catholic Charities gives ordinary citizens the opportunity to raise an extraordinary child through our Foster Care and Adoption programs.** Catholic Charities provides foster care for children of all ages in Erie County who cannot safely live in their own homes. Catholic Charities also works with the birth families toward reunification, all while providing referrals for needed services and support. To support our mission of providing happy and safe homes for children across Erie County, please donate to our 2018 Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or by visiting ccwny.org/donation Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. **Love your neighbor.**

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today's reading from the Gospel of Mark, we hear about Jesus' 40 days in the desert without food or water. Because Jesus was fully human, like us he had real needs, he endured temptation, and he suffered. And even though it wasn't always easy, he endured hardship for the purpose of giving life to others. So how did he endure his desert temptations and suffering? We learn that he looked to the scriptures, prayed and understood that even in the midst of his particular temptations and suffering, he was not alone. God was with him. We are not alone either. God is always with us to help us overcome our own temptations and struggles. But like Jesus, we need to look to the scriptures, pray and trust that God will be with us to see us through.

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