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Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg

Monday at noon.

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by

Classes are offered bi-

Monday at noon.

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.

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

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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.
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Please pray for our former pastors

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Trevor Crouse, requested by Terry Crouse and Suzanne Fornes Accomazzo. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of John Branicky, requested by Jean Branicky and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Trevor Crouse, requested by Terry Crouse and Suzanne Fornes Accomazzo.

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.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
“Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.” Is the theme of the 2018-2019 Respect Life Program.

The month of October each year is designated as Respect Life Month by the USCCB. In 1972, the Bishops of the United States inaugurated a Respect Life Program that begins anew each October. The program promotes respect for human life in light of our intrinsic dignity as having been created in God’s image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with Him.

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

This is the inspiration behind the theme of Respect Life for the coming year. The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Every person is cherished. God invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen. We are called to be messengers of God’s love treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. Everyone is sent.

The U.S. bishops are asking Catholics to mark Respect Life Month through prayer, education and advocacy. This is a vital opportunity for Catholics to spark a renewal of love and commitment to the true good of others. Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are said to be necessary.

The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass this year will be held at St. Louis Church on October 6 at 4:00 p.m. Following Mass there will be a Blessing of Families, Babies, and Expectant Mothers.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ray Shamer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Viz, Patricia Borte, Patricia Guema, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Luetta Rembold, Lynn Gosliniski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, 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 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 356 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $3,837.00.

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, September 29th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Christ the King Seminary Collection

SUNDAY, September 30th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Christ the King Seminary Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Madison Grace Karpie

TUESDAY, October 2nd
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, October 6th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Respect Life Mass—Bishop Richard Malone
4:00 pm: Catholic Academy of West Buffalo Candy Sale
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, October 7th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Catholic Academy of West Buffalo Candy Sale
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12 noon: Baptism of Dominic Paul Utzig

WORD OF LIFE

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

No doubt, we live in a competitive world. That’s why it’s important to pay particular attention to today’s readings and what they teach us about competition. Contrary to popular belief, competition does not always bring out the best in us. Often, competition causes us to withhold from one another. We compete for the biggest house...the fanciest car...the highest office. We may win, but it is almost always at someone else’s expense. Jesus tells us that God gave us our talents and gifts to build up the kingdom of God. He demonstrates that competition is good when it enriches the lives of others, when we work together as a team and build our community. Next time you are in a competitive situation, stop and think about what is driving you. How you might turn that competition into cooperation that will benefit everyone involved.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. As the structure of the church ages there is always something that needs attention. We noticed that the top of the stairway near the handicap ramp has deteriorated leaving an open hole. Obviously it will need immediate attention. Our Preservation Fund this year will be used to address this situation as well as some other minor projects.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair. So far, $24,093 has been donated.

CANDY SALE

Students from Catholic Academy of West Buffalo will be selling Fowler’s candy bars after Masses next week at church exits. The candy bars cost $1. The proceeds of the sale benefit the Home School Association. Please support our parish school by purchasing candy. Thank you.

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

Help pass on the good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, children and adolescents, preschool through grade 10, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. Catechists teach 1 to 3 hours each month from October 14th through April. Classes are multi-age (PreK–K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, & 9-10) and are typically small, between 8-10 students. St. Louis provides all classroom and educational resources.

Classes run on Sundays, from 9:50—10:50 a.m. Please prayerfully consider this ministry! If interested, or for more information, please contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

VOCATION THOUGHT

In the Body of Christ what is good and what is bad affect all members respectively. We must constantly rid from ourselves all that is not pleasing to the Lord and is hence detrimental to our vocation. What can you rid from your life in order to do God’s will more readily? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities’ Department of Parish Outreach and Advocacy maintains eight pantries and outreach centers in Erie, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties to provide food for people in need. The pantries are supported by generous donations from individuals and community organizations. To make a donation, or for more information about Catholic Charities Parish Outreach and Advocacy, call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2005, or go to ccwny.org. You can also join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

OKTOBERFEST

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, the Sisters of St. Joseph are sponsoring their 17th Oktoberfest. It will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive Cheektowaga, NY (corner of Century Drive) from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., featuring the music of “The Auslanders”.

German food, including Knockwurst and Weisswurst, limburger cheese sandwiches and homemade German Potato Salad will be served. Dancing, singing and raffles will be part of the event. Entrance fee is $5.00 ($6 at the door).
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