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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.

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. Laudenschach..... 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
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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, November 24:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 Janet Wenner, by Karen and John Wenner

SUNDAY, November 25: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Inge Kretz, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, November 26: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, November 27: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

WEDNESDAY, November 28: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Ava, Eliana and Eden Caya, by Sarah Leahy

THURSDAY, November 29: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Andrew and Rosalia Bortzmeier, by Estate

FRIDAY, November 30: SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE
12:05 pm: Robert Kleinfelder, Sr., by Ron and Margaret Foegen

SATURDAY, December 1:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

SUNDAY, December 2: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am: Mary A. Deveau, by Son and Daughter
11:00 am: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Michael and Christina Mandolfo

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 1st and December 2nd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Matt Glynn



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 1st and December 2nd

4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Anne Continetti, Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Rosemary Bloch and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Carolann Besch and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Joseph Vasi and Rosemarie Mogavero, requested by Dolores Vasi.** 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.

THIS POOR MAN CRIED, AND THE LORD HEARD HIM

Searching for some thoughts for reflection, I discovered that November 18th, last Sunday, marked the second annual World Day of the Poor. Last year, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. In this year's World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 34:7, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him." He challenges us to use the World Day of the Poor as an opportunity to make an examination of conscience and consider whether we truly do hear the cry of the poor.

Throughout salvation history, God answers the cries of the poor and shares in their suffering. His response is always a saving and healing act. In the World Day of the Poor, we join God in responding to the poor and ensuring our brothers and sisters in need do not feel alone or abandoned.

In his message, Pope Francis calls the World Day of the Poor "a small answer" the Church gives to the poor "lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. It may well be like a drop of water in the desert of poverty, yet it can serve as a sign of sharing with those in need and enable them to sense the active presence of a brother or a sister. The poor do not need intermediaries, but the personal involvement of all those who hear their cry."

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering his call? If you think God is calling you, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially James Vasi, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, 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.

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, November 24th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, November 25th

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

SATURDAY, December 1st

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

4:00 pm: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, December 2nd

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Louis Christmas Toy Drive

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

12 noon: Baptism of Margaret Grace Perez-Goter

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the following Canisus High School students who have achieved the honor roll for the first quarter marking period:

Grade 9: John Owen Stravino
Samuel Doud Whistler

Grade 10: John Andrew Pirrung
Owen Lawrence Whistler
Zachary Nelson Whistler

Grade 12: James Francis Twist

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It's an occasion when we honor the kingship of Jesus Christ and His benevolent leadership over the eternal kingdom of God. Jesus redefined the concept of leadership from that of seeking to have others serve us to that of seeking to serve others, especially those in need. The readings this week help us understand Jesus' example of servant leadership as one who came to show God's love by helping others. In other words, he led by serving. Try to remember Christ's example in your own roles...whether as a parent, a teacher, supervisor, or some other authority. Do you lead by serving? Are you aware of others' needs? Do you help and empower others to fulfill God's will in their lives? Incredible results are achieved when we practice servant leadership as Jesus did.

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.

Donations will be accepted until December 31st.

So far, **\$37,723** has been donated.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date!!

The annual St. Louis Christmas party will be held on Sunday, **December 9, 2018** after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be served by our dedicated volunteers and there will be fun activities for young and old alike!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lindsay at lindsay.ee@gmail.com or call the rectory.

THE WARMTH TREE

St. Louis Church parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will then be given to area families. Help us make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations will be accepted the weekends of **December 8th and 9th and December 15th and 16th.**

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

By popular demand, St. Louis will again be accepting toy donations! This year, we will be collecting gift cards, new and gently used toys and books (unwrapped please). Your donation will be going to the most neediest in the community.

Please place your donations in the boxes by church entrances the weekends of **December 1st & 2nd, December 8th & 9th and December 15th & 16th.**

E-MAIL ADDRESS

In an effort to better communicate with the parishioners of St. Louis, we will be asking you to submit your e-mail address. For those parishioners submitting their e-mail addresses, they will be used to notify you about upcoming events at St. Louis.

Your e-mail address will not be shared. We hope you will consider this request to serve you better.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Money raised goes to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/national_collections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Advent begins next Sunday. Looking for a project to help give back during this special time? **Consider holding a donation drive for toiletry items placed in Dignity Bags, which are given out to Catholic Charities clients in need.** Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, lotion, deodorant, shaving cream and disposable razors are all great items to collect and donate. When your drive is complete and you're ready to drop off your donations, call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2005. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

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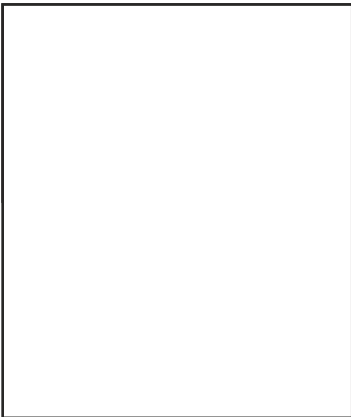
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