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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
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DEADLINE
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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.

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
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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

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

**A MONTH OF MANY OBSERVANCES**

February is a month of many observances both in our spiritual lives as well as our secular lives.

February is Black History Month and February 3rd is the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. This observance was instituted by Father James Goode, OFM in 1989 as an opportunity to give thanks for our families, and to entrust every family to the loving care of Jesus. February 2nd the Church celebrates World Day of Consecrated Life celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation, Candlemas Day. It is a day of prayer for men and women in Consecrated Life recognizing their many contributions to the service of the Church.

February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise who is said to have been a physician as well as a bishop. Legend has it that Blaise saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He is now the patron saint of all who have diseases of the throat. This is the day we bless throats with blessed candles.

National Marriage Week is February 7-14, 2019. The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 10) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Other observances include the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; February 8th the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita; and the World Day of the Sick to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from any illness and for their caregivers. There is also Valentine’s Day and Presidents weekend commemorating Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthdays.

These observances remind us of the constant need to pray for our world and all people who inhabit our world no matter who they are or what their state in life.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Here when you need it. When there is nowhere else to turn, Catholic Charities is a beacon of hope and support for those most in need. Across the eight counties of Western New York, Catholic Charities is ready to provide basic and emergency assistance whenever crisis strikes. Your Appeal gift helps keep this safety net in place for so many of your neighbors in need. You can help them find hope in the midst of devastation. Check out our new gift designation options when making a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. Help your neighbor find hope.

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Eric Glinski, Spencer Daly, Richard Devita, Ray Shumer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vila, Patricia Burke, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiski, Lynn Gosliniski, Tracy Abram, Marnie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, 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 274 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $3,979.00.

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.”

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Love is a fundamental human capacity. Each one of us possesses the ability to love. St. Paul teaches about true, authentic love in today’s scripture reading from Corinthians—and we learn what it is and what it isn’t. Anyone who has attended a wedding is probably familiar with this scripture. “Love is patient Love is kind. It is not jealous. It does not seek its own self-interests.” Note how St. Paul uses adjectives that describe these selfless qualities of love. He then goes on to say love rejoices with the truth. Showing true love calls us to discover the truth about God’s purpose for us and our world, and then to act on it. Love is not merely an emotion, awareness or desire. It is an action grounded in truth and selflessness. To love is to be motivated to help another. To be kind...considerate...to do what's right—especially where others' needs are concerned. True, authentic love is God’s greatest gift. And as St. Paul writes...“love never fails.”

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2019.

Registration forms and information about sacrament prep classes can be found on the St. Louis website (https://stlouisrcchurch.org) or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

CHOIRS OF CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PRESENT EVENSONG CONCERT

The Choirs of Calvary Episcopal Church and St. Louis RC Church, under the direction of choirmasters Kevin Durkin and Frank Scinta, will present an “Evensong Concert” on Sunday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

Featured will be works of Hovland, Hogan, Durufle, Willan, Faure and others. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This marks the first musical collaboration between Calvary and St. Louis and celebrates the host church’s 190th anniversary of its founding. The opening part of the program will feature each choir performing a series of a cappella works from the church sanctuary. Both ensembles then will lead listeners in the traditional Evensong Service from the choir loft, accompanied by St. Louis’ 1902 Kimball organ.

CHILI COOK OFF

Beat the cold! Join us for our annual chili cook off on February 16th in the church hall after the 4:00 Mass. Taste some hearty chili and great desserts!

PEOPLE OF FAITH PROGRAM

Please join us in our renovated and accessible Church Hall (basement) for our next People of Faith Program on Sunday, February 17th from 12—1:30 p.m. The program will include lunch and a Liturgy Presentation entitled—Paschal Mystery: Finding the Ancient Roots of our Liturgy. With our guest presenter (and member of our choir), Karen Podd, we will explore how some aspects of Christian Ritual have evolved from the ancient rituals of our Jewish brethren. In addition, there will be a discussion on portions of the Constitution (Sacrosanctum Concilium) on the Sacred Liturgy as promulgated by the Second Vatican Council.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY WINTER OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 5TH & 7TH

Come learn more about the Catholic Academy difference at our Winter Open House for families interested in enrolling children at Catholic Academy of West Buffalo in September 2019. Dates are Tuesday, February 5th from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 7th from 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Catholic Academy offers rigorous academics, excellent religious and moral education and a wide array of sports and extracurricular activities in grades Pre-K to 8. Pre-K for 3 year-olds is a very popular part time program, with a 10:2 ratio. According to Business First rankings for Middle Schools in June 2018, we are ranked among the top 10% of private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo!

Come tour our building, meet the Catholic Academy family and learn more about our programming. Registration for September 2019 is ongoing, and office staff will be available to review admission forms and answer questions regarding the different tuition assistance available. For information, call the school @ 885-6111 or visit us at cabw.org., on Facebook or Twitter @cawb1069.