Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Chosen Son; listen to him.” - Luke 9:35

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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.
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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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS
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Rev. Francis Guth .................................................................1844-1850
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Rev. Howard J. Schwartz .........................................................1948-1964
Rev. Clarence Ott .................................................................1964-1965
Rev. Alfred M. Mosack ................................................................1965-1979

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Gerald C. Jordan, requested by Anthony and Kim Jordan. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Thomas M. Rooney, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.

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.

WE CELEBRATE TWO GREAT SAINTS THIS WEEK

This coming week we honor two of the most famous and beloved saints of the Church. March 17th we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick who is revered by the Irish and those of Irish decent. He is honored and remembered for bringing the Catholic faith to the country of Ireland. We honor the memory of St. Patrick with the wearing of the green, St. Patrick’s Day Parade, meals of corn beef and cabbage and probably a little more Guinness than we should. Today, St. Patrick’s day is celebrated by people of all backgrounds and remains an important reminder of the gift of our faith that we should not be afraid to show off.

St. Joseph is honored on March 19th and is revered by many people. He is remembered for being the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was a carpenter, a working man. He wasn’t rich. He was a compassionate and caring man. He too was a man of faith, obedient to what God asked of him. He is probably most well-known at this time of year because of the numerous feasts prepared in his honor called the St. Joseph Table. Begun, by Sicilians, the St. Joseph Table is now celebrated by people of all backgrounds. Those who partake of a St. Joseph Table do so not only to enjoy a wonderful meal, but also to be able to contribute to the less fortunate in our community. The St. Joseph Table is usually a meatless meal because it occurs during Lent. The meal is to be shared with those who are poor. It has become customary to have a St. Joseph Table and the proceeds given to Charity.

We will be having our St. Joseph Table next week on March 24th. All are invited. Tickets are available this weekend. Proceeds will be given to our Sandwich Program.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinksi, Tracy Abram, Mamie 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 303 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $8,646.00, Fuel collection was $1,034.00 and Black and Indian Missions collection was $773.00.

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, March 16th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale
4:00 pm: Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph’s Table

SUNDAY, March 17th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph’s Table

SATURDAY, March 23rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, March 24th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
12 noon—2:00 pm: St. Joseph’s Table—Church Hall

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

The scripture readings from this week teach us that fidelity to God’s Word is at the very core of our Christian faith. Throughout the scriptures we discover that faith does not mean blindly believing in things or events. Rather, faith is shown to be a profound trust placed in a person. Our loyalty to our faith simply means having a profound trust in God. We have faith that what God tells us—through the scriptures and through his church—is the truth. We have faith that his will for us is in our best interest. And we have faith that his promises will be fulfilled. In other words, we take God at his word. Like Abraham in this week’s first reading, we are called to embrace God’s word, his guidance and his promises. In turn, he will lead us to peace and happiness, and ultimately, eternal life. This Lenten season is a good time to focus on God’s Word and how it guides our lives. It is in deepening our relationship with God that we deepen our trust in him; and from that our obedience to his will flows naturally.

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE

Please join us to celebrate our annual St. Joseph’s Table on Sunday, March 24th from 12:00—2:00 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets can be purchased this weekend after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after both Masses on Sunday at the Main Street entrance of the church. Prices are $8.00 for adults and $3.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dine-in or take-out dinner. Advanced tickets help us plan how much food to include. We hope to see you there for this delicious meal!

VOLUNTEER RESEARCHERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to assist parish archivist with research at Grosvenor Room, Central Library or online. Please call rectory if interested.

ANNUAL TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF SAINT JOSEPH

to be held at the Carmelite Monastery
75 Carmel Road—Buffalo, NY

The annual Public Triduum in honor of St. Joseph will begin on Sunday, March 17 and close on the feast day, Tuesday, March 19. The Triduum will be conducted by Fr. Peter Santandreu of Saint Amelia’s Church in Tonawanda, New York.

Services each evening of the Triduum will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass. We ask that all who attend be modestly and suitably dressed, as is proper in the House of God. There will be no afternoon Benediction services on Sunday, March 17.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When Karen and her husband John found themselves living in a hotel, without food and money, and expecting a baby, they knew they needed help. Not knowing where else to turn, they came to Catholic Charities. “From the moment we walked in to the Catholic Charities office, they helped us,” said Karen. “A social worker helped us get a meal and some groceries right away.” Catholic Charities also collaborated with other agencies to secure Karen and John temporary housing, and set up a food supply so the two wouldn’t go hungry as they got back on their feet. “Who really didn’t think we were going to make it,” Karen added. “But Catholic Charities helped us. Catholic Charities will help us. Catholic Charities helps everyone.” Help families like Karen and John find hope with your 2019 Appeal gift. You can select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.
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