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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.

FAITH FORMATION

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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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 Raffener 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
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 22:

- 12 noon:** Wedding of Zachary Shoemaker and Ximena Martinez Govea
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, February 23: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00 am:** In Thanksgiving for Tim and Mary (Jerger) Reid Family
11:00 am: Henry and Stephanie Partyka, by the Partyka Family

MONDAY, February 24: WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm:** Mary Eckert, by Clem and Anne Eckert

TUESDAY, February 25: WEEKDAY

- 12:05 pm:** The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

WEDNESDAY, February 26: ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 am:** For the People of St. Louis Parish
12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

THURSDAY, February 27: THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

- 12:05 pm:** Dr. Christine Duffey, by the Partyka Family

FRIDAY, February 28: FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

- 12:05 pm:** Florence and Art Napier, by the Partyka Family

SATURDAY, February 29:

- 4:00 pm:** **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
 Jessie and Bertrum Napier, by the Partyka Family

SUNDAY, March 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:00 am:** Baby Stanley Partyka, by the Partyka Family
11:00 am: James Frawley, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 29th and March 1st

- 4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Michael Riester



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 29th and March 1st

- 4:00 pm:** Debbie Guillow, Diane Randazzo, Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Robert Sprague and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Joyce Persico, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



“BODY OF CHRIST”

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Peter and Caroline Berst, requested by Marilyn Young.**

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.

AN INVITATION TO RETURN TO THE LORD

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of another season of Lent. Lent is one of the most popular and historical devotions of the Catholic Christianity: ashes are put on the forehead on Ash Wednesday, the Way of the Cross is a devotional prayer that is quite popular during the Season of Lent especially on Friday and blessed palms are a part of the celebration of the Passion.

A popular question we hear during Lent is: What are you giving up for Lent? Often people reply: chocolate, desserts, pop, candy or sweets. The traditional Lenten practices we inherit from the early centuries of the Church are threefold which we hear on Ash Wednesday: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In the early Church, when Lent was a time for reconciliation of public sinners, the penitents would come to the church at the beginning of Lent, that is, on Ash Wednesday. They would wear a penitential garment, like sackcloth and be sprinkled with ashes. Then they would be ritually expelled from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to the church on Holy Thursday, when they would be readmitted to the sacraments. With time, the expulsion of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained and became a call to penance for all the faithful.

The prophet Joel who speaks to us on Ash Wednesday encourages us to turn our hearts back to the Lord and experience the Lord's mercy especially through the directives given by Jesus: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

We are reminded today that when we wronged we are to seek reconciliation rather than revenge. Jesus set the tone for such reconciliation by giving his life so that we may be forgiven for our sins. How is God calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau. Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, 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 331 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$7,725.00.

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 22nd**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, February 23rd

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

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

12 noon: Baptism of Clara Rose Thaxton

WEDNESDAY, February 26th—Ash Wednesday

8:00 am & 12:05 pm: Distribution of Ashes

FRIDAY, February 28th

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 29th

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

4:00 pm: Tickets Available for St. Joseph's Table

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

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12 noon: Baptism of James Augustine Blenk

ST. LOUIS ACTIVITY SURVEY

The St. Louis Activity Survey is placed at the front and side entrances. If you did not fill out a survey, please complete the form and place it in the survey box.

The St. Louis Parish Council

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Just as our Appeal patron saint, St. Joseph, used tools as a carpenter, **Catholic Charities aims to give tools to those in need to help them protect, strengthen and empower their lives.** Whether it be satisfying hunger through one of our nine food pantries or teaching a family or individual how to successfully navigate the world of healthcare through our Care Coordination programs, Catholic Charities stands ready to be a provider of help and hope. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can bolster our efforts. Join us by making a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling (716) 218-1400.

Think of me!

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 through Trinity Sunday (June 7th).

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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Our election is scheduled for the weekend of March 28 and 29. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

Nomination forms are included in this week's bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristy. For questions or more information about the Parish Council, please contact Keith Boerner at keithboerner@roadrunner.com.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

St. Louis is hosting a St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 15th from 12:00—2:00 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets will be available after Masses the weekends of February 29—March 1 and March 7—8. Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dine-in or take-out dinner. Please contact Christina Mandolfo at christina@forest-productions.com if you would like to volunteer or bring a dish to share. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- * Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.

- * Are currently enrolled in a university or college.

Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"

See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

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