

2022

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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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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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

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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 15th: Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 pm: Wedding of Tyler Wasieczko & Natalie Sleep
4:00 pm: Carol Zobel, by Sondra Schreiber

SUNDAY, January 16th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Vincent Halicki, by Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by St. Louis Choir

MONDAY, January 17th: Martin Luther King Day; Memorial of St. Anthony

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, January 18th:

12:05 pm: Benedict Pancamo, by Marian Trigilio

WEDNESDAY, January 19th:

12:05 pm: Francis L. Schrek, by Estate

THURSDAY, January 20th: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

12:05 pm: Repose of the Soul of Jessica Marie & Janet Caputi, by Family

FRIDAY, January 21st: St. Agnes

12:05 pm: For All Souls

SATURDAY, January 22nd: Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2:00 pm: Wedding of Michael Grano & Emily Kraft
4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by JoAnn Fronczak

SUNDAY, January 23rd: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Carol Asher, by Howard Curlette
11:00 am: Leonard, Evelyn & Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 22nd & 23rd

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 22nd & 23rd

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neil
9:00 am: Tim O'Shea
11:00 am: Mike Mandolfo



"BODY OF CHRIST"

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children K-8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. The average scholarship is \$1500 and the maximum award is \$2500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716 854-0869, Ext. 1.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light glows this week to the Glory of God and in warm memory of Tom & Sally Parks, requested by Donna & Dennis Burns. The St. Joseph Candle is lit this week also in memory of Tom & Sally Parks, requested by Donna & Dennis Burns. And again, the Pieta Candle burns in vigil this week in memory of Tom & Sally Parks at the request of Donna & Dennis Burns.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in honor and memory of a loved one, or for your own intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

Last week we concluded our Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The first Christmas miracle occurred some 2000 years ago when Jesus was born into our world as our savior. The first Christmas miracle was able to happen due to the many people who contributed to making possible the birth of Christ. We think of Mary and Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, the Shepherds and the Magi just to name a few. There were many others present and behind the scenes that participated in that first Christmas.

This miracle was able to occur again this year thanks to many individuals who worked so hard to make Christmas come this year. We are most grateful to all those who helped prepare our worship space by decorating the Church. Once again, many people commented on how beautiful the Church was as always.

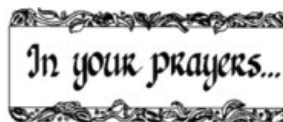
This year once again we were able to enjoy our wonderful choir whose voices lift the hearts and spirits of all who come here to pray and celebrate the birth of Christ. Along with the choir, Frank Scinta, Jim Mrozek, and Erin Peradotto did a miraculous job in providing us with spectacular musical selections to make this joyous celebration lift our spirits.

As usual, our sacristans, ushers and greeters provided a warm welcome for all who were able to join us this year to celebrate the Christmas miracle. Thank you to all who contributed their time and talent for a beautiful Advent-Christmas Season. Thank you also to all who prayed with us and visited us during the holidays.

Msgr. Manganello

SAINT JOSEPH ONE MAN PLAY

On Monday, February 7, 2022, Our Lady of Pompeii will feature Michael Sacilowski in "God's Son, My Son", a one act play focused on St. Joseph as part of their Faith Enrichment Series. The evening starts at 7PM. Our Lady of Pompeii is located at 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, New York. For more information, call 716 683-6522.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially 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.

Last weekend 254 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4521.00

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at www.frddb.org.

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, January 15th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection Including Weekly & Pew Rent

SUNDAY, January 16th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection Including Weekly & Pew Rent

SUNDAY, January 23rd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am:

9:50 am-10:50 am: Faith Formation in-person Lessons
Resume in Church Hall

12:00 noontime: Baptism of Lennon & Romi Levan

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy - Topic:
Spiritual Gifts & Discernment

ST. GREGORY TO HOLD YOUTH RALLY

St. Gregory the Great Parish in Williamsville will host a Youth Rally, March, and Mass for Life with Bishop Fisher on January 22, starting at 3:30PM. This will be in-place of the Diocese sending a group of individuals to the March for Life in DC this year.

The Schedule of Events Includes:

3:30PM Youth Rally in Ministry Center

4:15PM March for Life and Rosary on Maple Avenue

5:30PM Mass in Church with Bishop Michael Fisher

A Reception follows in the Ministry Center

All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. We ask that you dress appropriately as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Everyone is encouraged to make signs.

Please contact the St. Gregory the Great Parish Office at 716 688-5678.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive! As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention. This past year the benefits we received from Upon This Rock were added to our annual projects underway.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church in good repair. With your generous support this past year and this past week, we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair. In the course of the Preservation Fund Drive, \$108,570 has been donated.

Again, THANK YOU for your wonderful support.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2021 tax deduction by a donor must be postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31st. As in past years, we only issue year-end contribution statements if requested.

Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 716 852-6040 or write "TAX STATEMENT" on the front of your church envelope.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Back to Ordinary Time, where we strive to serve God faithfully with our daily labors. Is Jesus asking you to labor in the Vineyard to save souls, as a religious sister, brother, deacon or priest? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Don't delay your goals! If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at (716) 893-3500.

Services offered for youth and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccnw.org.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST SPRING 2022

St. Louis will be offering the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring. All children making a sacrament this spring must attend sacrament preparation classes on Saturday, March 5th, March 12th, & March 19th from 9:30-11:30 AM in the church basement. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, April 30th and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 1st.

First Reconciliation classes are open to children who are in second grade. First Eucharist classes are open to children who are in third grade. All children should be actively participating in faith formation classes, either at St. Louis or their school. Parents must register by February 13th. Registration forms can be found on the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org/>). Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell, with questions (443.744.0354 / stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).



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