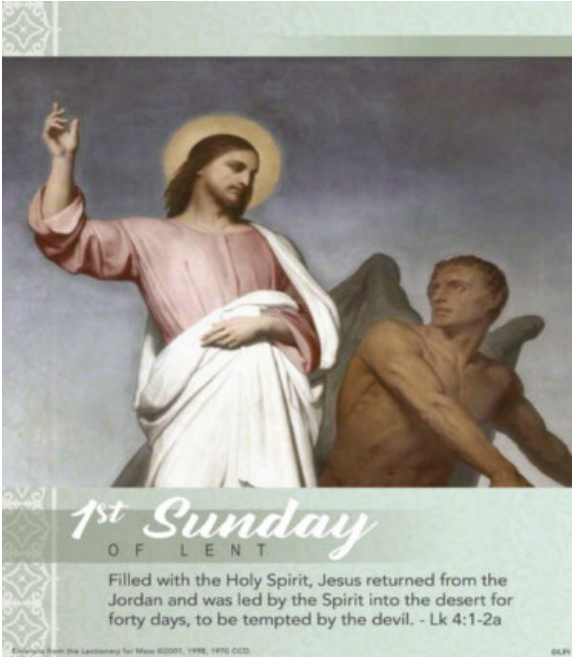


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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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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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
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Reverend Howard J. Schwartz 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 5th: Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by Rita Piskorz

SUNDAY, March 6th: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: For All Souls

11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Albert Riester Family

MONDAY, March 7th: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

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

TUESDAY, March 8th: St. John of God

12:05 pm: Frank Mikos, by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 9th: St. Francis of Rome

12:05 pm: Susan Kolbe, by James Kolbe

THURSDAY, March 10th:

12:05 pm: John Esser & Elizabeth Hartman, by Estate

FRIDAY, March 11th:

12:05 pm: Special Intentions of the Debra A. & James R. Caputi Family, by Family

SATURDAY, March 12th: Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski Family, by St. Adalbert Cemetery

SUNDAY, March 13th: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Living & Deceased Members of the James R. & Debra A. Caputi Family, by Family

11:00 am: Deceased of the Mikos Family, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 12th & 13th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta

11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 12th & 13th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



"BODY OF CHRIST"

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation Program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick's Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 12th and Sunday, March 13th. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Evelyn M. Foegen, requested by Ron & Margaret Foegen.

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

FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Lent has begun with Ash Wednesday this past week. Lent is a period of 40 days when each year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continue concern for others, especially the poor.

The forty days of lent are a symbolic biblical period of time during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission.

On Ash Wednesday our scriptures call us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Fasting was initially much stricter in the past than it is now. At one time fasting entailed one simple meal a day without meat, fish or other delicacies. Now we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but during Lent we abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

These penitential practices are not meant to cause us pain and suffering but rather to encourage us to think about how we can make sacrifices to strengthen our spiritual life along with prayer and charity.

Msgr. Manganello

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

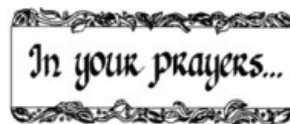
As we watch the horror of the conflict in the Ukraine, we pray and must work for peace. Pope Francis declared Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Ukraine.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops asked all parishes throughout the United States to conduct a second collection on Ash Wednesday. Since this request came too late for Ash Wednesday, today our second collection will be to assist the Ukraine in its great hour of need.

If you are not prepared for this collection today, you may make a donation next weekend in a clearly marked envelope and putting it in the regular collection.

ST. FRANCIS HS SPRING MUSICAL

Tickets for *Little Shop of Horrors* are available for \$10.00 each online at www.stfrancishigh.org or through the main office of the school, 716 627-1200. All seats are reserved so call or visit early. Shows are March 18th & 19th at 7:00PM and March 20th at 2:00PM.



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 Madejewski, 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 Dina M. Grisanti, Louis Bechtel, George Feldman, Jr. 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 268 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4415.00.

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, March 5th:

4:00 pm: Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection and Black & Native Missions Collection

SUNDAY, March 6th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection and Black & Native Missions Collection

9:50-10:50 am: PreK-10th grade classes in the Church Hall

11:00 am: Rite of Election at Mass

TUESDAY, March 8th:

5:30 pm: Finance & Restoration Committee Meets in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY, March 12th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, March 13th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection
St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale After Masses

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy on the topics of Holy Trinity & Eschatology

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

As in Advent, the downtown Family of Parishes which includes: Blessed Sacrament; St. Anthony; St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Louis; St. Michael; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help; will be holding a Lenten Penance Service on March 16, 2022. There are two services: St. Joseph Cathedral on Franklin Street at 3:30PM and St. Louis Church at Main and Edward at 6:30PM.

Confessors will include pastors from our parish family groupings as well as a few other priests. All are welcome to join us.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church Vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

ST. CATHERINE OF BOLOGNA—MARCH 9TH

St Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413—March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

HOLY WATER FONTS RETURN TO CHURCH

Two years ago, March 2020, all churches closed down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. When churches re-opened three months later there were many restrictions imposed to protect the health and well-being of people attending Mass. Over the course of the two years we have seen restrictions easing.

One of the restrictions that has been in place since, is the removal of Holy Water fonts at the entrances of the church.

As Covid cases continue to decline new updates now allow for Holy Water to be returned to churches. We have once again placed Holy Water at the entrances of the church for those entering who wish to bless themselves.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As a parent, you do whatever you can to help your child. That is what brought one mother to the Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST) after her daughter was exhibiting several alarming behaviors such as running away, self-harming, drinking and doing drugs. MST is an intensive, family focused intervention that empowers parents or caregivers to find solutions quickly. "MST was the best decision I've ever made. They work closely with you and teach you the skills to get your child back. ...I lost her four years ago. My sweet, caring, polite daughter. She was heading down a path of self-destruction. I went from being hopeless to hopeful. And now with the time and dedication put in with MST, I have my child back. I cannot thank you enough." Your gift to **Appeal 2022** helps families just like this one find HOPE when it doesn't seem possible. Visit www.cwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!

WOMEN IN A WOUNDED CHURCH

A program presented by Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF, STD, will be presented Sunday, March 20th at 3:00PM in Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14209. The program seeks to provide a practical program for the advancement of women into significant leadership roles. How are women forming networks and linkages that will result in real change? Sr. Margaret Carney is a recipient of the Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia award from Pope Francis and the Monica Hellwig Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.



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