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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. Pastor
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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

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

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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, March 19th: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm: Living & Deceased Members of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, March 20th: Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 am: Al Bowyer, by Sandy Cuelett
11:00 am: Kathleen McCarthy Farkas, by Bill & Pam Nordstrom

MONDAY, March 21st:
12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, March 22nd:
12:05 pm: Florence Rembold, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, March 23rd: St. Turibius of Mogrovero
12:05 pm: For All Souls

THURSDAY, March 24th: St. Oscar Romero
12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

FRIDAY, March 25th: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
12:05 pm: Camille Krenglicki, by Gary Halicki

SATURDAY, March 26th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm: Darlene Sliwinski, by Michael & David Sliwinski

SUNDAY, March 27th: Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 am: Dominic Militello, by Carl & Joanna Griffasi
11:00 am: Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family & Friends

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
 Weekend of March 26th & 27th

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Mike Riester



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 Weekend of March 26th & 27th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Keith Boerner



CARNATION SALE

This year's St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale was a huge success! Maureen's Flower Market generously donated the flowers, allowing all proceeds (\$338.00) to be donated to Catholic Charities. Thank you to all the parishioners who purchased flowers or made a donation. Also, thank you to all the families that helped sell the carnations.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Moses hesitated to follow God's will because he didn't speak well, but in the end he did great things. God can use us, even through our weakness, to accomplish His purposes. If you feel called, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. The St. Joseph Altar Candle burns this week in memory of Thomas M. Rooney, 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 the envelope available for that purpose. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

HOPE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

When you are hungry, we are hope. When you are troubled, we are hope. When you are lonely, we are hope. When you are in need, we are hope. Catholic Charities is a beacon of hope for individuals, children and families in need across the eight counties of Western New York.

Hope is something many have been seeking during the last two years of the pandemic. Catholic Charities strengthens and empowers people to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives. Catholic Charities is the most comprehensive human services provider serving all of Western New York.

With a goal of \$9.5 million, the annual Appeal kicked off January 19th and runs through June 30th. By now everyone should have received their Annual Catholic Charities cards. You can make a donation by returning your contribution to St. Louis Church, by directly mailing your contribution to Catholic Charities, or by donating online.

The patron of the Appeal 2022 is St. Theresa of Calcutta who brought hope to people throughout the world and continues to offer hope to anyone in need through the work of her Sisters worldwide.

Once again we ask that you be as generous as your means allow and thank you on behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity.

Msgr. Manganello

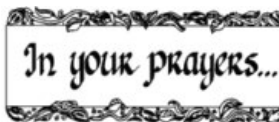
CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As of March 16th, 2022:

Goal: \$9,500,000.00 Raised: \$5,115,517.75
 Amount to Raise: \$4,384,482.25

St. Louis Goal: \$130,047 Raised: \$85,913.11
 Amount to Raise: \$44,133.89

The Appeal is now underway. Your generosity will help Catholic Charities to meet their goal.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Baiba, 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.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially James F Forton, his family, 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 291 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4306.00.

Proceeds from the collection for Ukraine total \$4125.00.

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 19th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly Offering and Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, March 20th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly Offering and Pew Rent Collection

9:50-10:50: PreK-10th Grade Faith Formation Classes in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy on the topics: "What is faith?", "Who is Jesus Christ?", and "Divine Revelation"

SATURDAY, March 26th:

2:00-4:00 pm: Family Faith Formation Day on the topic: "*Lectio Divina* as a Way to Improve Prayer and Critical Thinking"

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, March 27th:

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

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy on the Topics: "Our Call to Holiness" and "Living the Virtues"

WORD OF LIFE

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ."

ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

An Annulment Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th from 9AM—11AM at the UB North Newman Center, 495 Skinnerville Road, Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716 633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, Appeal 2022 also benefits the *Fund for the Faith*. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to the hardships of the Great Depression, the *Fund for the Faith* continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. With the Covid-19 pandemic unfolding, donations to the *Fund for the Faith* are more important than ever as we extend comfort to all of God's people—our family, friends, and neighbors alike. **Support Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith** by visiting www.cwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. OSCAR ROMERO — MARCH 24TH

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in San Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, San Salvador broke out in a 12 year civil war that left over 75,000 dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24th, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

As part of the *Diocesan Road to Renewal* initiative, all churches in the Diocese of Buffalo have been asked to participate in the Catholic Leadership Institute's (CLI)'s Disciple Maker Index Survey

This index is a survey that will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. It will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The survey period is now open and will be open until April 4th at 11:59PM. There are two ways you can complete the survey:

- 1) Online. Use the link below to access the survey: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/y5tgby>
- 2) On Paper.
 - A limited number of printed surveys are available on the tables at the Main Street entrance or parking lot entrance of the church
 - Return the completed surveys: (1) to the boxes on these tables, (2) in the collection basket, (3) directly to the rectory. Paper copies must be submitted by April 2nd, 2022

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

St. Amelia Church will host a *Holy Hour for Peace in the Ukraine and in the World* on Wednesday, March 23rd, from 7-8PM in the Church located at 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda. All are welcome to join as we pray for peace.



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