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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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.

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

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 26th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Darlene Sliwinski, by Michael & David

SUNDAY, March 27th: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday:

9:00 am: Dominic Militello, Carol & Joanna Griffasi

11:00 am: Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family & Friends

MONDAY, March 28th: St. Rupert

12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, March 29th:

12:05 pm: Ann Roberts, by Camilla Busch

WEDNESDAY, March 30th:

12:05 pm: Marge & Don Galluch, by Tom Pirrung

THURSDAY, March 31st:

12:05 pm: For All Souls

FRIDAY, April 1st:

12:05 pm: For All Souls

SATURDAY, April 2nd: Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by Dan Martin

SUNDAY, April 3rd: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

11:00 am: Gladys Saul, by Linda Holben

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of April 2nd & 3rd

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta

11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of April 2nd & 3rd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Tim McCarthy



"BODY OF CHRIST"

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As of March 21st, 2022:

Diocesan Goal: \$9,500,000 Raised: \$5,417,336
 Amount to Raise: \$4,082,664

St. Louis Goal: \$130,047 Raised: \$88,251
 Amount to Raise: \$41,796

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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The **Sanctuary Light** burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Joseph & Evelyn Foegen, requested by Ron & Margaret Foegen. The **Pieta Candle** burns this week in remembrance of the Two Year Anniversary of Brendan Thomas Cody, requested by Joyce Poppy Persico. The **St. Joseph Altar Candle** burns in honor of, and for the intentions of the Ukrainian Refugees as requested by David Zawistowski.

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.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

This is the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is called Laetare Sunday. The term Laetare means rejoice. Lent is nearing its end which is a cause for rejoicing not because we are nearing the end of Lent, but because we are closer to celebrating Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord.

In this week's second reading St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, speaks of being "ambassadors for Christ". An "ambassador" is an official representative usually representing a head of state in another country.

In the sense that St. Paul intends, Christians are the official representatives of Christ, people will meet Christ through us.

As we continue our Lenten season, we are challenged to act like Christ in all we do.

Msgr. Manganello

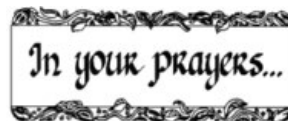
SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Next weekend, we welcome Mr. Thomas Beecher, co-chair of the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal and also a parishioner of St. Louis. He will speak at all Masses next week encouraging our continued support of the good works that Catholic Charities does in our diocese. He will also be here to thank us for our past support of the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Through the intercession of St. Teresa of Calcutta may God bless and bring to fruition the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal.

THINK SUMMER

Two theater camps will be offered this summer at Cardinal O'Hara High School for youngsters from 7 to 18. Working with theater professionals, each camp will end with live performances on the Cardinal O'Hara stage. One camp is for ages 7 to 12 from 9AM to 3PM July 11th to 29th and the second theater camp, from 9AM to 3PM August 1st to 19th is for ages 11 to 18. The cost is \$425 per camper if paid in full by April 30th. After April 30th, tuition is \$450. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot. For more information, email Thomas Wilkie, twilkie@cardinalohara.com or call 716-695-2600, ext. 357.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, 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 Ginski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Tom Gaiser 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 283 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$7423.00.

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 26th:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SUNDAY, March 27th:

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

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

FRIDAY, April 1st:

Following the 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 2nd:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Monthly Collection, and Easter Flowers Collection

SUNDAY, April 3rd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly & Monthly Collection, and Easter Flowers Collection

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

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy on the Topics: "Consistent Life Ethic & Dignity of Life" and "Holy Week"

WORD OF LIFE

There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up to an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and His love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life..."

VOCATION THOUGHT

The real star of the Prodigal Son parable is the forgiving father. Priests are called to imitate this incredible mercy through the confessional. What a life! If Jesus is calling you to serve His Father, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

ST. RUPERT OF SALZBURG + MARCH 28TH

St. Rupert of Salzburg is also known as the "Apostle to Bavaria and Austria." Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is believed he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line.

Not much is known of his early life. We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert travelled the region effecting conversion, miracles and healings.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum, an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or "salt castle," and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict.

Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg and abbot of the monastery. He is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Students have faced many obstacles when it comes to schooling during the pandemic. Luckily, Catholic Charities is there to help those who have a tougher time navigating them than others. One of the counselors shares, "At the start of the school year, Joey's mom wanted him to receive individual counseling again. I continue to work with Joey on learning new coping skills. Most recently we have been practicing positive self-talk when he is worried about school or sudden changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the support of his mom and myself, Joey has demonstrated the ability to overcome sudden changes and transitions and building self-confidence. He is able to identify his own struggles as they come and work through them." Your gift to **Appeal 2022** helps children like Joey learn coping skills, self-confidence and so much more. Donate today by visiting <http://www.ccnny.org/donation> or by texting GIVEHOPE22 to 44321

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/y5tgb>
- 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



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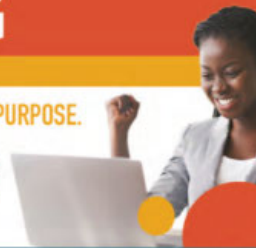


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