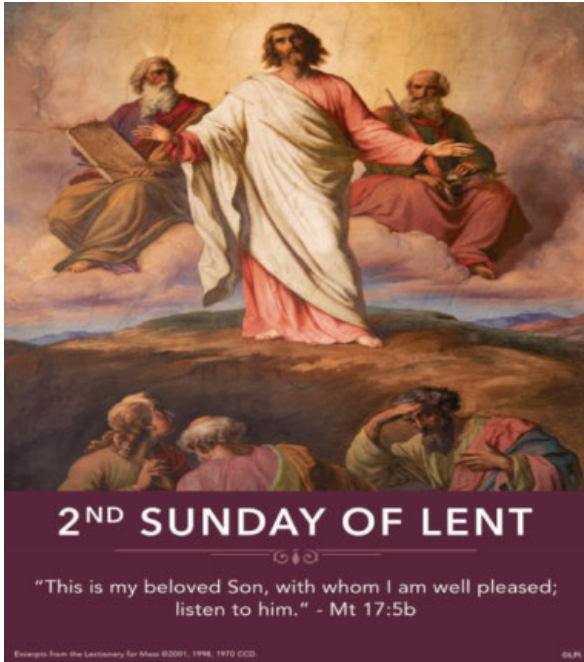


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MASSES

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 by appointment. 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
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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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach..... 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 4th: Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

SUNDAY, March 5th: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Thomas Walsh, by Sue Villari
11:00 am: Don "Bill" Wolcott, by Ashlee Campbell

MONDAY, March 6th:

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

TUESDAY, March 7th: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

12:05 pm: Frank Mikos, by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 8th: St. John of God

12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

THURSDAY, March 9th: St. Francis of Rome & St. Catherine of Bologna

12:05 pm: Susan Kolbe, by James Kolbe

FRIDAY, March 10th:

12:05 pm: Donald F. Minnick, Jr., by Dr. John Campbell;
Stations of the Cross following Mass

SATURDAY, March 11th: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm: Herbert Bucki, by the Bucki Family

SUNDAY, March 12th: Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Melvin J. Sliwinski, by David Sliwinski
11:00 am: Pasquale Frisina, Jr., by Bert, Joan, Nick & Jaime Tamer

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 11th & 12th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 11th & 12th:

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Mike Mandolfo



"BODY OF CHRIST"

VOCATION THOUGHT

Lent is here—time to challenge ourselves to be holier. Begin by asking Jesus, "What can I do to serve you?" If the answer is a Church vocation, 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 and in honor of the many generous parishioners of St. Louis who share their resources, time and talents to sustain our beautiful church and parish community in so many ways.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a specific loved one or for your own special intention, please use an envelope available for that purpose located at the Main entrance. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

HOPE FOR ALL SEASONS

Congratulations, St. Louis Parishioners. We have made history once again. In January, Bishop Fisher announced that the goal for the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal would be \$9.5 million. This goal set forth a challenge to the people of Western New York, particularly Catholics in Western New York, to assist our brothers and sisters who are in need in various ways.

As an attempt to reach their goal, Catholic Charities sets a benchmark challenge for every parish. Based on what St. Louis has raised in the past year of 2022, \$181,891.43, this year Catholic Charities challenged our parish to respond to the Appeal by raising \$146,737.00.

Earlier in the week, Catholic Charities reported having made 94.25% of this goal with \$10,272,752. We at St. Louis have contributed over \$120,000 to Catholic Charities so far this year. The appeal goes until June 30th so we have plenty of time to meet our challenge. Last year was the most ever that St. Louis parishioners have contributed to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Thank you to so many generous people of this wonderful parish. Truly, we as a parish have discovered the "Good Within" each one of us and are willing to share that with others. So many people will benefit from your kindness and concern for them. May God reward each of you for your outstanding generosity

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, 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, we will gladly include them as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Clarence Forness 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 \$3,400.00. Our online donations totaled \$ 145.00.

You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our PayPal account on our web page.

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 4th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection and Collection for the Black & Indian Missions.

SUNDAY, March 5th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection and Collection for the Black & Indian Missions.

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

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy

FRIDAY, March 10th: Stations of the Cross immediately following the 12:05 Mass

SATURDAY, March 11th:

4:00 pm: Weekly Offering and Maintenance & Repairs Collection and Fuel Offering

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Lent is a holy season of prayer much of which is focused on doing penance, seeking God's forgiveness, and renewing our spiritual lives. One of the ways to help us prepare for the celebration of the Easter Resurrection is to receive the Sacrament of Penance by which God renews us. Our Penance Service this Lent will be held on March 15th at St. Anthony of Padua church at 4:00 p.m. and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:30 p.m. This will be a communal penance service followed by the opportunity for individual confession. Please join our family of parishes: St. Anthony of Padua, Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Louis, St. Michael, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for this celebration of pardon and peace.

WORD OF LIFE

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!

JOINT CHORAL EVENSONG

The Choir of St. Louis Church will join the Choir of Calvary Episcopal Church for a Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 5th at 4:00PM in Calvary Church, 20 Milton Street in Williamsville, New York. Featured will be works of Healey Willan, Craig Phillips, and Virgil Thomson. All St. Louis parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend this wonderful afternoon of prayer, meditation, and beautiful music offered by a combined ensemble of sixty voices.

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 18th and Sunday March 19th. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street5 entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

ST JOSEPH'S TABLE TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Please join us to celebrate our annual St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 19th from 12:00 — 2:00 pm in the church hall. Tickets can be purchased this weekend after the 4pm Mass on Saturday and after both masses on Sunday at the Main Street entrance of the church. Prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dine-in or take-out dinner. Gluten-free options will be available. Advance tickets help us plan how much food to include. We hope you can join us for this delicious meal.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

There is still time to participate in Catholic Charities' HOPE for the 100th: Personal Care Items Drive. From now until March 24th, we are asking the community to collect donations of new and unopened toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, lotion etc. Items collected will be given to individuals and families in need across our eight counties. To sign up your group, parish or school, email Jewell Eason, Catholic Charities Events & Administrative Associate, at jewell.eason@ccwny.org. Appeal 2023 is ongoing. Make a contribution at www.ccwny.org/donate or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321 today.

BISON FUND

The Bison Fund is a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. The application process is now open for new families. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **March 15, 2023**. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via mail on March 16th, 2023.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the BISON Fund office at 716 854-0869 or email cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Travel to Ireland, the "Land of Saints and Scholars," from October 19-27, 2023 with Fr. Paul Seil, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, a member of our "Family of Parishes." Limited openings for the group are available. For complete information and to register, call Kathy-Jo at Travel Outlet, 716 675-1190



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