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MASSES

Saturday	4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday	
Eve of the Holy Day	4:30 p.m.
Holy Day	12:05 p.m.
	12:05 p.m.
	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 Mertz1829-1836Reverend Alexander Pax1836-1843Reverend Francis Guth1844-1850Reverend Joseph Raffeiner1850-1851Reverend William Deiters1855-1861Reverend J. E. Moshall1861-1862Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber1862-1863	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916 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
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Reverend Joseph M. Sorg	Rev. Wisgi. Robert A. Wack

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

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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 20:

2:00 pm: Wedding of Brandon Small and Kayla

Kuehlewind

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 21: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle 11:00 am: Kevin McCue, by Parish Council

MONDAY, January 22: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

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

TUESDAY, January 23: SAINT MARIANNE COPE AND SAINT VINCENT, DEACON

12:05 pm: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Gary and Sandy

Witman

WEDNESDAY, January 24: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES 12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

THURSDAY, January 25: THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

12:05 pm: Gisela Ederer, by Ron Bates and Joanne

Saniewski

FRIDAY, January 26: SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS

12:05 pm: Gisela Ederer, by Erma Brown and Carol

Robinson

SATURDAY, January 27:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Mary Guzowski, by Pat Abrams

SUNDAY, January 28: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family 11:00 am: James Bruce, by Louis and Ann Deutsch

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 27th and January 28th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky 9:00 am: Tom Pirrung 11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 27th and January 28th

4:00 pm: Jane Pelosi, Debbie Guillow and Keith and Kathy Boerner

9:00 am: Al Bluemle, Jim Brigante and Robert Sprague

11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Debbie Beller

and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Gerald Stevens, requested by wife, Isabelle 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2018 IS NOW BEGINNING

On January 10, 2018, Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Malone, announced the opening of the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal with a goal of \$11 million. Bishop Malone said this year's ambitious \$11 million goal, remains the same as the past two Appeals, "Recognizes the challenges associated with raising such a significant amount of money while also realizing the need for our programs and services is great."

The 2018 Appeal will run now through June 30th. Two important dates during this year's Appeal are First Report Sunday on March 18th and the culmination of the Appeal week

on Palm Sunday, March 25th.

The theme for this year's Appeal is: "Love Your Neighbor" and the patron saint is St. Clare of Assisi. St. Clare was selected as the Appeal patron saint because the way she lived her life fit perfectly into this year's theme. St. Clare dedicated her life to caring and showing concern for the poor and marginalized in society. After leaving the comfortable life she knew for a life of piety and poverty, she essentially was a beggar. Her efforts were for those in need, always giving to others. St. Clare told us that we are to become the vessels of God's compassionate love for others. This is the inspiration and motivation to carry out the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal.

Solicitations for donations are now going out in the mail. Thank you for supporting the good work of Catholic Charities in past years. We look forward to your support this year.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John from their work as fishermen to apostleship. How is Jesus calling you? Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website-www.buffalovocations.org!



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Norbert Sliwinski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa

Dixon, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

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

We remember all those recently deceased and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

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SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass-tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 296 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,593.00.

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.

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 to be used for its general purposes."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, January 20th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew

Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

SUNDAY, January 21st

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

Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel

Collection

12 noon: Baptism of Milana Gabrielle Santillo

SATURDAY, January 27th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including

Catholic Relief Services Collection

5:00—6:30 pm: RCIA—Grade 10—"People of Faith: Living

as Disciples" Event - Church Hall-Topic:

What We Believe: The Nicene Creed-

SUNDAY, January 28th

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

Including Catholic Relief Services

Collection

12 noon: Baptism of Sean Michael Leslie

WORD OF LIFE

"We must listen to God, who speaks to us. Having a wellformed conscience doesn't mean we have all the answers to the complex problems in the world, but it does mean that we are sensitive to the needs and struggles of other people."

> **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities** "Understanding Conscience"

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Mark describes how Jesus called two fishermen, Simon and Andrew, as his first disciples. Jesus invited them to follow Him and become "fishers of men." The disciples dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Jesus. Their jobs. Their families. Imagine the courage and incredible faith the disciples must have had to dedicate their lives to Jesus. Like the disciples, the commitments we make take courage and faith. We can trust God to guide us as we follow the example of Jesus in living His Gospel message. Sometimes we are called out of our comfort zone like Simon and Andrew. But remember, God is always with us. In proclaiming the Good News Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, & **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES**

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2018. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: http:// stlouisrcchurch.org or from the Director of Faith Formation. Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th, 2018. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

In gratitude for the abundant blessings and success of the Upon This Rock campaign, please join Bishop Richard J. Malone at one of the following community Masses of thanksgiving.

- Tuesday, January 30—Infant of Prague Parish, Cheektowaga—Mass at 5:30 p.m.; reception to follow
- Friday, February 9—St. Joseph Parish, Fredonia Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow
- Monday, February 12—All Saints Parish, Lockport Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow
- Tuesday, February 13—Ascension Parish, Batavia Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow

Please select the Mass that is most convenient for you by visiting UponThisRockWNY.org/RSVP or call 716-847-8740.

PEOPLE OF FAITH PROGRAM

Please join us on Saturday, January 27th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for our next People of Faith Program. We will have a light dinner and a presentation by Dennis Mahaney from the Office for Evangelization and Parish Life.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write "Tax Statement" on the front of your church envelope.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Love Your Neighbor" Gal. 5:14 is the theme for the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal.

Last year, thanks to the generous support of donors throughout Western New York, Catholic Charities was able to positively impact the lives of nearly 153,000 people. Children, families and seniors across the region were supported with everything from basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to mental health and chemical dependency treatment and affordable counseling through Catholic Charities. Bishop Richard J. Malone has announced our goal of \$11 million and the patron of the 2018 Appeal, St. Clare of Assisi, who was revered for her care and concern for the poor and marginalized. Through your donation, you can show love for your neighbors in Western New York. We look forward to working with you until our goal is reached. Find out more at ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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