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# **MASSES**

Saturday	4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
SaturdaySunday	
Eve of the Holy Day	4:30 p.m.
Holy Day	12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri	
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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# **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	336-1843 344-1850 350-1851 355-1861 361-1862 362-1863	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher	1917-1944 1944-1948 1948-1964 1964-1965 1965-1979 1979-1995
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Reverend Joseph M. Sorg	367-1888		

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

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# Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 29:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jessie and Bertrum Napier, by the Partyka

SUNDAY, March 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Baby Stanley Partyka, by the Partyka Family 11:00 am: James Frawley, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

**MONDAY, March 2: LENTEN WEEKDAY** 

12:05 pm: Emily Mikos, by Family

**TUESDAY, March 3: SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL** 

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

WEDNESDAY, March 4: SAINT CASIMIR

12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

THURSDAY, March 5: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Living and Deceased Members of the Pera

Family, by Tom Pera

FRIDAY, March 6: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Edward Partyka, by the Partyka Family

SATURDAY, March 7:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Dick and Mary

SUNDAY, March 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Casimer and Bertha Partyka, by the Partyka

Family

11:00 am: Frank Mikos, by Family

# SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of March 7th and March 8th

4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski

9:00 am: Anne Mecca 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



# SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of March 7th and March 8th

4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski, Debbie Guillow,

Jim Ferrini and Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Anne Mecca, Susan Ministero,

Al Bluemle and Judy Perkowski

11:00 am: Michael Riester, Joyce Persico

and Keith and Kathy Boerner



# MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Lee Volo, Sr., by Ron and Margaret Foegen. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week for the Messina Family.

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.

# "BORN AGAIN"

Some Christians use the phrase "born again." While there is scriptural reference to this term in the Gospel of John and plenty of wonderful stories of lives turned totally around by grace, it is not a phrase that Catholics normally use. The reason for this may be that we know conversion is ongoing. The season of Lent emerged as a time for serious preparation for those entering the faith. It became quite clear over time that a similar time was needed for the People of God for renewal and re-renewal; not "born again" just once, but again and again and again.

The question we need to ask ourselves is "what in our lives gets in the way of our relationship with God and God's people? We begin the season of Lent with ashes: dark, powdery soot that reminds us how our lives began and how they will end: "Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return." They are also a reminder to: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." These ashes challenge us to confront the parts of our lives that need renewal.

During these days of Lent we travel with Christ one step at a time, from brokenness to healing, to forgiveness and to new possibilities for transforming our lives.

# Msgr. Manganello

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

One On the Road participant was hesitant about attending the weeklong leadership training for high-school students, but at his parents' urging, he went. To his surprise, it turned out to be quite the impactful week! "On the Road was truly a lifechanging experience for me. The most significant thing I learned was different ways to pray that were comfortable to me. Since On the Road I have begun to incorporate prayer into songs that I write," he said. "I am so grateful for this amazing experience!" Your gift to the Fund for the Faith through 2020 Appeal can help other young people like this young man find new inspiration and strength in their faith. Will you think of him and so many others like him? Make a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling (716) 218-1400. Think of me!



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, In your prayers... especially Jay Deveau. Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley

Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John 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. 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 as necessary.

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 352 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,642.50.

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 of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes."

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, February 29th

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including

Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission

Collection

**4:00 pm:** Tickets Available for St. Joseph's Table **4:00 pm:** Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, March 1st

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

Including Monthly Collection and Black

and Indian Mission Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets Available for St. Joseph's

Table

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic

Available

12 noon: Baptism of James Augustine Blenk

MONDAY, March 2nd

7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

TUESDAY, March 3rd

7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

FRIDAY, March 6th

After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 7th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Fuel

Collection and Maintenance and Repairs

Collection

4:00 pm: Tickets Available for St. Joseph's Table

SUNDAY, March 8th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

Including Fuel Collection and Maintenance and Repairs Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets Available for St. Joseph's

Table

# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Grace Tabone who was an honor roll student at Mount St. Mary Academy for the 2nd Quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year.

# **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, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Our election is scheduled for the weekend of March 28 and 29. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

Nomination forms are included in this week's bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristy. For questions or more information about the Parish Council, please contact Keith Boerner at keithboerner@roadrunner.com.

# FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<a href="https://stlouisrcchurch.org">https://stlouisrcchurch.org</a>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (<a href="mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com">stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com</a>).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

# ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Please join us to celebrate our annual St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 15th from 12:00—2:00 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets can be purchased this weekend after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after both Masses on Sunday at the Main Street entrance of the church. Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dinein or take-out dinner. Advanced tickets help us plan how much food to include. We hope you can join us for this delicious meal!

# CORY JAMES GALLAGHER & CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENTS:

"Anam Cara" - A Celebration of Love and Soul Friendship

Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. SS. Columba–Brigid Church

75 Hickory Street (Off Clinton Street), Buffalo, NY

This St. Patrick's Day weekend, come celebrate the spirit of "Anam Cara" (Celtic for 'Soul Friend'). Concerts For The Soul will take you on a Musical-Poetic Journey, followed by a DANCE PARTY in the church hall.

The concert will feature a vibrant selection of uplifting songs and sing-alongs performed by Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and his team of talented musicians. Poet Amy Gallagher will share her original writings along with the Celtic wisdom of writer-poet John O'Donohue—celebrating love, kindness, and friendship. This event is dedicated to their Father Daniel James Gallagher who embodied the spirit of "Anam Cara" to everyone he met.

A Wine and Cheese reception will be provided. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! This event is BY DONATION. The church has a parking lot with ample parking. A wonderfully meaningful and inspiring evening to uplift your spirit ~ and fill your heart with JOY!

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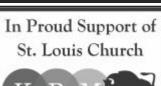
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