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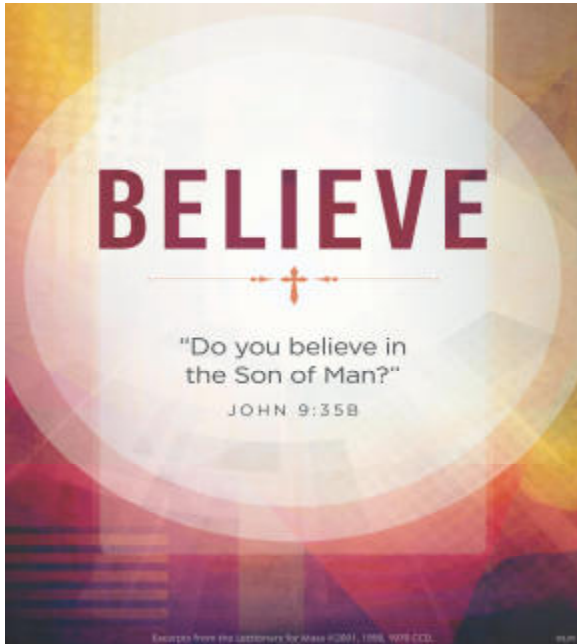
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MASSES

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

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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

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

Due to the directives of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, there will be no regularly scheduled public Masses in the Diocese of Buffalo until further notice.

Mass intentions that were scheduled last week and for the upcoming weeks will be rescheduled at a later date when we are able once again to celebrate Masses. As far as is possible we will contact persons who requested particular Mass intentions to make other arrangements for these intentions to be satisfied.

On Friday, March 13th, Bishop Scharfenberger announced that all Catholic faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

A list of live streamed Masses is located on the Diocesan website www.buffalodiocese.org as well as on our website www.stlouiscchurch.org.

In addition, all other parish events and large gatherings are to be postponed. Funerals will continue to be conducted, though with only immediate family present until further notice. All Catholic schools will remain closed until April 20, 2020.

A FAITH RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time?

A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is "Do not be afraid!" or "have no fear!" God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE

Of course, we see these same dynamics play out in Scripture, where fear leads to hoarding. The most famous story is when the Israelites are in the desert without food (Exodus 16). God rains down manna from heaven but also cautions them to take only what they need for now. They disobey but find that the food they attempt to store away goes bad immediately.

The consistent message we hear in the Bible is that we need to trust in God, who will provide enough for everyone. The problems come when people begin to take more than they need.

Fear of the coronavirus has caused some to stockpile and hoard unreasonable amounts of hand sanitizer, face masks, and other supplies against recommendations of leaders. The problem is that this wipes out supplies for those who truly need them the most—health care workers and those most vulnerable to the disease—without really making the buyers safer.

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MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Joseph J. Dumansky, requested by Family**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Joseph J. Dumansky, requested by Family** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Joseph J. Dumansky, requested by Family**.

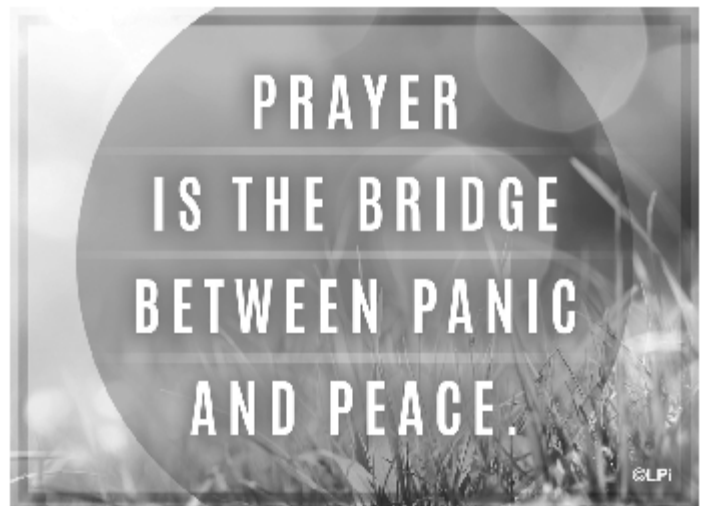
If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Mary Lou Summers, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favorito, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, 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.



SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 213 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,598.00.

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 of _____ to be used for its general purposes."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, March 21st

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, March 22nd

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

SATURDAY, March 28th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Easter Flowers Collection

SUNDAY, March 29th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Easter Flowers Collection

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 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 (\$356) 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

Has shame or fear caused you to hide from God, thinking that if you listen to Him you would only hear harsh reprimands? Remember that God is merciful. Turn back to him, and listen to him speak to your heart. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

Temporary Shelter for Homeless Men and Women

There is a need for volunteers. Little Portion Friary located at 1305 Main Street in Buffalo provides temporary shelter, meals and counseling to homeless men and women as they struggle to acquire permanent housing and jobs. We are a 501c3 organization sustained solely by an all-volunteer staff and donations from private individuals and organizations. Volunteers can assist existing staff with; house supervision during the day, evening or night shifts, preparing evening meals, doing laundry, maintaining the house, administration and bookkeeping. Please call 882-5705 for a tour or to answer any questions. **The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.**

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

There are five openings on the Parish Council, each person elected will serve a three year term, 2020-2023. We received a total of 14 nominations of which seven candidates accepted the opportunity. Their names are: Dennis Burns, Donna Burns, Krysta Doerfler, Keri Miller, Joyce Persico, Michael Riester and Lori Ann Woods.

Due to the ceasing of public Masses and gatherings, it was decided to postpone our Parish Council election until after Easter. The date will be determined later. Your interest in the functions of our parish is appreciated.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Start a ripple effect. Each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4 of government support and contracts—meaning your gift goes three to four times as far. Every dollar counts, because more funding means more services for those in need in our communities. When considering your gift to the 2020 Appeal, those we serve remind you to "think of me." You can bring comfort, protection, peace and healing and so much more through your contribution. Secure donations can be made online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at (716) 218-1400. **Think of Me!**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:

- * Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
- * Are currently enrolled in a university or college.

Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of:

"Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall"

See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

WORD OF LIFE

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up 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" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, is in much need of blankets and flatware. They also accept donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends.) For more information, call 895-4001.

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