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**Parish Staff**

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Letters of Recommendation: Are given to registered parishioners who attend Mass and support the parish. Please call the office for assistance.

Penance (Confession): 1/2 hour before all weekend Masses and by appointment, call 716-885-2469.

Baptism: Please see Mr. Ron to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: If you would like to be anointed, or receive communion, please call the office 716-885-2469.

Marriages: Engaged couples should contact their church 6 months prior to the wedding.

Pre-Marriage Requirements: All couples are required to attend a pre-cana program. Contact the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-2203 for more information.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 30, 2025**



**Saturday, March 29, 2025 In Convent Chapel**  
 4:00 pm For Mothers Living & Deceased

**Sunday, March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 am Ida Rine by Bob & Marie Terreri  
 11:00 am Judy Mirand by Deacon Roberto

**Monday, March 31, 2025**  
 11:30 am For Fathers Living & Deceased  
 7:00 pm Novena—

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**  
 11:30 am All Souls Intentions

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**  
 11:30 am Restored Health of Louisa Po Meh by Family

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**  
 11:30 am For Mothers Living & Deceased

**Friday, April 4, 2025**  
 11:30 am For Fathers Living & Deceased

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 In Convent Chapel**  
 4:00 pm All Souls Intentions

**Sunday, April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 am Ida Rine by David & Debra Regelski  
 11:00 am For The Restored Health of Louise Po Meh by Family

The Sanctuary Light for the week of  
 March 30—April 5th  
**Is Burning**  
**For The Restored Health of Klaw Reh**  
**By Family**

**Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our special prayers:** Sue Dugarm, Rosa Maria Santos, Marie Amatrano, Peter Green, Margaret Treanor Frey, Thalya Onelien, Tony Mascellino, Phyllis Regensdorfer, Cornelia Ndimarike, Dolly Mascellino, Darrell Covert, Joe and Robin Tomasello, Marian Rodriguez, Joseph Mantione, Lily Rode Robertson, Amanda Weeks, Sandy Coniglio, Rosemary Sortino, Klaw Reh, Joelle Williams, Louisa Po Meh.

The seven day Sanctuary candle can be reserved in honor or memory of a loved one or for whatever intention you would like. It is 10.00 for one week 7 days. You can reserve this candle by calling the office.



**ADORATION ON THE FRIDAYS OF LENT** Each Friday during Lent we will offer the opportunity to gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for quiet time, private confession and reflection. We trust this time will be just what you need to make this lent the best journey leading you to the Easter Celebration. Adoration will be held each Friday from 6:30-7:30 PM.

**Our Bulletin is Provided  
 Courtesy of Lombardo Funeral Homes**

**Stewardship, our partnership with God**  
**March 23, 2025**

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| Regular Sunday Collection . . . . | \$2,530.00         |
| Property Insurance. . . . .       | 372.00             |
| Monthly Fuel . . . . .            | 10.00              |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>            | <b>\$ 2,912.00</b> |

Sunday Mass Attendance for March 23rd

**9 am 65 11 am 326 Total 391**

**Stewardship** Our whole life is a partnership with God. We cannot give anything to God, but we can fulfill God by using our gifts, our talents and our treasure wisely, sharing with others. Our offering each week provides for our parish needs. Our church is an extension of our faith filled lives. Doing our best is all that God requires of us. Thank you for your faithful commitment to the offering each week. We all depend on each other.



**HOLY THURSDAY FAMILY SUPPER AND MASS**

Our annual celebration of the Lord's Supper is scheduled for April 17th. Supper 5:30 PM and MASS OF THE Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. We will begin making reservations this week. All reservations are \$1.00 for those 6 years old and up, 5 years old and under are free. Reminder, we need you to sign up for the supper to be sure that we have enough food for all those in attendance.



**OUR PARISH FUNDRAISER BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.**

We are asking each family to help with raising funds to take the place of last year's Fall Festival fundraiser. We struggle to maintain our buildings and our property each month. Your generous support will help to make this a successful campaign. After mass today we ask that you pick up your letter in the back of the church. Ushers will be on hand to help you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2025**

grades one—eight this Saturday, April 5th over in O'Brien Hall. Please make every effort to have children arrive on time.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Confirmation classes** continues this Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM. Classes are held every other week. If you have any questions please call the coordinator of the Confirmation program Andrew Sember at 716-308-1546.

**INTERESTING CHURCH SIGNS** across America to reflect on... *"Free trip to heaven, details inside"*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:**

Today's gospel story is often called "the Prodigal Son" it could also be called the parable of the father and two sons. This story challenges us to love without limits. People often want their just rewards and so often identify with the older son. However, Jesus tells this parable to illustrate the depth of his Father's love and forgiveness. When we act like the younger brother, God will run toward us with love because we are headed in the right direction. Think about times when you were less sincere in offering an apology. Did God or someone else show you the depth of forgiveness that shows true love? When have you needed mercy or forgiveness and found it? The God revealed to us today by Jesus is as much a surprise to us his listeners. We put God high up on altars when he is likely to be found in the dark, trying to save his lost children.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE for Catholic Academy of West Buffalo:**

The **BISON Children Scholarship Fund** provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2025-26 school year. To start the process, families can complete a quick pre-application form online at [www.bisonfund.org](http://www.bisonfund.org). If selected in our lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. **PLEASE REMEMBER** the deadline to apply is March 31. The maximum award is \$3,000. For more information, contact Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869, ext. 1 or [cmcdonald@bisonfund.org](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.org). Please see the information posted on the Bulletin Board.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**, Spring is a season of rebirth and HOPE. Days become longer, the outdoor world begins to wake up and we start to shake off winter's chill. Just as spring brings these rays of hope to us, *YOU* can help bring rays of hope to those in need in our community. Your donation to the Catholic Charities 2025 Appeal helps provide things like food, clothing, counseling, education, and support to more than 147,000 Western New Yorkers in need. Give HOPE! Donate today by visiting [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321. **St. Vincent dePaul, pray for us! PLEASE DON'T FORGET to drop your Catholic Charities donation in the weekly offering basket.**

**BAKE SALE HOLY CROSS CHURCH Palm Sunday Weekend**

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 Fabulous homemade tasty "Italian" Cannoli, Pizza, Bread, Specialties, Cookies, Cupcakes, Pies, Cakes and refreshments. All this plus a big Chocolate Bunny raffle. Be sure to stop over and get ready for your Easter celebration.

**RUNNING TO STAND STILL Migrants search for Hope in the Promised Land Free Buffalo Premier**

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 2:30-4:30 PM at the Montante Cultural Center Canisius University. Join us for a short documentary with voices from the southern border. A community forum with the film makers, local resettlement agencies and activist organizations to follow. For more information contact [lasc@wnypeace.org](mailto:lasc@wnypeace.org).