

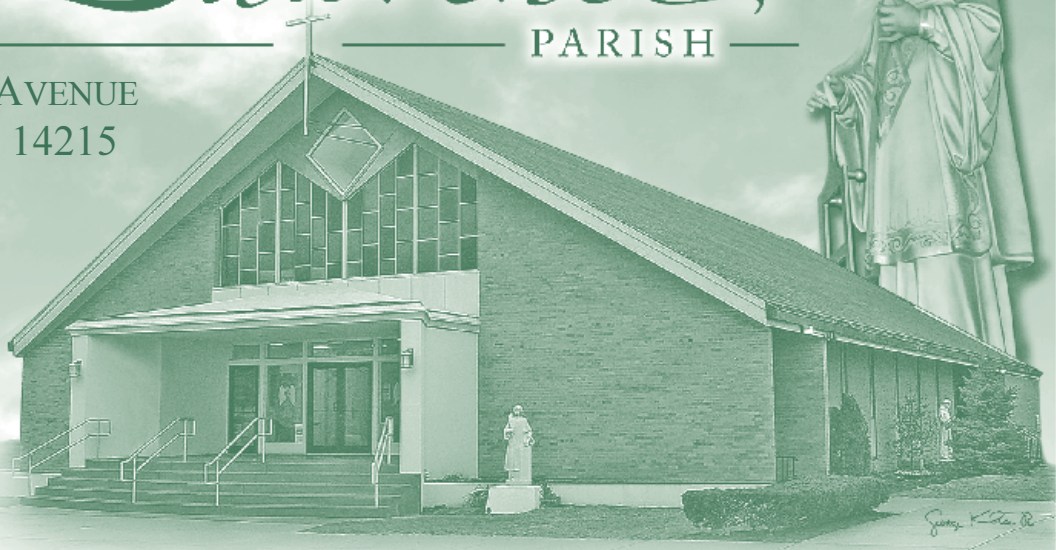
St. Lawrence

PARISH



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RECTORY: 892-2471
FAX: 892-1315



Mass Schedule

Saturday:.....4:30 & 10:00 p.m.
Sunday:..... 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Catholic community. We express and strengthen our unity through Eucharistic worship and sacramental life. Open to the Word of God, we share our resources, time and talents to support our community members, and to reach out to those in our neighborhood and beyond. We envision ourselves on a spiritual journey from birth to death. We seek opportunities to grow and develop as a people of God through ongoing formation, education and renewal. Conscious of our responsibility to be faithful stewards, we strive for financial stability so that we can continue into the future as a Christ presence in an ever-changing neighborhood. We work toward recognizing and responding to regional and global issues which threaten the dignity and well-being of God's creation.

PASTORAL STAFF

Dcn. Paul & Mary Weisenburger.....Pastoral Administrators
Rev. Joseph F. Moreno Sacramental Minister
Deacon Joseph A. Pasquella Permanent Deacon
Barb Strusienski.....Operations Manager
Len Rizzo.....Director Religious Education
Vicki Galenti.....Outreach/Food Pantry Coordinator
Joe StrusienskiMaintenance
Judy Mietlicki Parish Secretary

MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council President Judy Bauer
Finance Council President John Bauer
St. Vincent de Paul Society..... Roseann Barthelemy
Music Ministry.....Cory Gallagher, Diane Ace

ORGANIZATIONS

Congrega.....Mary Pachla
Holy Name Society Rene Zimmer
St. Ann's Senior Sodality..... Carol Willard

PARISH TRUSTEES Sharon Lanza and Peter Zimmer

PHONES

Rectory..... 892-2471
Religious Education..... 892-2471
Food Pantry..... 896-0047
Parish Hall 896-9796
Franciscan Guest House (FGH)..... 893-8853
Children's Clinic..... 308-6302

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon; Closed Wednesdays

YOUR WILL: In order to continue the ministry of St. Lawrence Parish, we invite you to remember our parish in your will. For information on bequests, please call the rectory.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:45–4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made in person at least six months prior to the wedding date.

BAPTISM: Parents are expected to attend one instruction class, preferably before the birth of their baby. Phone the rectory as soon as possible.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK is given communally on the first weekend of every month after all Masses. It is also available to those who are seriously ill, aged, confined to their homes, or preparing for surgery. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please let the rectory know of hospital stays. If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact the rectory.

PRAYER AND DEVOTION: Miraculous Medal Novena follows Monday Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We warmly welcome you to our parish community. Please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION will be given to those who are registered, attend Mass regularly, and are Confirmed in the Catholic faith.

BINGO (*Smoke free & air conditioned*): Sunday 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday 12:30 p.m. following lunch 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

YOU CAN NOW VIEW ALL OUR MASSES VIA YOUR COMPUTER.

St. Lawrence church is now providing live streaming video for all Masses. Log on to our parish website at www.stlawrencebuffalo.org, click on the live streaming video link and follow the instructions.



LITURGY AT ST. LAWRENCE**Saturday, February 11—Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:30 p.m.** Guy & Palma Giancarlo—Joe, Andrea & Family**10:00 p.m.** John Quinn—Nephew, Ryan Quinn**Sunday, February 12—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****10:00 a.m.** Anniv. Enrico Santinelli—Santinelli Family**Monday, February 13****8:30 a.m.** Verna Smardz—Niece, Janice**Tuesday, February 14—SS. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, bishop****8:30 a.m.** For Blessings of Good Health for Carol Kurtz—
Mark Stambach**Wednesday, February 15****8:30 a.m.** Maria Speckbacher—Cecilie & Anna Mayerhofer**Thursday, February 16****8:30 a.m.** For St. Lawrence Parishioners**Friday, February 17—The 7 Holy Founders of Servite Order****8:30 a.m.** June Mistretta—Breakfast Club**Saturday, February 18—Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:30 p.m.** Anniv. Charlotte Vranjes—Larry Bartos**10:00 p.m.** Deceased Members of Lanza Family—Family**Sunday, February 19—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time****10:00 a.m.** Sophie Fogarty—Barthelemy Family

Sanctuary Candle is lit for + living and deceased members of the Klosko & Gentile Families, requested by Al & Charlotte Oczek.

Altar flowers for this weekend are donated in memory of Rosemarie Miano & Mary Lanza from the Lanza Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is above the Tabernacle in Church. Each week, the Sanctuary Candle may be offered for any intention for a donation of ten dollars. Please contact Judy in the rectory, 892-2471, to schedule your Sanctuary Candle intention. The weekly intention will be listed in the bulletin (as seen above).

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to have memorial flowers for the Main Altar in your loved one's name/memory for weekday/weekend Masses, please call Father Joe Moreno at 892-2471 or e-mail him at MickeyJM@aol.com. We have a special price for altar flowers from St. John's Florist. The memorial flowers for your family member will be listed in the bulletin as well (as seen above).

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for, visit, call or write our sick: Marguerite Augugliaro, Helen Bartkowski, Diane Bellet, Doris Benincasa, Leonard Boryszak, Deaglan Carney, Steven Dibble, George Dovey, Larry Felmet, Anna Gruenthaner, Mike Gruenthaner, Kathy Keil, Emily Grace Klima, the Klimczak Family, Marie Lemmo, Gerry Lipp, Sue Newton, Cathy Pasquella, Dcn. Joe Pasquella, Gregory Strusienski, Millie Toner, Ray Wagner, Ellen Weisenburger and Peter Weisenburger.

Please contact Judy at the Rectory, 892-2471, to have a loved one's name placed on the Prayer List. *Names will appear for that month only.* If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the rectory and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary.



Deceased: **Sophie Sikora** (Sue Bartos' sister), **Theresa Wojdan** (Joe Strusienski's aunt), and **John Manolopoulos**. May they rest in peace.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For our parish needs\$2,771.35

Loose.....\$303.00

Collection Last Year..... \$1,991.25

Thank you for your commitment to Stewardship. It takes about \$4,400 per week to operate Our Church and its ministries.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 12 - Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10: 31-11:1/Mk 1: 40-45

Feb 13 - Jas 1: 1-11/Mk 8: 11-13

Feb 14 - Jas 1: 12-18/Mk 8: 14-21

Feb 15 - Jas 1: 19-27/Mk 8: 22-26

Feb 16 - Jas 2: 1-9/Mk 8: 27-33

Feb 17 - Jas 2: 14-24, 26/Mk 8: 34—9:1

Feb 18 - Jas 3: 1-10/Mk 9: 2-13

Feb 19 - Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1: 18-22/Mk 2: 1-12

THIS WEEK AT ST. LAWRENCE**Sunday, February 12****Second Collection: Utilities**

8:30 a.m. Holy Name Communion Breakfast—Parish Hall

8:30 a.m. 40 Week Club Drawings—Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. GENERATIONS OF FAITH PROGRAM**7:00 p.m. BINGO—Parish Hall****Children's Clinic (#308-6302) - Franciscan Guest House****Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—Noon****Or by Appointment****Tuesday, February 14**

7:15 p.m. Potter's Hands Prayer Group—Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 15**11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. LUNCH/12:30 p.m. BINGO****Thursday, February 16**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study—FGH

Saturday, February 18**6:00 —10:00 p.m. MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION—****St. Bernadette's Church in Orchard Park****Sunday, February 19****Outreach Food Collection****7:00 p.m. BINGO—Parish Hall****LENTEN JOURNEY 2012**

As the season of Lent approaches, our thoughts turn to ways to celebrate the season, for opportunities to deepen our faith and prayer lives. Our annual Lenten Journey series provides just such an opportunity.

Each Monday night of Lent, one of our cluster parishes hosts a **7:00 p.m. Mass**, followed by light refreshments. The schedule of dates and parishes are as follows: **February 27 at Blessed Trinity; March 5 at St. Martin de Porres; March 12 at St. Ann's; March 19 at St. Lawrence (Join us for the St. Joseph's Table at 5:00 p.m.); March 26 at St. Katharine Drexel (Penance Service & Prayer only); and April 2 at SS. Columba-Brigid.**

If you are looking for an experience of worship, praise and fellowship during this Lenten Season, we'd love to have you journey with us!

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TAXES

Those who wish to receive a statement of financial contributions and other donations through the church for tax purposes are asked to call Judy at the rectory, 892-2471.



**KROLICK'S FISH FRY'S!
FEBRUARY 24 & MARCH 16
4—7 P.M., IN PARISH HALL**

February 24th Fish Fry & Theme Basket Raffle is our annual fundraiser to help defray the cost of the Diocesan Youth Convention. *Take-out is available.* A second Fish Fry and Theme Basket Raffle, to be held on March 16th, is a parish fundraiser. Fish Fry tickets are \$9/each and will be available after all weekend Masses and in the rectory. *We will gladly accept any donated theme baskets and baked goods.* Please bring to the rectory or call Len Rizzo at 636-1889 to arrange a pick-up.

**NEWS FROM THE NATIVITY MIGUEL
MIDDLE SCHOOL OF BUFFALO**

Interviews of candidates for admission to our school are underway. We offer students, in grades 5-8, with an academic program that includes extended school days and school year, small classes on single-gender campuses, and ongoing support through high school graduation. In addition, all incoming students are required to attend our summer program. To schedule an interview, please call Fr. Edward Durkin at 308-7025 for boys, or Mrs. Nancy Langer at 852-6854 for girls. Scholars' applications are available from The BISON Fund at www.bisonfund.org.

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS

As a cluster of parishes, we want to support one another during our Lenten Journey with prayer partners again this year. Please consider signing up and becoming a prayer partner with someone in our cluster parishes: Blessed Trinity, SS. Columba-Brigid and St. Ann, St. Katharine Drexel and St. Martin de Porres. We will have a pot luck supper after Easter to meet one another in person. **Use the sign-up sheets in the back of church.** A committee will assign the prayer partners. Homebound parishioners, who would like to participate in this, should contact the rectory at 892-2471.

**BENEFIT FOR ANNA GRUENTHANER
SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND; 1:00—5:00 P.M.
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA SCHOOL**

Have you seen the little girl with the contagious smile, in the wheelchair, who attends Sunday Mass with her family? She is Anna Gruenthaner, 10 year old daughter of Mike & Kathleen, little sister to her brother, Cory (and grandchild of Mike & Connie Gruenthaner). Anna was born with brittle bone disease, which makes her bones susceptible to breaks even during what most of us would consider normal movement or play. Anna has gone through numerous surgeries already, and faces more surgery in the future. A benefit, co-sponsored by the St. Lawrence Holy Name Society, will be held to help the family with mounting medical expenses. \$20 presale tickets (\$25 at the door) include food, beer, pop, 50/50's, raffles, Chinese Auction and prizes. **Volunteers for benefit and/or kitchen, and bakers are needed.** To make a donation (financial or theme basket) or to volunteer, contact Rita @ 832-0424, Lori @ 626-2456, or Valerie @ 907-8186.



We welcome to St. Lawrence Parish, **Brigitte Sutkowski, Ruth Vogt and Nancy Vogt.** To register, call the rectory at 892-2471, M-T-TH 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. & F 9:00 a.m.—Noon.

ABITIBI/PAPER RECYCLING BIN UPDATE

The bin was emptied on February 6th...finally!!! YAY!!! Please drop off the papers you've been saving and help us to continue earning those recycling dollars!!! Thank you!

OUTREACH FOOD COLLECTION

Can you help us with any of the following items for our food collection next weekend? We are in need of spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, canned soup, juice, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, toilet paper and paper towels. *Please don't forget low-salt and low-sugar food items.* Please leave your donations in church or bring directly to the rectory. *Donations are gratefully accepted at any time, not just on scheduled collection dates.* May God bless you for your generosity towards those less fortunate.

Vicki Galenti



CONGRATULATIONS

...to **Ed & Marguerite Augugliaro** who recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, and to **Bob & Dorothy DeRoss** who will soon be celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary. May you be blessed with many more happy years together!

CAN YOU HELP?

Father Joe is looking for volunteers to help around the rectory on occasion...stuffing envelopes, answering phones, etc. Please e-mail him at MickeyJM@aol.com or call the rectory at 892-2471.

St. Lawrence, pray for us!



**MARDI GRAS IS COMING!
NEXT SATURDAY!**

St. Lawrence is again combining with St. Bernadette's Church to host a Mardi Gras celebration.

When: Saturday, February 18th

**Where: St. Bernadette Church
5930 South Abbott Road
Orchard Park**

Time: 6:00—10:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5

**Chefs: Fr. Paul Seil, Fr. Joe Moreno,
Chris Alongi and Dr. Ed Simone**

Admission tickets, which include fun, music and a non-alcoholic beverage, are available in the St. Lawrence Rectory or at the door. Tickets for food, beer and wine will be sold at the event.

St. Lawrence has offered to put together a Lottery Basket which will be raffled that night. If you are able and willing to donate a scratch-off ticket (or more than one!), just put it in a sealed envelope, marked "Mardi Gras," and either drop in the collection basket or bring to the Rectory.

We hope to see you at this fun-filled event! Party with old friends and make new ones!!!



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