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## Parish Staff

Pastor	. Rev. Felix Nyambe, OMI
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Tuan Pham, OMI
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Trustees Har	riet Tabu; Joseph Sawmtu
Parish Council President	Samuel Drag

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.

## Second Sunday of Lent—March 16, 2025



Saturday, March 15, 2025 In Convent Chapel 4:00 pm For Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 16, 2025—2nd Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Ida Rine by Mary & Patti Barone and Mary Tabbi 11:00 am Restored Health of Klaw Reh

Monday, March 17, 2025
11:30 am All Souls Intentions
7:00 pm Novena For Our Fathers Living & Deceased

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 11:30 am For Our Mothers Living & Deceased

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:30 am Josephine Buscaglia (B) by Estate

Thursday, March 20, 2025 11:30 am For Our Fathers Living & Deceased

Friday, March 21, 2025 11:30 am For Our Mothers Living & Deceased

Saturday, March 22, 2025 In Convent Chapel 4:00 pm All Souls Intentions

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00 am For Our Fathers Living & Deceased 11:00 am Florence Bonvisutto by Ann & Jeff Egner

The Sanctuary Light for the week of March 16-March 22nd Is Burning For The Intentions of Louisa Po Meh

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 And for our deceased Nikolas Diangelo. Diangelo.

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 the church before the Blessed Sacrament for prayer, silence, scripture, meditation and the opportunity for private confession. We trust this time will be good for you as your journey through lent to the Easter celebration. Adoration will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Our Bulletin is Provided Courtesy of Lombardo Funeral Homes

## Stewardship, our partnership with God March 9, 2025

Regular Sunday Collection	\$4,086.00
Property Insurance	651.00
Fuel	<u>356.00</u>

Total . . . . . . \$5,093.00

Mass Attendance for March 9th

9 am 54 11 am 318 Total 372

Stewardship We bring nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of it. Everything that we have while we are here comes to us as a gift from God. In appreciation for these gifts, we can choose to share a portion of them with others. Because you and I love God, we gladly share our gifts for the service of God's church here on earth and give a worthy portion for the care of our church and the people around us who are in need



OUR YEARLY LENTEN PENANCE (Reconciliation) SERVICE will take place in our church on Thursday, March 27th at 7:00 PM. Several priests will be available for private

confession. Please mark your calendar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2025 grades one—eight this Saturday, March 22nd over in O'Brien Hall. Please make every effort to have children arrive on time. 7th and 8th will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation beginning at 10:00 AM in the church.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Confirmation class continues Thursday, March 27th, 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, HOPE Day is this Wednesday! Catholic Charities Appeal's beyond" one-day "above and fundraising effort is Wednesday, March 19. Last year, donors gave \$434,778 in just 24 hours! Be sure to follow us at www.ccwny.org and on our Facebook and Instagram pages for details on how you can contribute or help spread the word this Wednesday, and to track our progress on HOPE Day! St, Vincent dePaul, pray for us! PLEASE REMEMBER to mail in or drop your Catholic Charities donation in the weekly offering basket.

**REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE:** Retrouvaille, a program for struggling couples, simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next weekend is April 4-6. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit https://helpourmarriage.org. All calls are confidential.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Each of us at one time or another has "wow" moments like the transfiguration and they can be very powerful times to help ground us, but

it is also true that we cannot rely on those moments to sustain us forever. It takes constant effort. But we can lean on these moments to help us through more difficult times. Peter responds to the moment, not yet realizing the new covenant, the new way of being in relationship with God. When God invites us, personally and as a community, to a deeper connection, do we turn back to the familiar, or embrace something new? If the Lord is our light and our salvation, why should we be afraid? In Jesus we realize that to be human is to be holy. To care for human needs in ourselves and in our neighbor is to build the kingdom of heaven. At times we can become too focused on heaven as something that comes after our life on earth, but Jesus shows us that when we care for ourselves and others here and now, we are co-creators of heaven on earth.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY WEST BUFFALO The Home School Association of Catholic Academy is hosting a meat raffle on Sunday, March 29th. Tickets are \$65.00 for a reserved table of 8 or \$10.00 per person presale and \$15.00 per person at the door. Tickets include unlimited beer, wine and water. Bring your own snacks. Call the school office at 716-8855-6111 for information.

TEENAGERS—YOUR INVITED Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to No Matter What: a day for Catholic Teens on Sunday, March 30th from 12-5:30 PM at Hilbert College in Hamburg! Gather with teens from all over the diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker Paul J. Kim. The day concludes with mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. Cost is \$25.00 and includes lunch. For more info or to register, visit athttps://tinyurl.com/NoMatterWhat202 This will be an experience you won't want to miss!!!!

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 To start the process, families can complete a year. pre-application form online 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 more deadline to apply is March 31. Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869, ext. cmcdonald@bisonfund.org. Please the information posted on the Bulletin Board.