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### Parish Staff

Pastor..... Rev. Felix Nyambe, OMI  
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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.

## First Sunday of Lent—March 9, 2025

### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, March 8, 2025 In Convent Chapel**  
 4:00 pm Mothers Living & Deceased

**Sunday, March 9, 2025 1st Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 am Ted Marsowicz by Wife, Mary  
 11:00 am Restored Health of Klaw Reh

**Monday, March 10, 2025**  
 11:30 am For Fathers Living & Deceased  
 7:00 pm Novena All Souls Intentions

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

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**  
 11:30 am All Souls Intentions

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**  
 11:30 am For Fathers Living & Deceased

**Friday, March 14, 2025**  
 11:30 am Nina Drago (B) by Nephew, Sam

**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

**The Sanctuary Light for the week of  
 March 9th—March 14th  
 Is Burning  
 For All The Sick of Our Parish**

**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 Ndimariki, 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, Nicholas Diangelo. **And for our deceased:** Florence Bonvisutto.

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.

**REMINDER** Masses can be scheduled at weekday or weekend liturgies to remember deceased loved ones, intentions of the sick or homebound and in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or other special events that mark the lives of our family or loved ones. Please call the office to schedule your masses or to check availability. Offerings for announced masses are \$15.00.

**Our Bulletin is Provided  
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**Stewardship, our partnership with God**  
**March 2, 2025**

Regular Sunday Collection . . . .	\$2,475.00
Property Insurance . . . . .	370.00
Monthly Fuel . . . . .	33.00
 Total . . . . .	 \$2,878.00

**Sunday Mass Attendance for March 2nd**

9 am 58 11 am 281 Total 339

**Stewardship** Gospel stewardship goes a long way to teach us how to be good disciples and good supporters of our Church. As Christian stewards, we have been given several ways to exercise our partnership. First, we receive the Gospel (the Good News), we experience the Gospel as an act of faith in God. Second, we share the Gospel, we bring God's message into the world, that all who believe in God will have eternal life. Third, to reflect what we have learned, we show others by our daily living how we accept our responsibilities as Christians. And finally, we share our good fortune with our Church community so that we have a place to gather and experience God's Good News for us, a place to offer our praise and thankfulness. Thank you for your stewardship. Without you our church community cannot exist. We count on everyone's support each week.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2025** grades one—eight Classes this Saturday, March 15th in O'Brien Hall. Please make every effort to have children arrive on time.

**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.

**OUR NEXT PARISH LUNCHEON** will be NEXT Sunday, March 16th following the 11:00 Mass. Be sure to mark your calendar today so that you can be a part of the conversation to build a strong community. And remember, where could you go to take the family for lunch for \$1.00? In these difficult times it remains the best deal in town.

**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Spring isn't the only thing on its way! **Catholic Charities HOPE Day 2025 is coming!** Our annual Appeal's one-day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort is moving up this year and will be on Wednesday, March 19th. Be sure to follow us on [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) and on Facebook and Instagram for more details on how you can contribute, help spread the word, and track our progress on HOPE Day! **St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:**

Moses' instructions include a retelling of the Israelites' collective history of suffering and deliverance. Lent can be a time to retell stories of past hardships and acknowledge God's presence with us through these hardships. While we can be tempted to leave painful memories or events in the past, every time we recall or talk about these events in a safe place, it leads us to greater healing. Jesus relies on short scripture verses to get him through moments of temptation. Memorizing short, key Scripture verses and repeating them often can become a tool to guide our actions when we lose patience, feel hopeless, or make decisions. Power is the theme today, a power that liberates, a power that provides, a power that hears the cry of the oppressed, a power within our families, neighborhoods, country and world. What do we look for when choosing our leaders?

**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. 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.

**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 <https://tinyurl.com/NoMatterWhat202> **This will be an experience you won't want to miss!!!!**

**BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION.** We do not have room here to print all the details of this program but if you are interested there is information on the table in the gathering space for you to check out. The Saturday Academy offers free breakfast and lunch for the whole family plus activities and resources for the whole family. We highly recommend these programs to all our families. **PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD**