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Third Sunday of Lent — March 12, 2023

Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Felix Nyambe, OMI
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Parish Council President..... Samuel Drago

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.



Saturday, March 11, 2023
 4:00 p.m. Louise Tomasello by Robin & Joe Tomasello

Sunday, March 12, 2023
 9:00 a.m. Elaine Erick by Sam Drago
 11:00 a.m. For Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, March 13, 2023
 11:30 a.m. **Convent**
 7:00 p.m. —**Church**—Novena to Our Lady of Hope—
 For Our Lady of Hope Parishioners

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
 11:30 a.m. **Convent** Anna Grady By Daughter, Toni

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
 11:30 a.m. **Convent** For The Souls In Purgatory by Bill Herby

Thursday, March 16, 2023
 11:30 a.m. **Convent**

Friday, March 17, 2023 - St. Patrick's Day
 11:30 a.m. **Convent** Erin Murphy by Aunt Cheryl,
 Uncle Ron and Your Cousins

Saturday, March 18, 2023
 4:00 p.m. Albert Hanna

Sunday, March 19—4th Sunday of Lent -St. Joseph Day
 9:00 a.m. Michael Sanfilippo by His Loving Family

**The Sanctuary Light for the week of
 March 12th—March 18th
 Is Burning**

*In Loving Memory of Erin Murphy
 By Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Ron, and Your Cousins*

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, Florence Bonvisutto, Phyllis Regensdorfer, Cornelia Ndimariki, Sophia Benintende, Ken Kulhanek, Agnes Myar, Dolly Mascellino, Darrell Covert, Ida Rine, Joe Tomasello, Saw Pwe Doh, Marian Rodriguez, Poe Meh, Robin Tomasello.

Please remember that the 7-Day Sanctuary Light can be reserved in honor or in memory of a loved one or for whatever intentions you would like. It is \$10 for the week and you can reserve it by calling the rectory. The Offering for the 5-Day candle is \$3.00

COLLECTION TEAM (A) IS ON THIS WEEK.

PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE Together let us join with Pope Francis, in prayer and fasting for the people of the Ukraine.

Loving God, we pray for the Ukraine, for all those suffering and afraid. We pray for our world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom. We pray for our world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need. May we be strong in the ways of peace and justice for all people.
 Amen

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

Stewardship, our partnership with God
March 5, 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 3,322.00
Insurance.	1,349.00
Black & Native American . . .	428.00
Young Adult Trip to Portugal . .	776.00
Total	\$ 5,875.00

Stewardship Is Our Partnership with God— Your prayer, financial support and time given to various projects enable your church Community to continue its mission. Thank you for your continued generosity.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: will take place *this coming Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 PM*, preceded by a simple Lenten soup supper in O'Brien Hall at 6:00 PM. We encourage you to mark this date on your calendar to be sure that you reserve space for our Annual Lenten Reconciliation. Several priests will be available that evening for private confession.

THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON is set for *next Sunday, March 19th following* the 11:00 am mass. If you haven't been to one of our luncheons this year, please reserve Sunday, March 19th and bring the family. **Great Food! Good Friends! Adults \$1.00, children 6 and under free.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION will be celebrated in our church on **Saturday, March 25th at 10:15 am**. Children have been preparing for this day and with their parents will have the opportunity to receive for the first time this sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE Please take note that the Free Legal Advice team will be available this coming Thursday, March 16th from 4:30-6:30 pm over in O'Brien Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your needs and concerns to lawyers who can help you. If you have not yet experienced this service, we suggest that you check it out.

WORD OF LIFE: "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

A VOCATION THOUGHT: A random encounter with Jesus completely transformed the woman at the well. This happens all the time in ministry and it's a joy to behold. Come and find that joy. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit us at buffalovocations.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus is the Living Water

Family Question: Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be "living water" to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Today and for the next two Sundays we will meet three fascinating gospel characters: the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and Lazarus. They will show us how Jesus is constantly transforming us. All the scriptures on these days' present images of baptism and conversion. Today we hear about the woman at the well who did not know Jesus. She was not part of his people or his faith and she was certainly not looking for anything remarkable to happen at the well that day. And yet she was the first to ask whether he could be the promised messiah. How often are we open to the unexpected gift or life-changing opportunity before us, even when it comes at an inconvenient moment when we think we have other priorities? Are we able to set aside our expectations and be open to the revelation of God's mystery in our day-to-day world?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: maintains nine food pantries and outreach centers in Western New York. Each center has emergency food, pantry service, and offers information and referrals to other needed services to those who are food insecure, free of charge. Show your support of our food pantries by donating to **APPEAL 2023**. With your help Catholic Charities can continue to truly be **Hope For All Seasons**. Call 716-218-1419 or visit www.ccnny.org/donation.

LAST CHANCE FOR THE BISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND which is a tuition assistance program aimed to help economically eligible children attend private schools of their choice. BISON was founded on the belief that parents should be able to choose the school that best fits their child's needs regardless of their income. **Scholarship deadline is March 15, 2023.** The highest grant is \$2,500.00 per child. Check the poster on the Bulletin board. **Do it Today.**

REMINDER The Mass book for 2023 is open. 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 events that mark the lives of our family or loved ones. Please call Cheryl our secretary to schedule. Stipends (Offerings) for announced masses are \$15.00.

CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES is looking for volunteers for all our hospital sites—Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, South Buffalo Mercy and Mt. St. Mary's. Volunteers are the heart of our community! For more information, call Lisa Carey, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, at 716-862-1106 or apply online at: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.