

# 2021 St. Louis Church

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President..... Timothy McCarthy  
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### MASSES

Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)  
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Eve of the Holy Day..... 4:30 p.m.  
Holy Day ..... 12:05 p.m.  
Mon-Fri ..... 12:05 p.m.  
Confessions ..... Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

### WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

### BAPTISMS

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

### DEADLINE

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

### FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

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### HEARING ASSISTANCE

With our sound system we now have **the Phonic Ear**. This hearing assistance system is available to all who are hearing impaired. This system provides a transmitter with a headset and earplugs. Please come to the Sacristy for assistance.

### PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836  
Reverend Alexander Pax ..... 1836-1843  
Reverend Francis Guth ..... 1844-1850  
Reverend Joseph Raffener ..... 1850-1851  
Reverend William Deiters ..... 1855-1861  
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862  
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..... 1862-1863  
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff ..... 1864-1867  
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..... 1888-1916  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 1917-1944  
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ..... 1944-1948  
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964  
Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965  
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ..... 1965-1979  
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger ..... 1979-1995  
Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

## Announced Masses of the Week

**SATURDAY, October 23rd: Vigil for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm:** Living & Deceased Members of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, October 24th: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am:** Sarah Munschauer, by Richard Munschauer

**11:00 am:** Charles & Georgianna Besch, by Children

**MONDAY, October 25th:**

**12:05 pm:** For the People of St. Louis Parish

**TUESDAY, October 26th:**

**2:05 pm:** For the Special Intentions of Mary D. Myc & Donna Zurbrick, by Family

**WEDNESDAY, October 27th:**

**2:05 pm:** For the Special Intentions of Debra Ann & James R. Caputi, by Family

**THURSDAY, October 28th: Sts. Simon & Jude**

**12:05 pm:** Good Health & Blessings for Charlotte F. Occek & Family, by Family

**FRIDAY, October 29th:**

**12:05 pm:** Madeline Horton, by Clem & Anne Eckert

**SATURDAY, October 30th: Vigil for the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm:** Dr. & Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

**SUNDAY, October 31st: Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am:** Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

**11:00 am:** Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

**Weekend of October 30th & 31st**

**4:00 pm:** Krysta Doerfler

**9:00 am:** Joyce Persico

**11:00 am:** Mike Riestler



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Weekend of October 30th & 31st**

**4:00 pm:** Marilyn Neil

**9:00 am:** Tim O'Shea

**11:00 am:** Pam Nordstrom



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Did you know that Catholic Charities' **Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP)** is available to parents or caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their Children? OKPEAP helps parents develop a "business" relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of the conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce; child development; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and more. Groups are being held virtually and are available to individuals. Ready to connect? Call 716 896-6390 or visit cwny.org.



### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles & Georgianna Besch, requested by their Children.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

### ROAD TO RENEWAL

In August of 2020, Bishop Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, saw a need in the Diocese to plan for the future. Our Church in the Diocese was and still is faced with many challenges; the abuse crisis in the church; Bankruptcy; the Covid Pandemic; Declining resources and the viability of parishes; and the declining number of priests.

As a way to strengthen the presence of the church and its mission across Western New York, a plan for the future called **The Road to Renewal** was implemented. It is a way for the Church of our Diocese to plan for the future life of the Church.

The Road to Renewal will focus on: Spirituality to strengthen the faith life of the Church; Catholic Education as a means embracing the needs of our children and families in their knowledge of their faith; and Priestly Life and Ministry to address the diminishing number of priests.

In order to accomplish these goals the Road to Renewal is adopting the **Family of Parishes** model to bring together parishes in geographic proximity that will work together, sharing resources, personnel and priests to make our parishes stronger. According to this model a family of parishes will be a grouping of parishes made up of three to six parishes.

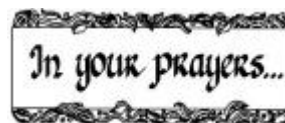
The **Family** to which we belong consists of 5 parishes, 5 worship sites and 1 school within 2.4 miles. Currently there are 5 pastors assigned to these parishes. The parishes are: St. Louis, St. Joseph Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Michael. These five parishes in downtown Buffalo draw similar congregations from across Western New York.

In the future we will be hearing more about this. For more information on the **Road to Renewal**, please visit the Diocesan website [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org).

*Msgr. Manganello*

### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Please remember to enroll your beloved deceased in the St. Louis All Souls Remembrance. They will be remembered in all of the Masses during the month of November and on All Souls Day, November 2nd. Envelopes are in the September / October envelope packet and on tables at the church entrances.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Donna & Bill Reeves, Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

### SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables the preservation, ministry and maintenance of our historic church. It assists us in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood.

Last weekend 282 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$9036.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at [www.frddb.org](http://www.frddb.org).

Thank you for your support.

**Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A bequest may be worded in this fashion - "I give to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Buffalo, NY the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes."**

### THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

**SATURDAY, October 23rd:**

**4:00 pm:** Regular Weekly Offering and World Mission Sunday Collection

**SUNDAY, October 24th:**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Regular Weekly Offering and World Mission Sunday Collection

**9:50 am:** Religious Education Pre-K-10th Grade Meets in the Parish Hall

**12 noontime:** RCIA Meets in the Sacristy

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**4:00 pm:** Regular Weekly Offering

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### SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Saturday, November 6th at 10AM to begin the annual fall cleanup. The Rain date is November 13th. New volunteers most welcome!

### CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF WEST BUFFALO

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2022 Calendar Club calendar has **TWO NUMBERS** for \$25 and is good for the entire year. Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of \$50, weekend drawings of \$100, and selected holiday drawings of \$250 and \$25 awarded if you have a number above or below the number drawn. A **GRAND PRIZE** of \$2000 will be awarded December 20th, 2022 for Christmas Day. **Calendars are located in the church for your convenience.**

Send in your stub before November 1, 2021 to participate in the **Early Bird Drawing** for one of five \$150 prizes. Call 716 885-6111 for information or additional calendars.

### VOCATION THOUGHT

"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Did you know that a priest on earth remains a priest in heaven? Marriage is for this life only, which is why one can remarry after the death of a spouse. But priestly ordination lasts for all eternity. Find out more! Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES AND ELECTION RESULTS

The Parish Council received nominations of five highly capable candidates running for five open Council seats. Following past precedent for when we have an equal number of candidates as open seats, no election is required.

We would like to warmly congratulate both our re-elected and newly elected members to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is most grateful to all of these nominee's for their willingness and commitment to serve and to all parishioners who participated in the nomination process.

Pearl Brown, Sondra Schreiber, and Paul LaCroix have been re-elected to three year terms. Michelle Warford, and Salvatore (Sal) Polizzi are newly elected to three year terms.

Council members Jim Reeves and Kevin Brayer, who both have held the position of Council president, have completed their terms on the Parish Council. We thank them for their dedication and service to our parish. Information regarding the installation of all 15 Parish Council members will be forthcoming as plans unfold.

### ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention. This year the benefits we received from Upon This Rock will be added to our annual projects underway.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

So far, \$34,061.00 has been donated.

### ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

The St. Francis High School Players are presenting **ALMOST, MAINE**, a play that explores love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called **Almost, Maine** on Saturday, November 6th at 7:00PM and Sunday, November 7th at 2:00PM in the Alumni Hall Theater on the St. Francis High School Campus. Tickets are \$7 available at the door and general seating. For more information, call the school at 716 627-1200 ext. 451.

### RENEWAL LEADERS NEEDED

"Here I am, Lord! It is I Lord!" Renewing the Diocese of Buffalo requires skilled leaders to move the Renewal Initiative forward. Now is the time for parishioners who have the needed skills and talents to demonstrate their discipleship by offering their time and talent. Renewal needs faith filled people who want to share their love of Jesus; Project managers with organizational skills; IT experts with strong communication skills; and Leaders/Managers to act as Facilitators/Teachers.

So if you have a passion for the church, a few hours to give God and His people, and a desire to participate in the **renewal of our Diocese**, please send a note describing your qualifications to [renewal@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:renewal@buffalodiocese.org) or mail to the Office of Renewal, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203.

### WORD OF LIFE

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ... The Father of Mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

... Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 99. 1995



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