PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen………………………….....Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella……………………………..12:05 Mass—Friday
TRUSTEES …………………………………………………. Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ........... William Kurzdorfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER ................................................... Frank Scinta
CANTOR ................................................................................. James Mrozek
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION ......................... Ashlee Campbell
BUSINESS MANAGER ............................................................... John Beller
SECRETARY ............................................................................ Dolores Vasi

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President .............................................................. Wendy Mistretta
Vice-President ...................................................................... John Zygaj
Secretary .......................................................................... Keith Boerner

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 ................................................................ 12:05 p.m.
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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

OUR PARISH SCHOOL
The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo
Grades Pre-K to 8
1069 Delaware Ave. • Buffalo, NY 14209 • (716) 885-6111

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.

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.

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 Raffeeiner ................................. 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. Laudenbach ........................... 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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Agnes Sharrer, requested by Raymond E. Sharrer. 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.

THE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IS BEGINNING

This Tuesday, August 25th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Louis, King of France. St. Louis is most noted for his service to the people of God, especially the poor. He is also well known for protecting and preserving the sacred Holy Land sites that recall the life of Jesus.

This weekend we celebrate our faith life inspired by St. Louis with our annual picnic. We join together as a faith community to celebrate our blessings and strengthen our commitment to serving the people of God in our community.

At this time of year we also begin our Annual Fund Drive which helps us to continue our ministry to the people of God in our community and to preserve our Holy Site. Our church is now 130 years old. This historic site was built after a devastating fire that ruined the previous church building. In order to continue our presence in the community our present church edifice was built. However, it was discovered in a recent meeting of the Finance/Restoration Committee that nothing was done over the years to protect us from another devastating fire. This year the Finance/Restoration Committee decided we could no longer wait to address this pressing concern. A complete fire protection system was installed during the month of May and it was decided that we would dedicate the Annual Fund Drive this year to that project.

Other smaller projects will also be supported by this Annual Fund Drive. Some have already been completed and others are in progress. We have repainted the Main Street wall of the church and refinished the front doors of the church on Main Street and have made repairs to the rectory exterior. We are in the process of repairing two of the windows on the Edward Street side of the church which are now about 130 years old. We will be working on the stairwell that leads to the sacristy and sealing and striping the parking lot very soon.

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

The Annual Fund Drive mailing has gone out and we await your response and thank you for your generous support.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Herb Bucki, Eleanor Boyer, Larry DiGuilio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bob and Mary Dickerson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Alo, Kathleen A. Walter, Kristina Lewis, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Sr. Ruth Wangler, OSF 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. Last weekend 340 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,676.00 and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary collection was $620.00.
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.
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, August 22nd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, August 23rd
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
After 11:00 am Mass: Parish Picnic and Bocce Tournament

SATURDAY, August 29th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, August 30th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Charles Brian O’Connor

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!
Being a catechist is “a beautiful experience educating others in the faith ...helping children, young people and adults to get to know and love God more and more deeply, is one of the most beautiful educational adventures you can have” (Pope Francis, 2013).
St. Louis is in need of individuals to join a team of catechists, serving 1 to 3 hours each month from mid September to April, to teach a religious education class. Class size is typically small, between 8–10 students. St. Louis provides all classroom and educational resources. Classes run on Sundays, from 9:50-10:50 a.m. Please prayerfully consider this ministry!
If interested, or for more information, please contact Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

SAINT LOUIS IX, KING OF FRANCE
Born in the year 1214, Louis became King of France twenty years later. The greatest influence in his life was his mother, Blanche, who was his regent for eight years after the death of his father. When he reached the age of 20 he was able to assume the throne, and Blanche continued to be his advisor. Louis' wars and political astuteness are well treated in history books. We do associate him with crusades, and he was once captured and ransomed. Louis is better remembered, however, for his personal piety, his justice and charity, and especially for his lifelong generosity to the poor of his realm. We may note, too, that his nation prospered throughout his forty-four year reign. Louis and his wife, Margaret, were the parents of eleven children, all raised and well instructed in the faith. He was pious, prayerful, charitable and intensely loyal to the Church. He died in 1270, and was canonized in 1297.

2015-2016 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
REGISTRATION
St. Louis’ 2015-2016 Pre-K to 10th grade Faith Formation program will begin on Sunday, September 20th. Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:50—10:50 a.m., in the church hall. Families new to St. Louis need to register to attend. Families who attended Faith Formation last year do not need to re-register. Registration forms are available on the St. Louis website (http://stlouisrcchurch.org) or families can contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) for a registration form.

RCIA REGISTRATION
Are you considering becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is being called to join our faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. The process is intended for adults: who were never baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith who wish to become Catholic, and those baptized Catholic, but did not make their First Holy Communion or were not Confirmed. Classes are held on Sundays, directly after the 11:00 Mass (approximately 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.), in the Sacristy. The first class will be Sunday, September 20th. More information and the registration form are available on the St. Louis website: http://stlouisrcchurch.org/faith_formation.php. Contact Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) to register or with inquires.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Catholic Charities’ Immigration and Refugee Assistance Program is looking for such furniture items as chairs, dining room and kitchen sets, basic personal household items, school supplies, gift cards and volunteers to set up apartments and drive the delivery truck. Want to repurpose old furniture? Like to furnish homes? Consider helping the Immigration & Refugee Assistance Program. Please call (716) 842-0270 or visit ccwny.org for more information.

WORD OF LIFE BRIEF
It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed. ~ Deut. 31:8 (NABRE©2010 CCD)

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER
• Summer office hours are 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.
• Enrollment is strong. Limited spaces are available in the Pre-K 4 year old program and a few other grades. Call the school office at 885-6111 for registration information.
• School starts Tuesday, September 8th. It will be a full day, with both breakfast and lunch being served. After School Program begins as well. Uniforms are required 1st day of school.
• The 3-year old program will begin on Thursday, September 10th from 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. There are a few spaces available.
• The very popular Niagara Candy Bar sale runs from September 17th-30th. The bars are still $1 each. Watch the bulletin for dates the children will be selling candy after Masses.
• The Home School Association Annual Welcome Back Picnic will be held on Friday, September 18th from 5:30—7:30 p.m.
• There will be a Parent and Meet the Teacher Night on September 24th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will cover important issues regarding curriculum, website updates and an opportunity to meet the teachers, administrators