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 .............................................................................. 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.

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.

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 Raffeiner……………….. 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

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**SATURDAY, August 29:**
2:00 pm: Wedding of Michael Cain and Rachel Del Priore
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Douglas H. Schulte, by Gary A. Halicki

**SUNDAY, August 30: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Paul Smeader, by Rosemary Bloch
11:00 am: Celia Parwulski, by Debbie and John Beller

**MONDAY, August 31: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**TUESDAY, September 1: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Alexander J. Kraus, by Estate

**WEDNESDAY, September 2: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Phyllis and Matteo Santini, by Josephine Pellicane

**THURSDAY, September 3: SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT**
12:05 pm: Adelaide D. Volo, by Family

**FRIDAY, September 4: WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Andrew J. Laughlin, by Colleen Burke
2:00 pm: Wedding of Bradford Phillips and Kristen Shelley

**SATURDAY, September 5:**
2:00 pm: Wedding of Alex Brown and April Chmurzynski
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Shirley K. Quick, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

**SUNDAY, September 6: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Melanie Luongo, by Melanie’s Siblings and Families
11:00 am: Rae Reines, by Carolann Besch

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of September 5th and September 6th
4:00 pm: Wendy Mistretta
9:00 am: Nicole Tzetzo

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **William C. Lotz, III, requested by F. Burt** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Shirley Runions, requested by the Sprague Family.

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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**
**IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY**

This past summer, Betty Jo DiStasio, our custodian, had to relocate from the Buffalo area. Although she did not move too far away, it was just far enough away that she cannot commute to St. Louis every day. We are grateful for the wonderful job she did in caring for our church and keeping it neat and clean. We wish Betty well for the future and thank her for her dedicated efforts.

Betty Jo’s departure leaves an opening for a custodian at St. Louis. If you know of anyone who would be interested in a part-time job caring for our historic church, please encourage them to apply for this job opportunity.

The position consists of maintenance of church building and grounds, snow removal, act as a sacristan for funerals, Masses and other services, and other work as directed by the Pastor or Business Manager. The hours are Monday—Friday—8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Anyone interested should contact St. Louis Rectory at 852-6040 or email at stlouischurch@verizon.net.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

Today’s Gospel message is as relevant today as it was when Jesus questioned the motives of the Pharisees who had criticized the actions of His disciples. The Pharisees were caught up in following rituals to the tiniest detail and they passed judgment on the disciples for not following their ways. Jesus rebukes them as hypocrites saying, “you disregard God’s commandments, but you cling to human traditions.” Jesus stresses that what we practice on the outside—such as man-made customs and rituals—is not what makes us “clean.” Rather, it is what is within our hearts—our motives—that define whether our acts are in keeping with God’s plan for us. Sure, we can talk the talk. But are we walking the walk? Take some time to revisit your motives and let what is within your heart guide you in how you express your faith.

**In your prayers...**
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Herb Bucki, Eleanor Brayer, Larry DiGuilio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathyn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Fouche, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bob and Mary Dickerson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Alopi, 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.

Shirley
We remember all those recently deceased, especially Shirley Runions and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
LONGING FOR THE HOLY PRAYER GROUP

Are you interested in deepening your faith and enriching the sense of the presence of God in your life? Join a small-group, faith-sharing community to explore the implications of the central mysteries of faith—the Incarnation, the Eucharist, and the Paschal Mystery. Attending to the cultural challenges that keep us from realizing our true desire, the book “Longing for the Holy” considers the important themes of church community, justice, the practices of the spiritual life, and being a mystic of the everyday.

Facilitated by parishioner, Michael Riester, this 12-week program, will be split into two six-week sessions. Session one will run Sunday, October 18th to Sunday, November 22nd. Session two will run during Lent, Sunday, February 14th to Sunday, March 20th. Sessions will be held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and will last between 60 to 90 minutes.

The number of spots is limited. Please register by Sunday, October 11th. St. Louis will provide all necessary supplies.

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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.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Give a child a safe home. Catholic Charities works closely with birth families to provide a safe place for children, especially sibling groups, to stay and receive care when they cannot receive it at their own home. While often temporary, some children must be relocated permanently. Our Foster Care program allows for children to receive nurturing care in these moments of their lives from other loving families. Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Our next informational meetings will be held at 525 Washington Street, Buffalo, on September 8 from 10—11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.; attend either one. You can also learn more by calling (716) 856-4494 ext. 360 or emailing foster.adopt@ccwny.org.

SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 355 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,473.00.

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 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

TUESDAY, September 1st
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, September 5th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, September 6th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
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Thank you!

Sunday, August 23, was another successful St. Louis parish picnic! It was a beautiful day and everyone in attendance left happy and full. The St. Louis parish would to extend our gratitude to the picnic volunteers and those of you who brought delicious food to share. Without your help, we would not be able to have such lovely events. Thank you!

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