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

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ........................................ 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lاعدنbach .................................... 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

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**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:**
- 9:00 am: Melanie Luongo, by Melanie’s Siblings and Families
- 11:00 am: Rae Reines, by Carolann Besch

**MONDAY, September 7:**
- LABOR DAY—NO MASS TODAY

**TUESDAY, September 8:**
- THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**SATURDAY, September 12:**
- 12:05 pm: In Thanksgiving, by James Palka

**SUNDAY, September 13:**
- 9:00 am: Stasia Lukomski, by Larry and Carol Kopacz
- 11:00 am: Paul William Beltz, by Foley Family

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of September 12th and September 13th
- 4:00 pm: Maureen Saab
- 11:00 am: John Zygaj

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Weekend of September 12th and September 13th
- 4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Kevin Brayer and Robert Sprague
- 9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Jim Brigante, Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero
- 11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Pat Doyle and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Rae Reines, requested by Carolann Besch. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Otto Scharf, Jr., requested by Dick and Mary Agoston and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Kathleen Petrik, requested by DeGan and Kubiak Families.

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.

**GOLDEN AND DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE**
Annually, the Diocese of Buffalo honors couples who are observing their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries recognizing the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges, comforts and joy in daily married life.

The Diocese is inviting couples who are celebrating their Golden and Diamond Anniversaries of Marriage in 2015 to a special Mass in St. Joseph’s Cathedral on Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 p.m. On this day, the entire Diocese of Buffalo joins those celebrating their anniversaries. These couples give joy and gratitude to God who has set them among us as a sign of His constant and faithful love.

During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows and a reception will follow at the Adam’s Mark Hotel. If anyone is interested in celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th anniversary at the Cathedral, please contact the rectory so that proper arrangements can be made.

To honor these many faith-filled married couples is a special grace. In this way we join them in prayer asking God to keep all married couples faithful in their love for each other so that they may be more and more of one mind and heart.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**LABOR DAY PRAYER**
God our creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor’s reward. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Msgr. Manganello**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Herb Bucki, Eleanor Brayer, 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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

**Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day Weekend!**
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 361 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,259.00.

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.”

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/fait_formation.php. Contact Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) to register or with inquiries.

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 at 834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com.

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.

For more information, please contact Ashlee Campbell at 834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In the Gospel we see an incredible demonstration of faithfulness. Some followers brought a deaf man with a speech impediment to Jesus and begged Him to heal the man. Their faith in Jesus and their faithfulness in caring for someone in need resulted in the man being able to hear and speak as Jesus laid His hands on him. Our faith in God and our faith tradition call us to make the effort and plead the case of those in need—the poor, the sick, the lonely. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was once asked how she kept on caring for so many poor people without getting discouraged. She replied, “I do not pray for success. I ask for faithfulness.” In your prayers this week, ask God for faithfulness. The result just might be miraculous.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Happy Labor Day! Nationwide, workers are celebrating the hard work that they put in year-round to keep themselves, their companies, and even our country running strong.