2015
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 186th Anniversary

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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.

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.

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.

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 Schoulenpikoff………………1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg……………………1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ………………….1888-1916
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 honor of Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by 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.

POPE FRANCIS CONTINUES TO PROMOTE MERCY

During his time as Pope, Pope Francis has championed the cause for mercy. He has highlighted the necessity of caring for immigrants and refugees, families and the most vulnerable in society no matter who they are. In April, Pope Francis announced that a Jubilee Year of Mercy would begin on December 8, 2015 and continue throughout 2016. With this mindset Pope Francis has attempted to make it easier for Catholics to practice their faith.

This past week, on Tuesday, Pope Francis issued two Apostolic Letters by which it will make it easier for Catholics and others to obtain marriage annulments. By reforming some of the legal structures associated with the annulment process, those seeking annulments will experience a more streamlined process. The Pope’s motives are out of “concern for the salvation of souls.”

These documents called: “The Lord Jesus, Clement Judge” and “Clement and Merciful Jesus” arises out of the desire of bishops worldwide who last October during the Synod of Bishops on the family requested a simplification of the annulment process. Pope Francis decided to issue provisions “that favor not marriage annulments, but the speed of the processes.”

Two notable changes in the process is that one sentence of nullity will be sufficient where as in the past two sentences of nullity were required. The other major change is that annulments should be free of charge so as not to be a hindrance to those desiring to participate in the annulment process. Pope Francis decided to issue provisions “that favor not marriage annulments, but the speed of the processes.”

The Church’s sacramental theology of marriage has not changed. The Catholic Church still teaches that marriage is a permanent, exclusive union, open to the possibility of children between a man and a woman.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Herb Bucki, Eleanor Brayer, Larry DiGullio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Foucheys, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bob and Mary Dickerson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloie, 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 Michael A. Amico 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 $5,664.00.

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, September 12th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, September 13th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SATURDAY, September 19th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection

SUNDAY, September 20th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

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 October 11th. St. Louis will provide all necessary supplies.

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

NINTH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS OKTOBERFEST
SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Oktoberfest for our amazing volunteers is just around the corner. All volunteers are invited to join us on Sunday, October 25, 2015 after the 11:00 Mass. Mark your calendar now and come join the celebration of YOU!

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

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).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

While Christmas is the time of giving, consider giving year-round. Catholic Charities supports Ladies of Charity, an organization that collects and distributes items to those in need across Western New York through our social workers, especially before Christmas. They always accept donations of household goods for the Fresh Start program, and Ladies of Charity specifically needs toys, new gloves, and hats for children and teens for the holiday season. For more information, please call the Ladies of Charity at 895-4001.