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.

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. 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, November 28:  
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Gerald Stevens, by Isabelle Stevens

SUNDAY, November 29: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:00 am: Richard Kopankiewicz, by Lori Conti  
11:00 am: Mr. and Mrs. Austin Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie

MONDAY, November 30: **SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE**  
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, December 1: **ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: Deceased of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, December 2: **ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: Gottfried & Hilda Lupp, by Fred and Florence Lupp

THURSDAY, December 3: **SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**  
12:05 pm: Joseph State, by State Family

FRIDAY, December 4: **SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE**  
12:05 pm: Earl and Mary Young, by Marilyn Young

SATURDAY, December 5:  
2:00 pm: Wedding of Nicholas Misso and Amy McGee  
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Dr. and Mrs. George O’Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, December 6: **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:00 am: Stasia Lukomski, by Robert and Janice Morawski  
11:00 am: Kathleen M. Graf, by Colleen Burke

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**  
**Weekend of December 5th and December 6th**

4:00 pm: Diane Rendazzo  
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta  
11:00 am: Matt Glynn

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Weekend of December 5th and December 6th**

4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Mike Mikos and Frank and Jane Pelosi

9:00 am: Tim and Mary O’Shea, Susan Ministero and Judy Perkowski

11:00 am: Pat Doyle, Paul Griffin and Keith and Kathy Boemer

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**  
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

**ADVENT—HOPE AND EXPECTATION**

The past few weeks our scripture readings, particularly the Gospels, have called us to be prepared for the coming of Christ at the end of time. The Advent Season, which we begin this weekend, directs our attention toward the Hope and Expectation of Christ’s coming that we will celebrate at Christmas this year. Advent is a time to prepare for this celebration. We will celebrate Christmas in various ways, as a Church, as family and friends, and as a community. Each of the ways that we celebrate Christmas requires us to prepare differently.

As a Church, we celebrate our faith and the coming of Christ into our world. This suggests that we prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. The birth of Christ represents for us the gift of new life and love. Our hope is that our lives and our love will increase during these days of Advent.

The Advent wreath has become a symbol of hope and expectation that Christ, the Light of the World, comes to dispel the darkness. Over the four weeks of Advent each candle lit brings us closer to the brightness of Christ our Light. We are reminded that Advent is a special time of prayer, which can be challenging with the hustle and bustle of so many things going on.

Advent is a beautiful season. Our preparations for Christmas are meant to be enjoyed. May it be a happy time for all.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**The Light is On for You**

During the Season of Advent, our diocese will be participating in *The Light is On For You* program. This program creates an enhanced opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Every Wednesday during Advent, a priest will be available in parishes to hear confessions.

Many parishes will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. **St. Louis Church** will be open each Wednesday during Advent from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for this opportunity.

The Light is on for you, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joyce McCracken, Sharon Warner, Herb Bucki, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bob and Mary Dickerson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloï, 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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 391 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,218.00 and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection was $856.00.

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, November 28th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, November 29th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Caroline Jane Sahlen

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

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd
11:00 am—12 noon: Confession

FRIDAY, December 4th
7:30 pm: Saint Louis Choir and Camerata di Sant’ Antonio Orchestra Concert

SATURDAY, December 5th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, December 6th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Family Faith Formation Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12 noon: Baptism of Ellie Catherine Moore

THANK YOU
Dear Parishioners at St. Louis,
Thank you for sharing your food items with the Center, from your October Fall Festival. Our clients always enjoy something different to eat in the soup kitchen. May God Bless and reward you and your families.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Sister Mary Johnice

RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER
Join us for our Annual Holiday Treasures Gala Sale just in time for Christmas Shopping. All proceeds to benefit the Response to Love Center. Christmas Décor, Jewelry, Clothing, Hats, Gloves and Scarves, Toys and Games, New Boyd’s Bears, Household items, Collectables & much more…Date: December 4, 2015 and December 5, 2015—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Response to Love Center, 130 Kosciuszko Street. Adults $1 includes a beverage and a treat. Children under 12 FREE! Refreshments Available.

SAINT LOUIS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE
The St. Louis Fund Drive will continue until December 31st. If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so as every donation is needed. Your kind support is greatly appreciated as always and we thank you for your generosity.
So far, $41,514 has been donated and $1,382 has been pledged.

ST. LOUIS CHOIR AND CAMERATA DI SANT’ ANTONIO ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM IN SAINT LOUIS CHURCH
The Choir of St. Louis Church will join the Camerata di Sant’ Antonio Chamber Orchestra in a concert on Friday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. here in St. Louis Church. All are welcome to attend this wonderful evening of music for choir and orchestra.

The program will include works of Mozart, Telemann, Scarlatti, Ouseley, Handel and others. A free-will offering will benefit the Buffalo City Mission.

The evening also offers a rare opportunity to experience all of this music in the old “Venetian style” of the Italian Renaissance, with the orchestra placed in front of the sanctuary and the choir singing from the loft. The concert will end with both ensembles joining together in works of Felix Mendelssohn and Heinrich Schutz.

Please join us for a lovely evening of great music in our church’s magnificent surroundings.

THE WARMTH TREE
St. Louis Church parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will then be given to area families. Help us make this year’s tree the most festive ever!

TOYS R SAINT LOUIS
Parishioners are sponsoring our Annual Toys R Saint Louis Program. All donated new, unwrapped toys will be given to Brother Timothy of the Order of St. Francis for distribution to inner city boys and girls—ages 5 to 16. Imagine touching the lives of these sweet children on Christmas morning! Donations will be accepted the weekends of December 5th & 6th and December 12th and 13th

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Our Annual Christmas Party will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday, December 13th following the 11:00 a.m. children’s Mass. Along with good company and good food, Santa Claus will indeed pay a visit. Back by popular demand will be our Gingerbread House Raffle. We are appealing to all our creative holiday bakers—both veteran and new for gingerbread creations to be used in the raffle.

If you are interested in helping out the day of the party, please contact Lindsay McGowan at lindsay.ee@gmail.com or leave her a message at the rectory.

RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER
The Response to Love Center provides a variety of compassionate programs that assist those in need and enable self-sufficiency. We asked them for a wish list and were told they are in need of baby food (small jars), diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby powder, baby shampoo and baby wipes as well as men’s and women’s toiletry items. As you can imagine, the list of items needed for those served is lengthy. If you prefer to make a monetary gift to the Center, please place your donation into an envelope marked: “Response to Love Center” and drop it into the collection basket during Mass.

Thank you for your continued generosity.