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.

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 Mroz
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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS
Reverend John Nicholas Mertz ...........................................1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax ......................................................1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth ......................................................1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffeneiner ............................................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, January 9:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Charleen Rankin, by Joyce Paradowski and Family

SUNDAY, January 10: **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
9:00 am: Salvatore Vinci, by Charles and Grace Martorana
11:00 am: God’s Blessings and In Thanksgiving for the Caputi, Gentile, and Klosko Families, by Charlotte Oczek

MONDAY, January 11: **FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

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

WEDNESDAY, January 13: **SAINT HILARY**
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

THURSDAY, January 14: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Francis Chominski, by John and Kaye

FRIDAY, January 15: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Charles A. and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

SATURDAY, January 16:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Eric Snyder and Lauren Polito
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 17: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Living and Deceased Members of the Wolcott Families, by Hoffman Family
11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of The Papacy of Pope Francis, requested by David Zawistowski. 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.

BAPTISM—THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD RESTS UPON US

The Christmas season comes to a close with our celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord proclaims a theophany, a revelation and manifestation of Jesus as God. Jesus is no longer the child of the Bethlehem manger, but the Redeemer making his way to Jerusalem. The most wondrous part of the Christ story is yet to be revealed. Jesus’ baptism at the Jordan becomes the moment of God’s “anointing” of his Messiah for the work he is about to do.

Through our own baptism we, too, become children of God. The Spirit of the Lord rests upon us. In baptism, we take on the name of “Christian” and embrace all that the holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ.

As we enter the church we sign ourselves with the holy water of baptism making the sign of the cross as we do so. The original meaning of the sign of the cross was a renewal of our Baptism, each time it was made. As we touch our forehead, chest, and shoulders, we repeat the words by which we became Christians and were born into the Body of Christ, the Church. We recommit ourselves to be formed into the image of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Baptism of the Lord

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovoctions.org!

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Joyce McCracken, Sharon Wamer, Herb Bucki, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, Gertrude Fouchey, Mamie Kate Johnson, Spencer Daly, Niziti Ascela, Catalina Aloj, 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 416 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,737.00, Christmas collection was $15,104 and New Year’s collection was $1,820.00.

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.”

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write “Tax Statement” on the front of your church envelope.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus’ lead. Last year, through the generous support of donors throughout Western New York, Catholic Charities of Buffalo was able to positively impact the lives of children, families and seniors in our community with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to mental health counseling and educational services. Bishop Richard J. Malone has announced our goal of $11 million and St. Nicholas as the patron saint of the 2016 Appeal. St. Nicholas provided for the poor and the sick, and was known for his secret gift-giving. When you support the Appeal, you are “finding good within” and offering the gift of comfort and relief to people in need. Find out more at ccwny.org or call (716) 216-1400.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Our readings today commemorate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and are filled with vivid language of renewal. We can learn much about how to continually renew our relationship with God. The first reading teaches that God has grasped us by the hand—like a loving parent—to show us the way toward justice. He is a light for all nations, whose great love opens the eyes of the blind, frees prisoners from confinement and brings out those who live in darkness. We renew our relationship with God every time we wash away those things that stand in the way of the light of justice. When we help others to see God...or free the needy from the confines of poverty...or erase the darkness by radiating God’s love. What might we do to renew our own commitment to our relationship with God?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. “Where Families Come First” is for you! All services are free. All conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233 or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

HAVEFAITHBUFFALO.COM

The Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry has developed a digital platform—the website: HaveFaithBuffalo.com—to reach out to Catholics in their 20’s and 30’s. This website offers an environment for young adults to explore the bigger questions of life, meaning and purpose, and find a community within the Catholic faith. The site is also a useful tool to connect young adults with many social opportunities and fun things to do within WNY. Rediscover yourself with faith, hope, and love.

HAVENICETHING.CCSC.COM

The Catholic Charities Service Corps (CCSC) gives recent college graduates the opportunity to spend a full year in service to their community. Individuals room together and share their talents to give back to the community. Whether it be counseling, serving the homeless, assisting refugees, helping those who are disabled, or working against domestic violence, the CCSC touches all levels of the community. For more information, please call 716-218-1400, ext. 2005 or visit www.ccwny.org.

WORD OF LIFE BRIEF

A critical part of end-of-life care is a trusting doctor-patient relationship in which a patient knows their doctor has their best interests at heart and will not abandon them; it is one which assures patients of the truth that their lives have meaning and are worth living.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, January 9th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, January 10th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SATURDAY, January 16th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

SUNDAY, January 17th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Family Faith Formation Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Grayson Brian Schultz and Nathan Michael Sweeney

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

Are you looking for a challenging Bible Study? Are you thinking there is more to the Bible than you can know by simply reading it? Discover the riches that can be found when you STUDY the Bible with live, trained instructors. The Catholic Biblical Studies Program has been guiding people to find their relationship in which a patient knows their doctor has their best interests at heart and will not abandon them; it is one which assures patients of the truth that their lives have meaning and are worth living.

COPING WITH LOSS

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28) Everyday there are things that remind us of our experiences of loss. Grief never takes a vacation! Our free packet “Coping with Seasons of Loss” is filled with resources, insights, prayers, and scripture support.

For your packet, please contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.