2016
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 187th Anniversary

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PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen...........................................Weekend Assistant
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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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Gerry Stevens**, requested by **Mike and Carol Zobel**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Steven Michael Muskopf**, requested by **Dick and Mary Agoston**.

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.

BEAUTIFUL CHURCH
BEAUTIFUL FLOCK

Today, our liturgical calendar returns us to Ordinary Time after the many celebrations of Christmas which as always were beautiful because of your participation. It all began with Lessons and Carols on the Sunday before Christmas continuing through our Christmas, New Year’s, and Post-Christmas celebrations.

Every year when I greet people before and after Mass, I hear so many compliments as if I did everything myself which we all know is not true. I am always sure to remind people that I did not do this all by myself. The truth is that each of you in some way made Christmas beautiful at St. Louis.

We are grateful to all who donated toys, hats, scarfs, mittens, and necessary things for people in need in our community. Our appreciation goes out to all who contributed to the Christmas flower collection, those who decorated (and undecorated) our worship space creating an environment that lifted our spirits to God. Many people contributed to the successful celebration of our Masses including Msgr. Madsen; our musicians, Frank Scinta, Jim Mrozek and the choir; our Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Sacristans and Ushers; many of whom assisted more than once during the Christmas celebrations. We appreciate the many people who came to worship with us who were able to experience the love and goodness of God that was so evident here in our parish community.

We are truly blessed to have so many people help us honor our Lord who loves us all. May you all enjoy a very blessed New Year with much joy, love and peace.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially **Amy Vilz**, **Paulette Snively**, **Joyce McCracken**, **Sharon Warner**, **Herk Bucki**, **Larry DiGiulio**, **James Watson**, **Pam Arrigo**, **Kathryn Guise**, **Raymond Sharer**, **Gertrude Fouchey**, **Mamie Kate Johnson**, **Spencer Daly**, **Niziti Ascela**, **Catalina Aloii**, **Kathleen A. Walter**, **Kristina Lewis**, **Carlos Calhoun**, **Marie Miller**, **Tracy Abram** and **Margaret Foegen**.

**In your prayers...**

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 **Russell J. Ministero**, **Msgr. John W. Zeitler**, **Richard Meinhold**, **Julia Oscadal** 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 404 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,696.00.

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 St. Louis
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

Saturday, January 23rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

Sunday, January 24th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

Vocation Thought
The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocatiaons.org!

Faith Moment Reflection
Saint Paul teaches in today’s second reading that God gave each one of us different gifts so that we may enrich the lives of one another. Instead of letting our differences keep us apart, let’s recognize, accept and celebrate one another’s gifts in community with God. Saint Paul notes that it is by God’s design that one person has great wisdom, while another is given deep faith. One person may perform great deeds while another commits to serving the poor. We are all different, but it is the same Spirit who provides our gifts. We should not focus on who is greater, or wealthier, or smarter. Rather, when we celebrate the differences in our relationships with one another, we are all enriched. In our own lives...in our community...in God’s plan for us. What different gifts can you bring for the enrichment of the greater good?

Annual Fund Drive
Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Annual Fund Drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. $104,615 has been donated.

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.

Longing for the Holy Scripture Reflection 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 six-week scripture study will run every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. during Lent, from February 14th to March 20th. Sessions will last between 60 to 90 minutes. St. Louis will provide all necessary supplies.

The number of spots is limited. Please register by Sunday, February 7th. To register, contact Ashlee Campbell, at 716-834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities
Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus’ lead. Appeal Patron St. Nicholas had a strong concern for justice, especially innocent victims. He was chosen as the guardian of many cities, churches, and most notably, children. St. Nicholas had a strong reputation as the bringer of gifts and admired for his generosity. Join us in “finding good within,” serving tens of thousands of our neighbors in need in Jesus’ name. Please support the 2016 Appeal at ccwny.org or by calling (716) 218-1400.

Catholic Academy Corner
Catholic Academy Club winners:

2015 Grand Prize-Christmas Holiday Drawing—$2,000
1307-8692  Jennifer MacNeil

Early Bird: 2016—$150 each
1270-8729  Ann Stievater
0660-9339  Joseph Karpinski
0374-9025  Mary Weidig
3137-6862  Millie Parrish
3996-6003  Celia Gerard

Call the school for a complete list of the 2015 winners. You may still purchase a calendar for 2016. The cost is $25 for the entire year and you receive two numbers. Call 885-6111 for a calendar or more information.