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/CHORISTER .................................................................. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS
Reverend John Nicholas Mertz .................................................. 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax .............................................................. 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth ................................................................. 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffin ............................................................... 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ......................................................... 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ................................................................. 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ........................................... 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulenfoff .................................................. 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ............................................................. 1867-1888
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher .............................................. 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lundenbach ........................................ 1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ...................................................... 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .................................................... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Oh ................................................................. 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ....................................................... 1965-1979

**JANUARY—A MONTH OF REFLECTION**

After all the business of Christmas has settled down it seems as if January is a quiet month. It is far from being as busy as the holidays, but January brings us many things upon which to reflect. Our readings for the Christmas holidays many times spoke about how Mary would reflect upon the things that were going on in her life.

January is a month to pause and reflect upon the things going on around us. The beginning of the month January 3rd to 9th was National Migration Week causing us to ponder the plight of the many people who are forced to flee their homes in search of a better peaceful life. With the many refugees pouring into Europe the world has seen the desperation people are fleeing in the home lands. It is not that they want to leave, but it is a matter of necessity. The Church encourages its members to be welcoming to those who are re-settling in our midst.

January 15th, the commemoration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us of the importance of equality among all peoples and the importance of non-violence in our society. Through the inspiration of Dr. King new laws were enacted to protect the civil rights of all Americans.

January 18th—25th is designated as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is a special time of prayer for the union of all Christians.

January 22nd this year is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We remember that all people from conception to natural death are deserving of the dignity and respect afforded to everyone as a child of God.

January is indeed less busy, but also provides us time to reflect upon our life as God’s holy people. May we continue to pray for one another and all God’s holy people, especially those that are in need.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**VOCAITION THOUGHT**

When Jesus read before the crowd today, he made known to us his vocation. What is yours? Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Joyce McCracken, Sharon Warner, Herb Bucki, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Pam Arrigo, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharer, 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 440 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $9,271.00 and the fuel collection was $967.00.

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.”

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

**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

**SATURDAY, January 30th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

**SUNDAY, January 31st**

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

12 noon: Baptism of Roza Sopher Falck

**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 or write “Tax Statement” on the front of your church envelope.

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**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The proceeds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people.

Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus’ lead. The reach of Catholic Charities extends throughout the eight counties of Western New York. Thousands in our area struggle daily to provide food for their family, complete their education or start a new life away from abuse. Have you made a contribution reflecting your care and concern? Support our efforts to improve the lives of those in need. Please watch for your letter and card from Catholic Charities and promptly respond. Give hope this new year to those in need. Please give to the 2016 Catholic Charities Appeal. Find out more at ccwny.org or call (716) 218-1400.

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**THANK YOU**

Dear Rev. Monsignor:

Thank you so much for the warm clothing the parishioners of Saint Louis Parish donated to the Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Assistance Program. We will be distributing these articles to our new arrivals. Most of these people come to us from warm climates, and are unprepared for the harsh Buffalo winters. Your contribution will help us outfit them for the cold weather.

We appreciate the kindness and generosity of you and your parishioners in helping welcome our clients into their new community.

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**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 Pascal 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.

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**FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES**

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2016. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: [http://stlouisrcchurch.org](http://stlouisrcchurch.org). Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) with questions or for registration forms.

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: April 9th, April 16th, and April 23rd. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory. Parent sacrament prep meetings will be held on Saturday, April 9th.

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**CATHOLIC ACADEMY WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

A Winter Open House for families interested in enrolling children at Catholic Academy of West Buffalo in September 2016, will be held on Tuesday, February 9th from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 11th from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Catholic Academy offers rigorous academics, excellent religious and moral education and a wide array of sports and extracurricular activities in grades Pre-K 3 to 8. Pre-K for 3 year olds is a part time program. According to Business First rankings for Middle Schools in June 2015, we are ranked among the top 10% of private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo!

Come tour our building, meet principals, faculty and parents and learn more about the school’s programs. Registration for September 2016 is ongoing, and office staff will be available to review forms and answer questions regarding financial aid and admission. For information, call the school at 885-6111 or visit us at cawb.org, Facebook or Twitter.