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
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella……………………………...12:05 Mass—Friday
TRUSTEES................................................ Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ........... William Kurzdorfer
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CANTOR ................................................................................. James Mrozek
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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.

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.

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.

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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. Lundenbach………………………… 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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Well-being of Raymond Sharrer, requested by Friends and 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.

LENT 2016

This Wednesday, February 10th, is once again Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. For 40 days we are encouraged to heed the words of the gospel that day by day fasting, praying and doing works of charity. During this Holy Year of Mercy it is fitting for us to take time to strengthen our spiritual life by way of the corporal works of mercy as well as praying, fasting and almsgiving.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the corporal works of mercy stating: “the works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.”

Lent, traditionally a season of introspection and preparation, is an ideal time to consider the challenges presented by Pope Francis during the Holy Year of Mercy. During Lent, we are called to reflect on the Cross of Christ. God makes himself present to us through Jesus, restoring right order to our lives and opening our hearts to love God and others.

Let us keep in mind throughout Lent that the Lord never ceases to have mercy on us, and desires to offer us his forgiveness yet again, inviting us to return to him with a new heart, purified from evil, to take part in his resurrected joy.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Not long ago we heard about Jesus’ vocation as foretold by Isaiah. Today we hear of St. Paul’s vocation to spread the good news of Jesus to people far and wide. What is your vocation? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially James Vasi, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snively, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Kathryn Guise, Niziti Ascela, 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 Msgr. George J. Brennan and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 379 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,646.00 and Catholic Relief Services collection was $1,017.00.

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, February 6th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, February 7th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Family Faith Formation Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

MONDAY, February 8th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

WEDNESDAY, February 10th
8:00 am & 12:05 pm: Distribution of Ashes

FRIDAY, February 12th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 13th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, February 14:
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Iliana Gloria DeSantis and Elizabeth Sally Duquette

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and commemorates the start of a period of preparation for Jesus’ Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As you start your own Lenten Journey this week, remember the selfless sacrifice of Jesus. With $3.12 the cost of feeding a family of four one meal through one of our eight food pantries, what can you sacrifice to allow for just a donation of that amount? Remember the love you have for your neighbors in need and give as generously as you can to Catholic Charities’ 2016 Appeal, benefitting tens of thousands in Western New York. Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus’ lead. Find out more at ccwny.org or call (716) 218-1400.

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE
DAYS OF ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

DAYS OF FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

WEEKDAYS OF LENT—No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION—Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (February 14 through Trinity Sunday (May 22).

SELF-DEATH—Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

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.

CHILI COOK-OFF AT ST. LOUIS
Please join us at our Chili Cook-Off in our hall on Saturday, February 20th after the 4:00 vigil Mass. We are not only looking for contestants to bring their best chili to see who will be St. Louis’ Chili Cook-Off champion, but for great company and fun with our fellow parishioners. Everyone will have a chance to sample the entries and cast a vote for your favorite. If you are interested in entering the Cook-Off, please either e-mail Debbie Beller at dbjb2@roadrunner.com or call and leave a message at the rectory.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH
LENT IS HERE
Don’t Give Up Something—Give Something
This Lent you can help those carrying their Cross. The Response to Love Center is in need of these foods to help serve families in our community who need a helping hand.

Can you provide these soups?
Chicken Noodle
Cream of Chicken
Cream of Mushroom
Cream of Celerey

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 2016
“Igniting the Fire Within”
Saturday, February 27th
Mount St. Mary’s Academy
7:30 am—Registration; 8:00 am—Mass with Bishop Malone
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ray Guarendi
Emcee: Maryalice Demler
Continental Breakfast and Lunch: Tickets $30.00
For details email catholicwomenbuff@gmail.com or call 716-222-0622