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
ORGANIST/CHORISTER ...................................................... 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 Zygar
Secretary ................................................................................ Keith Boerner

MASSES

Day .......................... Time
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.

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.

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, February 27:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, February 28:**
9:00 am: Nanette Varco, by Patrick Leach
11:00 am: William Pax, by Whelan Family

**MONDAY, February 29:**
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

**TUESDAY, March 1:**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**WEDNESDAY, March 2:**
12:05 pm: Emily Mikos, by Family

**THURSDAY, March 3:**
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

**FRIDAY, March 4:**
12:05 pm: Albert Metzger, by Family

**SATURDAY, March 5:**
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Mary Didley Hormell, by Nancy and Larry Kalinowski

**SUNDAY, March 6:**
9:00 am: Margaret and Ethan Ciesiulka, by Hoffman Family
11:00 am: Rita State, by Joseph State Family

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of March 5th and March 6th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Matt Glynn

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Weekend of March 5th and March 6th
4:00 pm: Robert Sprague, Debbie Guillow and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Jim Brigante and Tim and Mary O’Shea
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Sue Kolbe and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Frank and Agnes Zawistowski, requested by Zawistowski Grandchildren.
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.

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**BISHOP MALONE ANNOUNCES UPON THIS ROCK PROGRAM**

On February 18th, Bishop Richard Malone unveiled a bold new initiative for the Diocese of Buffalo called Upon This Rock. This title is derived from the sacred Scriptures. In the Gospel of Matthew 7:24-29, Jesus’ disciples are encouraged to be like the wise man who built his house on rock. “When the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house, it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.”

**Upon This Rock** is a five year initiative to raise $100 million to support the ongoing ministries of the Diocese. While February 18th marked the formal beginning of Upon This Rock, the campaign had already quietly begun in several parishes which were called Pilot Parishes. Each Parish in the Diocese will be involved in this endeavor over the next few years. Through the efforts of the Bishop himself and the Pilot Parishes that completed their part of Upon This Rock over the next few years.

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We at St. Louis Church have already generously supported this effort by our self-sacrifice and charity.

Over the next several weeks you will be hearing more about this program. We will be asking all of our parishioners for their support. For now, please keep this effort in your prayers.

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**Msgr. Manganello**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

You or an organization you belong to have been asked by Catholic Charities to become part of the 2016 Appeal. Please respond with your donation or pledge as soon as possible. Join the thousands of others throughout the diocese who stand together in support of the mission of Catholic Charities and to “find good within” serving others in Jesus’ name. Find inspiration in the example of charity and sacrifice set by our appeal Patron Saint Nicholas and share your blessings, offering comfort and relief to those who are suffering.

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

At the sight of the burning bush, Moses was responsive to God’s call, while his followers were too self-righteous to hear it. God’s call will only lead us to what is best for us. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathleen Guise, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, James Vasi, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, 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 Joanne M. Nowak 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 464 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,133.00. 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 27th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: Tickets for St. Joseph’s Table Available

Sunday, February 28th
9:00 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets for St. Joseph’s Table Available
7:00 pm: Canisius College Chorale Concert

Tuesday, March 1st
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

Friday, March 4th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection
4:00 pm: Tickets for St. Joseph’s Table Available
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available
7:30 pm: Into Light: A Concert by Candlelight
Harmonia Chamber Singers

Sunday, March 6th
9:00 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection
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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 help with these soups?
- Chicken Noodle
- Cream of Chicken
- Cream of Mushroom
- Cream of Celery

CanisiUs college chorale to perform in St. Louis Church

The Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will continue its 2015-2016 Sacred Spaces concert series with a program on Sunday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Louis Church.

The concert will feature works by Hogan, Mendelssohn, Buxtehude, Dawson, Ticheli and others. Admission is free.

Sacred Spaces stems from an idea the choir proposed nine years ago to feature its music in some of Western New York’s most beautiful and acoustically resonant environments, namely the sanctuaries of our area’s churches. As a result, the choir has visited nearly forty houses of worship with its repertoire of sacred and secular music spanning five centuries.

Now in its nineteenth season, The Canisius College Chorale remains one of Western New York’s most active collegiate music ensembles. Composed of 100 undergraduate and graduate members, the Chorale regularly presents concert programs to school, church, and community audiences throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario. In recent years, the Chorale has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Chamber Musicians, Amherst Symphony Orchestra, Camerata di Santa Antonio, Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

Please join us for a lovely evening of great choral music.

For more information, please contact the Canisius College Music Office at 888-2536.

Into Light: A Concert by Candlelight

Harmonia Chamber Singers
Robert Pacillo, Artistic Director

Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.—$10 Donation
St. Louis Church
35 Edward Street, Buffalo, NY

Sunday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.—$10 Donation
Sts. Peter & Paul Church

5480 Main Street, Williamsville, NY


St. Joseph’s Table

Please join us for our annual St. Joseph’s Table on Sunday, March 13th from noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are $8.00 for adults and $3.00 for children under the age of 12. Eat-In or Take-Out meals and gluten-free options are available through PRE-SALEASE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY. Tickets will be sold after Masses on February 27-28 and March 5-6. Seating is limited.

If you are interested in providing a traditional dish or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Debbie Guillow at 465-6196 or dguillow@montyinternational.com.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!