2016

St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 187th Anniversary

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President.................................................................Wendy Mistretta
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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.

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. Laudenhach .................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 in memory of Celia A. Pawulski, requested by Keith, Stephanie and Stephen. 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.

WE CELEBRATE TWO SAINTS THIS WEEK

This coming week we honor two of the most famous and beloved saints of the Church. On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick who is revered by the Irish and those of Irish decent. He is honored and remembered for bringing the Catholic faith to the country of Ireland. We honor the memory of St. Patrick with the wearing of the green, St. Patrick’s Day Parade, meals of corn beef and cabbage and probably a little more Guinness than we should. Today, St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated by people of all backgrounds and remains an important reminder that we should not be afraid to show off the gift of our faith.

St. Joseph who is revered by many people is remembered for being the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was a carpenter, a working man. He wasn’t rich. He was a compassionate and caring man. He too was a man of faith, obedient to what God asked of him. He is probably most well-known at this time of year because of the numerous feasts prepared in his honor called the St. Joseph Table. Begun by the Sicilians, the St. Joseph Table is now celebrated by people of all backgrounds. Those who partake of a St. Joseph Table do so not only to enjoy a wonderful meal, but also to be able to contribute to the less fortunate in our community. The St. Joseph Table is usually a meatless meal because it occurs during Lent. The meal is to be shared with those who are poor. It has become customary to have a St. Joseph Table and the proceeds given to Charity.

Because Palm Sunday is the weekend of St. Joseph’s Day we will be having our St. Joseph Table this Sunday after the 11:00 Mass. All are invited. Proceeds will be given to our Sandwich Program.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Often we are tempted to focus a great deal on other things and other people, and we fail to take account of what is going on deep within ourselves. Deep within our hearts is where we come to know God’s plan for us. Take a look! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at (716) 845-5535. 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 Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharer, John Jawistowski, John Forsythe, James Vasi, Amy Vilt, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Foege.

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 Rev. Francis J. Zmozynski 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 423 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,972.00 and Black and Indian Mission collection was $916.00.

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, March 12th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection, Fuel Collection and Easter Flowers Collection

4:00 pm: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale

SUNDAY, March 13th
2:00 am: Daylight Saving Time Begins
Spring Forward 1 Hour
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection, Fuel Collection and Easter Flowers Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale
12 noon: St. Joseph’s Table—Church Hall

MONDAY, March 14th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

FRIDAY, March 18th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 19th—St. Joseph’s Day
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms

SUNDAY, March 20th—Palm Sunday
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Distribution of Palms
11:00 am: Children’s Procession of Palms

prepare for Easter

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord’s Resurrection.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Easter Flowers

The March/April packet of envelopes contains the special Easter Flowers envelope. Your generosity and the talents of our dedicated volunteers guarantee that we will again experience a spectacle to behold. The Easter Flowers collection will be taken this weekend.

Sunday, March 20th is Palm Sunday. All children are invited to join in a procession of palms at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass that day.

Children interested in participating should meet by 10:50 at the Main Street Entrance of the Church. Families of children participating are asked to sit near the front of the church so that children can easily join their parents after the procession.

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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 provide these soups?

- Chicken Noodle
- Cream of Chicken
- Cream of Mushroom
- Cream of Celery

Congratulations

We would like congratulate Madeline Burns and Helen Joyce who were named to the 2nd Quarter 2015-2016 Honor Roll at Nardin Academy High School.

The Canisius College Chorale

The Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will present a program in collaboration with the Camerata di Sant’ Antonio Chamber Orchestra, Christopher Weber, director, on Sunday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Canisius College’s Montante Cultural Center, 2001 Main Street in Buffalo. For more information, contact the Canisius College Music Office at 716-888-2536.

Catholic Charities

Appeal Week 2016 starts this weekend. Please ensure we reach our goal of $11 million by responding with your contribution or pledge today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents, provide basic assistance to families and the hope of a brighter future to youth through our workforce and education programs. Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus’ lead. Please support the 2016 Catholic Charities Appeal. Find out more at ccwny.org or call (716) 218-1400.

Faith Moment Reflection

While today’s readings were written long, long ago, they still offer us insights into living the life God wants for us in the present. In the Old Testament reading from Isaiah we are shown that God is always present to guide us in dealing with difficulties. It’s a comforting thought. God reminds the Israelites of how he led them out of suffering and that he is doing something new to help them in their current circumstances. God tells them he helped them before; and he will help them again. God is telling that to us too. He has been with us in the past...he is with us now...and he will be there for us in the future. Do we perceive it? Take ten minutes today to be still and be with God. Read the scripture for the day for your faith tradition and reflect on what it means to you in your life. God wants to help you—you just need to listen.