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/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.

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
Reverend John W. Madsen………………………….1888-1916
Reverend Michael A. Anstett…………………...1917-1948
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 Dorothy Hartman, requested by Geoffrey Klass. 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.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD

Although Easter Sunday has come and gone for another year, the Easter celebration continues for fifty days until the Feast of Pentecost. However, the preparation for the Easter celebrations and Holy Week begin long before we celebrate them.

There are several people working in the background for weeks before these celebrations take place in order to make them beautiful and prayerful for all who come to celebrate them with us.

Several people, parishioners and visitors, commented on how beautiful the church is with our Easter display, how uplifting the music is and how prayerfully the celebrations were carried out. We owe our success to the many parishioners who helped plan, prepare and carry out our liturgies.

Thank you to Frank Scinta, our choir, and Jim Mrozek, for all the hours they spent in rehearsing the music that graced our liturgies during Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to John Beller who organized a crew of people to decorate the church and to wash the pews. We are grateful to all who volunteered as Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Greeters whose ministry is so valuable. Our Sacristans are not highly visible, but the work they do in coordinating our celebrations and preparing all we need to carry them out is most important for the smooth celebration of our liturgies.

And of course, we thank all who joined us to pray, worship and celebrate Holy Week and Easter with us. May the Risen Lord continue to grace us all.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT
As Peter was asked, do YOU love Jesus? If our answer is “yes,” what will we do for Him? 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!

In your prayers...
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 Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Poegen.

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 Sylvina A. Miller, William F. Perkins and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, April 9:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Brett Hurley and Nicole Lawrence
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Aloysius Mack, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

SUNDAY, April 10: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Domenica “Diluccia” Frega, by Catherine Frega
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

MONDAY, April 11: SAINT STANISLAUS
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, April 12: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Michael Capozzi III, by Dolores Murphy

WEDNESDAY, April 13: SAINT MARTIN I, POPE
12:05 pm: Intentions of Leahy Family, by Hoffman Family

THURSDAY, April 14: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Cosco Family, by Roseann Curtis

FRIDAY, April 15: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: John Kraus, by Estate

SATURDAY, April 16:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Dr. and Mrs. George O’Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, April 17: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Gina Strianese, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of April 16th and April 17th
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: John Zyga

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of April 16th and April 17th
4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Robert Sprague, Mike Mikos and Kevin Brayer
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero and Jim Brigante
11:00 am: John Beller, Paul Griffin and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

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SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 419 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,177.00.

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."

Parish Council Elections

Interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of April 23rd and 24th. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role. Nominations forms are included in this week’s bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristry.

For questions or more information about the Parish Council contact John Zyga at zygajj@stfrancishigh.org.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today’s Gospel is about the call of Peter by Jesus to “feed his sheep.” Peter’s call offers a lesson for all of us about vocations. In Peter, we see what love looks like. He willingly answers God’s call to “tend His sheep” even though he knows it won’t be easy. Simply put, your vocation is what God is calling you to do. As with Peter, a call from God is a call to put love into action by meeting the needs of others without expecting anything in return. Sometimes it’s a private ministry—such as caring for an elderly parent, or nursing a sick child. Sometimes it’s more public—such as volunteering at a hospital or church function. God sees it all. And all are vocations. Remember, like Peter and the apostles, God is always with us when we put love into action.

WORD OF LIFE

“All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives.”

~ Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, no. 121

CATHOLIC ACADEMY ANNUAL AUCTION

The Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, April 30th. The event is now ADULTS ONLY; no one under 18 will be admitted. Beer and wine will be available, new menu items, over 100 adult-themed gift certificates and baskets. A great Salvatore’s overnight package and TV will be available for a special raffle.

Email amyraen@larkinsquare or N.H.Santiago@gmail for more information or to donate a basket.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY SPRING OPEN HOUSE

A Spring Open House for families interested in enrolling children at Catholic Academy of West Buffalo in September 2016, will be held on Sunday, April 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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. Our average class size is 18. According to Business First rankings for Middle Schools for 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 @ 885-6111 or visit us at cawb.org or on Facebook.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, April 16th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, April 17th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
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12:30 pm: St. Ann’s German Mass

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12 noon: Baptism of Gianna Grace Santillo

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

Are you looking for a challenging Bible Study? Are you thinking there is more to the Bible than you can know by simply reading it? Discover the riches that can be found when you STUDY the Bible with live, trained instructors. The Catholic Biblical Studies Program has been guiding people to STUDY the Bible with live, trained instructors. The strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage. If you are interested in finding out more about his needed and important leadership role. Nominations forms are included in this week’s bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristy.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20-minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage, and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage. If you are interested in finding out more about his 25 years! Join us! See our website or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of April 23rd and 24th. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role. Nominations forms are included in this week’s bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristy.

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