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.

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.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

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

SAINT LOUIS

THE SUCCESS OF UPON THIS ROCK

Several weeks ago we announced the beginning of a new initiative in the Diocese of Buffalo called Upon This Rock. Several parishioners have already been invited to participate in this endeavor to help raise $100 million over the next five years to support the ongoing ministries of the Diocese as well as our parish.

It was reported on April 11th that the Upon This Rock program has raised $33,824,256 or 33.8% of the goal. Our parish is proud to be a part of this effort and has received overwhelming support from our parishioners who have been contacted to assist in this campaign.

Our parish goal is $959,000 which also includes our Catholic Charities donation this year. As of this writing, St. Louis has raised over $800,000 toward this effort. The benefits are many. Not only are we supporting the continued mission of the Diocese, we are also supporting our own mission at St. Louis Church and the mission of Catholic Charities. From our $959,000 goal, Catholic Charities will receive $129,000. From every dollar we raise toward this parish goal, the parish will receive 35% of the goal. Once we go over the goal, for every dollar collected St. Louis will receive 55%.

Invitations are being sent out to our parishioners inviting them to a reception at St. Louis Church on either April 26th or 27th to learn more about this initiative and to make a commitment to support the Mission of St. Louis Church, Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Buffalo. On the weekends of May 14th—15th and May 21st—22nd we will invite everyone in church to be a part of providing for the future of the Church here and throughout Western New York.

If you have any questions, I or one of the team members will be happy to assist you. The success of Upon This Rock depends on all of us working together to do what we can to provide for the future of the Church.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Announced Masses of the Week

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

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

MONDAY, April 18:
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, April 19:
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, April 20:
12:05 pm: Isabelle H. Keenan, by Family

THURSDAY, April 21:
12:05 pm: Catherine Feist, by Estate

FRIDAY, April 22:
12:05 pm: Theresa Retzer, by Louis Retzer

SATURDAY, April 23:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Gerald Stevens, by Isabelle Stevens

SUNDAY, April 24:
9:00 am: William Clingersmith, by Melanie Granieri Loss
11:00 am: Michael and Chris Marie Halicki, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of April 23rd and April 24th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Gina Derrico

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of April 23rd and April 24th
4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Robert Sprague and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero, Judy Perkowski and Al Bluemle
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Pam Arrigo, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharer, John Zawistowski, John Fosythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snively, Sharon Warner, Larry DiBello, 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 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 390 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,468.00.

Every week we gather at Mass to hear God’s Word. We listen to the Lord to “remain faithful to the grace of God.” Do we realize it guide our lives we discover a more joy-filled life.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council nominees and their biographies are included in this week’s bulletin. Elections will be next weekend, April 23rd and 24th. Ballots will be included in next week’s bulletin. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to vote.

“CONCERT FOR THE SOUL”

Mother’s Day Weekend
Saturday, May 7th—7:30 p.m.
St. Mary of the Lake Church
4737 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg


Event is by donation and a reception will follow.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today’s scripture highlights why people of Biblical times gathered on the Sabbath. It was, “to hear the word of the Lord.” Paul and Barnabas urged those listening to the Word of the Lord to “remain faithful to the grace of God.” Do we realize that our Sunday readings, are a grace—a gift—from God? Every week we gather at Mass to hear God’s Word. We listen as the scriptures are interpreted for us by our priests and deacons who help us understand what they mean in our life. When we join together to receive God’s gift of his word and let it guide our lives we discover a more joy-filled life.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY SILENT TICKET AUCTION

Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Silent Ticket Auction on Saturday, April 30th at 1069 Delaware Avenue. New this Year: Adults only. Beer and wine will be served and new kitchen items. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and drawing will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. Our admission price is a low $5.00 and includes 25 tickets. There will be over 100 theme trays and raffle items available as well as two special raffles for a Salvatore Italian Gardens overnighter package and a TV. Silent Auction items include a Mansion on Delaware package and Fine Dining/theater packages.

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 cwb.org or on Facebook.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, April 16th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, April 17th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Gianna Grace Santillo

SATURDAY, April 23rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Home Missions Collection
4:00 pm: Parish Council Elections

SUNDAY, April 24th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Home Missions Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Parish Council Elections

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs $35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week’s appeal.

BLESSED TRINITY CONCERT

Blessed Trinity Church will close its 2015-16 concert season on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. with a performance of “American Originals” by the Buffalo Brass Choir, the parish’s ensemble-in-residence. The program features all-American works originally composed for brass ensemble. Highlights include “Fanfaria” by local composer Rob Deemer, and a solo performance by Timothy Smith, second trombone with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The program concludes with Brian Balmages’ rousing “Symphony No. 1 for Brass and Percussion”.

Free Will Offering—Suggested Donation: $10.00. The landmark church at 317 Leroy Avenue (between Fillmore and Grider) in Buffalo is wheelchair accessible with secured off-street parking.