ARRANGEMENTS should be made at least one year in advance. Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment.

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 Schouplnikoff 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 Alfre M. Mosack 1965-1979

Announced Masses of the Week

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

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

MONDAY, April 25: SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, April 26: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Adelaide D. Volo, by Family

WEDNESDAY, April 27: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

THURSDAY, April 28: SAINT PETER CHANEL AND SAINT LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT
12:05 pm: Clement Eckert, by Clem and Anne Eckert

FRIDAY, April 29: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
12:05 pm: Sandra Chudziki, by Sister, Michelle

SATURDAY, April 30:
2:00 pm: Wedding of James Neiler and Shannon Toughey
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Howard Kerber, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

SUNDAY, May 1: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

ST. LOUIS SURPASSES ITS UPON THIS ROCK GOAL

It is with great happiness that I announce to you that St. Louis has exceeded its goal of $959,000 for the Upon This Rock program. That means that Catholic Charities will receive its promised $129,000 for their Annual Appeal; St. Louis will receive 35% of the $959,000; and now St. Louis is eligible to receive 55% for every dollar collected toward the Upon This Rock campaign. That means for every one dollar that is now collected for Upon This Rock, St. Louis will receive 55 cents.

Our focus will now shift to supporting the Mission of St. Louis Parish while at the same time also helping the Mission of the Diocese and Catholic Charities. Our parish has received overwhelming support from our parishioners who have been contacted to assist in this campaign. I am always highly impressed with the generosity and kindness that comes from our parish community.

Invitations have been sent out to 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. These receptions will be held at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory to let us know if you can join us.

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 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.

Thank you for all that you continue to do for our parish. May God bless you all.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, John Zwistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Feogen.

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. Msgr. John I. Ducette, Ann Marie Doscher and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

In your prayers...

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 Sharrer, John Zwistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Feogen.

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MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the well-being of Pam Zwistowski, for a Speedy Recovery, requested by Bert Hyde.

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.

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of April 30th and May 1st
4:00 pm: Ann Dumanksy
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of April 30th and May 1st
4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Robert Sprague, Mike Mikos and Kevin Brayer
9:00 am: Tim and Mary O’Shea and Rosemary Bloch
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Paul Griffin and Keith and Kathy Boerner
SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 374 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,236.00. 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, April 23rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Home Missions Collection

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

SATURDAY, April 30th
9:00 am: First Communion Rehearsal
10:30 am: First Penance Service
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, May 1st
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
11:00 am: First Communion Mass

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today’s scriptures tell us of Paul and Barnabas travelling from city to city preaching the gospel and “opening the door of faith” for new disciples. Paul and Barnabas encouraged their new disciples to build their faith, telling them that, although they may face hardships along the way, God would be with them. They would persevere. What this tells us is that entering a faith community marks only the beginning of our faith journey. Being true to our faith and our beliefs through words and actions is not always easy. Modern society tolerates our faith, but often does not support it. And frequently our own bad habits get in the way. But we, too, can trust that God will help us. Like the early disciples, we must persevere in our dedication to our faith, despite the obstacles we may face. We are invited to enter the door to a new, stronger faith and, through it, to continually grow in love for God and one another.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS THIS WEEKEND
APRIL 23RD AND 24TH

We would like to congratulate our newly elected and re-elected members of the Parish Council. The Parish Council is most grateful to all nominees for their willingness to serve and to all the parishioners who participated in the nomination process. We had 5 highly capable candidates running for 5 open Council seats. Ryan and Lindsay McGowan and Patricia Doyle were re-elected for a three year term, along with Robert Sprague and Charles Jones who are newly elected for a three year term. We welcome these new members to the Parish Council.

Paul Brown and John Zygaj have completed their terms on the Parish Council and we thank them for their service to the parish. Installation of all 15 Parish Council Members will take place at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, June 5th.

THANK YOU

Msgr. Manganello:
I just want to let you know how gorgeous the altar looks this Easter season. I know it has to be a lot of work to decorate the altar with maybe 200 different flowers. The flowers, colors and look is outstanding! I try to come to your church on my lunch hour—so thank you for creating a beautiful altar.

Cindy McDonald

“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

Join us for an inspiring evening of song and poetic reflections honoring the Essence of Motherhood and celebrating our own mothers both living and with us in spirit.
Event is by donation and a reception will follow.

“CONCERT FOR THE SOUL”

Pentecost Weekend
Friday, May 13th—7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 15th—7:30 p.m.
SS. Columba-Brigid Church
75 Hickory Street, Buffalo

Event is by donation and a reception will follow. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Peaceprints of WNY.

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 drawings 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’s Italian Gardens overnighter package and a TV. Silent Auction items include a Mansion on Delaware package and Fine Dining/theater packages.