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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 Mroz
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

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

**CELEBRATIONS OF GOD’S LOVE**

The Gospel this weekend tells us Jesus and His Father will come to make their dwelling with those who love them. We have received the gift of faith and the way that we nourish that gift of faith is through allowing God to show us His love. The Sacraments of the Church are our gift of love from God and Jesus. It is through the grace of the Sacraments that Jesus and His Father come to live with us.

Our church of St. Louis through the grace of the Holy Spirit continues to grow as the Lord works wonders among us. During the Easter season we continue to celebrate growth in our faith as we celebrate with our members the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Saturday morning we celebrated First Penance with our young people and their families who have been learning about God’s mercy and forgiveness. We congratulate our 10 parishioners: Caylee Elizabeth Adams, Maxwell James Bruce, Sofia A. Callocchia, Gianna Marie Deni, Annalise Grace Gothgen, Jacqueline MacKenna Miller, Rita Elizabeth Plizga, Henry Francis Plizga, Siena Ann Rogalski and Charlotte Elizabeth Woods.

Sunday morning at the 11:00 Mass, we celebrate First Eucharist with our 7 young people and their families who have been preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. They will join us at the Table of the Lord each Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist. We congratulate: Mara Katherine Barry, Alessandra Nouvel L. Ferrer, Alonzo Marco L. Ferrer, Carolyn Grace Manning, Chole Joe C. Moll, Collin Robert Parisi, and Noah MacDonald Rajecki.

We are grateful to all who have prepared our children for these special sacraments that they are receiving. Thank you to our Catechists: Linda Ciccia, Matthew and Nora Plizga and Ashlee Campbell. Thank you to our Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell for coordinating these programs as well as all our other Faith Formation Programs. Thank you also to the parents who support their children in the ways of faith formation. Thank you to all our parishioners for their prayers for all who are receiving God’s grace today.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

Today we hear that all people, regardless of where they come from, are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem. Christ has appointed people to remind His children of this, and to help them to live accordingly. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Mary Almeida, Pam Arrigo, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snively, 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 Thomas (Tommy) Williams 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 397 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,979.00 and Catholic Home Missions collection was $703.00.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables our 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."

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

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 p m: 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

WEDNESDAY, May 4th

4:30 pm: Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord

THURSDAY, May 5th—Holy Day of Obligation

12:05 pm: The Ascension of the Lord

SATURDAY, May 7th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, May 8th—Happy Mother’s Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Mother’s Day gift tip: Tickets to the fabulous Forte Tenors concert June 30 at Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo. Your mother will thank you for a great evening and you will help the 2016 Appeal in support of Catholic Charities! Presented by LP Ciminelli and an anonymous donor, all proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities. Forte has quickly established itself as the hottest new crossover sensation and the most successful group to be launched from the reality series America’s Got Talent. Find out more and purchase tickets at [kleinhansbuffalo.org](http://kleinhansbuffalo.org). There is even a special meet and greet VIP ticket opportunity. Find Good Within. Open hearts follow Jesus’ lead. Check us out at ccwny.org. Also find us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

**MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE**

On Mother’s Day weekend, May 7th and 8th, Masses will be offered for our mothers—living or deceased. We invite you to enroll your mother in this remembrance by using one of the envelopes provided for this purpose. Envelopes can be found in the March/April envelope packet and on the tables near the entrances to the church. The best gift of gratitude that we can give our mother is a spiritual gift. Remembering our mother in such a way—if she still has an earthly address or a heavenly one—expresses our appreciation and respect for her. May God reward her for her unselfish life of service to us.

Dear Msgr. Sal,

Thank you for allowing your parishioners to collect food items during the Lenten project. You can be proud of your parish community cooperation. May God Bless you and your families.

Sister Mary Johnice

Dear Parishioners at St. Louis,

Thank you for your generous collection of food items during the Lenten-Food Drive Project. You helped us fill our food pantry shelves with necessary and favorite food items. May God Bless you and your families.

Sister Mary Johnice

**CHIAVETTA’S CHICKEN DINNER**

St. Michael’s Church
651 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY
Thursday, May 5
4:00—7:00 p.m.—$10.00 each
TAKE OUT ONLY
Call 854-6726 to buy tickets, or go to the rectory in person.

**“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, NY


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, NY
Between Clinton Street and North Division


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