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/CHORISTER .............................................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 Zyga
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.

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.

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 Sergius Schoulepnikoff ..............1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ......................1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..............1888-1916
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ..................1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .................1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott .......................1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ..................1965-1979

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**SATURDAY, May 7:**
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Jeffrey Ricci and Laura Buerger
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

**SUNDAY, May 8:**
- **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish
  - 11:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

**MONDAY, May 9:**
- **EASTER WEEKDAY**
  - 12:05 pm: Olga E. Sadowski, by Department of Catholic Schools

**TUESDAY, May 10:**
- **SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER**
  - 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

**WEDNESDAY, May 11:**
- **EASTER WEEKDAY**
  - 12:05 pm: Anthony and Angelina Pellicane, by Josephine Pellicane

**THURSDAY, May 12:**
- **SAINT NEREUS AND SAINT ACHILLEUS**
  - 12:05 pm: Mary Steimel, by Daughter, Roseann Curtis

**FRIDAY, May 13:**
- **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**
  - 12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**SATURDAY, May 14:**
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of William Cooper and Erin Doyle
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**
  - Joseph State, by Ruth State

**SUNDAY, May 15:**
- **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
  - 9:00 am: Grace Mandolfo, by Parents, Michael and Christina
  - 11:00 am: Bernice A. Weber, by Family

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
- Weekend of May 14th an May 15th
  - 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
  - 9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
  - 11:00 am: Gina Derrico

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
- Weekend of May 14th and May 15th
  - 4:00 pm: Kevin Brayer and Frank and Jane Pelosi
  - 9:00 am: Tim and Mary O’Shea, Susan Ministero and Rosemary Bloch
  - 11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, Paul Griffin and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**MEmorial Prayer Candles**
- The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Daniel R. Sealander, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Elizabeth Hanssel, requested by Michael Riester and the St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Tommy Williams, requested by Friends.
- 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.

**UPON THIS ROCK AT ST. LOUIS CONTINUES ITS SUCCESS**

Two weeks ago it was my happy privilege to announce to you that St. Louis had surpassed its goal of $959,000 in the Upon this Rock program. Since that time the total raised by our parish has grown to more than $1.2 million dollars. That means that St. Louis receives 55% for every dollar collected toward the Upon This Rock effort. That translates into $.55 for every dollar stays here at St. Louis.

We will continue to focus on supporting the mission of St. Louis Parish while at the same time assisting the mission of Catholic Charities and the ministries of the Diocese. Letters have been sent to all parishioners inviting them to be a part of this historic initiative. We have a chance of reaching $1.35 million dollars with the continued support of all parishioners working together. The success of everything we do at St. Louis depends on all of us working together.

The next two weekends we will be doing what are called “commitment weekends.” We will be asking everyone who is at Mass to consider making a commitment to the Upon This Rock effort. A pledge card was also included in the mailing you should have received that can be returned to the parish before the commitment weekends.

I continue to be grateful for your dedicated commitment to St. Louis and ask that you kindly consider being a part of this venture as we seek to serve our community and strengthen the Catholic Church in Western New York for generations to come.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Remember the 24th annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will occur on Saturday, May 14. Catholic Charities’ eight food pantries in Erie, Cattaragus and Allegany counties will be among the local pantries to benefit from the bag(s) of non-perishable foods you leave for your mail carrier to pick up next Saturday. And, Happy Mother’s Day! A special word of appreciation to mothers for all you do to nurture and care for your children. Don’t forget to slow down and take care of your self throughout the year. Remember, Catholic Charities can help with counseling, parenting skills and other programs geared to families. For more information, contact your local Catholic Charities, call (716) 856-4494 to find a location nearest you, or go to ccwny.org.

**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 Sharrar, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snavely, 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 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 466 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $8,695.00.

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, 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

MONDAY, May 9th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, May 14th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

SUNDAY, May 15th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection
1:00 pm: German Class—Church Hall

GRILLIN’ FOR GRASS

Grilling for Grass is a fundraiser for Days Park which is an historic Olmsted Park. All proceeds will be donated to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy to be restricted for the care and maintenance of Historic Days Park. Join the Days Park Block Club and Elmwood Village Charter School for the 3rd annual event on Wednesday, June 15th from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in Days Park. Tickets for the Chicken BBQ are $10 pre-sale and $12 the day of the event. Vegetarian meals are available pre-sale only. Tickets are available online at brownpapertickets.com.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE:

Ronald Loss who was on the Merit Roll at Cardinal O’Hara High School for the 3rd quarter of the 2015-2016 school year.
Madeline Burns, Helen Joyce, Cathleen Krabak and Madeline Smith who was on the Honor Roll and Mary Collins, Bailey Mathien and Mary Wachter who was on the Merit Roll at Nardin Academy High School during the 3rd quarter of the 2015-16 school year.
Jonathan Rucinski and James Twist who achieved First Honors, Stephen Boyd who achieved Second Honors and August Mathien who achieved Third Honors at Canisius High School during the 3rd marking period.

MOTHER

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

MSGR. SCHWINGER MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM

Next weekend there is a second collection for the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program. Many people come to our door every day from Monday through Friday and we are able to feed them through your generosity. So many of the patrons of the Saint Louis Sandwich Program are going through may hardships and difficulties in their lives—yet, they always come to the door with a smile on their face and with hope in their hearts that tomorrow will be a better day. The Sandwich Program gives dignity, respect and compassion to those most in need in our city. Your continued support of the Sandwich Program helps keep hope alive in the hearts of many “unknown faces” living in our own backyards. Thank you for helping make tomorrow a little bit better for some of the most vulnerable in our city.

“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


VOCATION THOUGHT

In Christ we all find our unity. In that unity, we each have a unique role. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Why were you born? Have you ever considered that, perhaps, the earth is meant to be a better place because you are here? In chapter 24 of the gospel of Luke Jesus instructs his followers to “be witnesses” for him. The message provides insights for us about why God created us and what he wants for us—and from us. God created us for life with Him, a life greater than anything we can imagine. Yes, he is our creator, but he is also inviting us into something more—a relationship with him as our Father. It is up to us to accept that invitation. We learn how from the example of Jesus—by using our unique gifts to make this world a better place, and by loving one another and God as Jesus did. When we do that we are witnesses to God’s love, and we confirm our destiny as his children. What changes might you need to make in your life now to ensure your destiny?