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 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.

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.

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Darlene Sliwinski, requested by Family.** 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.

Dear Diocesan Family:

“I’d like to take a moment to ask all Catholics, and all people of Good Will, to let your voices be heard against the evil of assisted suicide. It’s an issue where the Church sees no gray area.

Over the next six weeks, NY State lawmakers will be considering legislation that would allow terminally ill patients to sign off on their own lives by giving doctors permission to prescribe deadly medication.

Proponents of this legislation call it ‘Dying with Dignity’, but the Catholic Church hardly considers it ‘dignified’ to go against God’s plan and choose the time and method of one’s death.

The End of Life for the terminally ill can be long and excruciating, but so many advancements have been made in palliative care that we often do have options of whether to die at home or in a Hospice setting, with whatever level of pain management we choose.

The choice of WHEN and HOW we die is in God’s hands...not ours.

I ask you to stand up for LIFE, share this message on social media, and contact your State lawmakers urging them to oppose any assisted suicide legislation, so that in our final days, our human dignity is respected and protected.”

To contact your State Representatives use this: http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic conference-action-center.

Sincerely,

Most Rev. Richard Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

**FINAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR UPON THIS ROCK AT ST. LOUIS**

This weekend is our final “commitment weekend” for the Upon This Rock initiative. We will be asking everyone who is at Mass to consider making a commitment to the Upon This Rock effort. Last weekend many expressed an interest in supporting the Upon This Rock venture. This weekend we are asking everyone, if possible, to let us know what your decision is so that we can finalize our participation in Upon This Rock. We have a very good chance of reaching $1.35 million dollars with the continued support of all parishioners working together.

Since the total raised by our parish has grown to $1.3 million dollars 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.

Letters have been sent to all parishioners inviting them to be a part of this historic initiative. A pledge card was also included in the mailing you should have received that can be returned to the parish office or during the commitment weekends.

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.

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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 414 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,947.00 and the Sandwich Program collection was $1,496.00.

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 21st
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Church in Latin America Collection

SUNDAY, May 22nd
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Church in Latin America Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Abigail Mae Sanchez

WEDNESDAY, May 25th
6:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)

THURSDAY, May 26th
7:30 pm: St. Louis Spring Concert

SATURDAY, May 28th
9:00 am: Walk Through Inspection
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, May 29th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Georgia Mae Campbell

VOCATION THOUGHT
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: “The Spirit of Truth will come to you.” What is the ‘truth’ of your life? How can you best serve God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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, Katharyn Guise, Raymond Sharrar, 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 Cecilia Palys and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

ST. LOUIS CHOIR TO PRESENT SPRING CONCERT
The Choir of St. Louis Church will present a spring choral concert on Thursday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

The program is free and open to all. Featured will be works of Farrant, Bruckner, Ouseley, Friedel and others. Please join us for this lovely hour of great choral music.

The St. Louis Choir is an all-volunteer ensemble composed of members of the parish and other area music lovers. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition.

In past years, members of the choir have performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Musicians, Greater Buffalo Opera Company, Opera Sacra, Camerata di San Antonio and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)
The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, this will be a working evening, along with a planning meeting to discuss this year’s flowers and plantings. New volunteers are most welcome. Come and spend your Wednesday evenings helping to beautify God’s little green acre at Main and Edward. The SLGS—Alive in Christ and growing!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Do you find yourself anxious, sad, or feeling “empty”? May is Mental Health Month. Don’t disregard how you feel. Those symptoms could be signs of clinical depression, which impacts more than 15 million Americans each year. Catholic Charities Monsignor Carr Institute offers comprehensive mental health and chemical dependency treatment outpatient services in Erie County, plus three clinics in Niagara County dedicated to the mental health treatment of children ages three through 18, and their families. In all eight counties, Catholic Charities also offers professional counseling in our local offices. Work toward the path to whole health. For more information, look for Counseling and Mental Health in our Services list at ccwny.org or call (716) 218-1400.

 Appeal 2016 deadline: June 30. Find Good Within.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION
Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today’s collection.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
You’ve probably heard people say, “Life doesn’t come with an instruction manual.” Fortunately, this isn’t true. Today we celebrate a central mystery of the Christian faith and life—the Holy Trinity. Catholics believe it’s in the Trinity—God the Father, Jesus his only Son, and the Holy Spirit—that we find guidance and strength. This union of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is working within and through us as we go about our lives. We carry the Father’s love, the Son’s mission, and the Spirit’s truth. God gives us wisdom to seek what is true, right and just. Through Jesus he provides the strength and hope to endure. And He assures that we are not alone, as God promises the Spirit to guide us to live lives of honesty and integrity. God gives us guidance. The instruction manual is there—it is up to us to seek it and be willing to follow it.