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 ................................................................................James Reeves
Vice-President ....................................................................Ryan McGowan
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.

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 Raffeeiner ...................................... 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ........................................... 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall .................................................... 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber .......................... 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulenpnikoff ............................ 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg .............................................. 1867-1888
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..................................... 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laundenbach ................................. 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, July 23:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Peter Lankering and Jessica Sobczak
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Living and Deceased of the John Thomas Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, July 24: **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Arlene Nagel, by Rosemary Bloch

MONDAY, July 25: **SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, July 26: **SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
12:05 pm: Adelaide D. Volo, by Family

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

THURSDAY, July 28: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Charmaine Balassone, by Family and Friends

FRIDAY, July 29: **SAINT MARTHA**
12:05 pm: Edward L. Witman, by Gary and Sandy Witman

SATURDAY, July 30:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Joshua Fronckowiak and Monica Edwards
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Msgr. William A. Schwinger, by Estate
5:30 pm: Wedding of Justin Smyczynski and Christine Smith

SUNDAY, July 31: **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Greg Wisniewski, by Kathryn Missert
11:00 am: Arlene Nagel, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of July 30th and July 31st
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: John Zygaj

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of July 30th and July 31st
4:00 pm: Ron and Margaret Foegen and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Susan Ministero and John and Nancy Pax
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Sue Kolbe and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Speedy Recovery of Debbie Buyers, requested by Mom.
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.

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ MEDICAL BENEFITS

Each year in December we conduct a collection for retired priests and sisters who belong to religious orders. Unfortunately, this fund does not benefit the retired diocesan priests who have served in our many parishes over the years. Your support for the Retirement Fund for Religious is most appreciated.

This year the diocese, in consultation with various clergy, financial organizations of the diocese and the Priest Retirement Board, has determined that there is a need to establish a fund to ensure that the future medical needs of our retired diocesan priests will be met. Actuaries for the Priest Retirement Board have determined that a fund of $27,000,000 would be needed for the care of our retired priests in the future. The current Upon This Rock campaign has designated 7% or $7,000,000 for this purpose. This however, will not meet the total need.

Throughout the long history of our diocese, we have been served by hundreds and hundreds of dedicated priests. Today, there are 128 retired diocesan priests incurring the cost of living on their own or in one of the four diocesan retirement homes. Although retired, many of these priests continue to minister sacramentally in the parishes of our diocese much like Msgr. Madsen does at St. Louis and Msgr. Mack before him. Some of the retired priests currently assisting in ministry are in their 90’s.

The weekend of August 6th and 7th, the closest weekend to the feast of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, there will be a second collection for the Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits. Once again your generous support is encouraged. Please continue to pray for our priests, whether serving or retired, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alois, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almida, Pam Arrigo, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walker, Spencer Daly, Kathryn Guse, Raymond Sharer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snively, Sharon Wamer, Larry DiGilio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abrn 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 380 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $9,176.00.

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, July 23rd
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Mission Appeal Collection

SUNDAY, July 24th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Mission Appeal Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Brant David Callocchia

SATURDAY, July 30th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, July 31st
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

2016 MISSION APPEAL

We welcome Fr. Joseph Ofeh of the diocese of Obuasi in Ghana. He is doing a Mission Appeal here this weekend for his home diocese of Obuasi. The second collection this weekend is for his diocese in Ghana to help support education for children, formation of seminarians, youth building schools and churches. Your generous and prayerful support is most gratefully appreciated.

VOCATION THOUGHT

When we consider our vocation, we may feel called to priesthood or religious life, but not feel strong or qualified enough to pursue our call. God knows all that we lack, and is ready to grant what we need if only we ask.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Abraham is the model of persistence in prayer as we see in today’s first reading. He doesn’t let up in asking God over and over to spare the innocent people in the city of Sodom. Note that Abraham isn’t asking on behalf of himself. He is concerned about the well-being of others and knows it is God’s disposition to be merciful. The story teaches us that God is just. As He is persistent in his mercy, compassion and love for us, we too must be persistent in our relationship with God and have mercy, compassion and love for others. Like Abraham, we should never let up in asking God to help us discern His will for us. That includes daily prayer for others as well as our own needs, and striving to be constantly in communion with one another. That is the kind of persistent prayer Jesus taught us—prayer from the heart with attentiveness to God’s divine presence every day in our lives.

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

What good news? The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This year, many preschool through grade 10 children will attend faith formation classes to learn more about the love of God and the Catholic faith. Can you help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist? As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well!

Catechists teach 1 to 3 hours each month, from Sunday, September 18th to Sunday, April 30th. Classes are multi-age (PreK—Kindergarten, 1-2 grade, 3-4 grade, 5-6 grade, 7-8 grade & 9-10 grade) and are typically small, between 8-10 students. St. Louis provides all teaching materials, classroom materials, and support.

If interested or for more information, contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you considering becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is being called to join our faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. The process is intended for adults: (1) who were never baptized; (2) those baptized in another Christian faith who wish to become Catholic; and (3) those baptized Catholic, but did not make their First Holy Communion or were not Confirmed.

Classes are held on Sundays, directly after the 11:00 Mass (approximately 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.), in the St. Louis Sacristy. The first class for the 2016-2017 year will be Sunday, September 18th. More information, the registration form, and the calendar are available on the St. Louis website: http://stlouisrcchurch.org/faith_formation.php. Contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) to register or with inquiries.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE:

An Interfaith Prayer Service will be held at St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY on Thursday, July 28 from 7:00—8:00 p.m. in response to the current eruption of violence throughout the United States and the world. Pastor Pridgen, a Jewish Rabbi and Muslim Imam will represent their respective faiths along with Msgr. Robert E. Zapfel, Pastor of St. Leo’s by reading from their sacred texts and offering prayers. All are welcome to come and pray for peace in the world and in the hearts of all God’s people united in love.

“GRIEFSHARE” SUPPORT GROUP

Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church! If you’ve experienced the death of a loved one, or know someone who has, please consider joining us on September 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in our Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, NY A different DVD will be shown on two Wednesdays of each month on how to cope with Grief and Loss. Coffee and an informal discussion will follow! Come join us for the first session! Call Sister Joyce to register!! 683-6522, Ext. 103.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

A recent study revealed that four out of five Americans will face poverty in their lifetime, which is no longer limited to race, age or location. Here across Western New York we work to reduce poverty and help those in need through basic/emergency assistance, counseling, education and job readiness services. For more information about these services, call (716) 856-4494, and office near you, or go to www.ccwny.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.