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UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE

On February 18th, Bishop Richard Malone unveiled a bold new initiative for the Diocese of Buffalo called Upon This Rock. Upon This Rock is a five year initiative to raise $100 million to support the ongoing ministries of the Diocese. Each Parish in the Diocese will be involved in this endeavor in the coming years. Each Parish is given a goal to assist in reaching the overall goal of $100 million. As of this past week, the total goal raised for Upon This Rock is over $54 million or 54% of the overall goal for the diocese.

We were part of what is known as the Block 1 Parishes. We began this program before Christmas and have received a good deal of support from our parishioners. Our Parish goal was $959,000. As of this writing St. Louis has raised $1,383,285 toward this effort. This represents 144% of our goal. We are in the process of finishing up our segment of the Upon This Rock program.

From our $959,000 goal, Catholic Charities has received $129,000 toward the 2016 Appeal. For every dollar we raised toward this Parish goal, the Parish will receive $35% of the goal. From the $424,285 over and above our goal St. Louis will receive 55% of that amount.

The benefits of the Upon This Rock initiative are many. Not only are we supporting our own mission at St. Louis Church, but also the continued mission of the Diocese and the mission of Catholic Charities.

I am always highly impressed with the generosity and kindness that comes from our parish community. Thank you once again for your generous support of the Church in Western New York and the Diocese of Buffalo. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to prepare for the future of the Church in Western New York.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Mary Kay Doxey, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Siwinski, Sara Rimmuk, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alovs, George Calhoun, Miriam Tokie, Mary Almeida, Pam Arrigo, Debbie Boyers, 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 Mary Ann Ribits, Deacon Fred Johnson 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 294 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,804.00 and the Mission Appeal collection was $1,512.00.

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 30th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

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

MONDAY, August 1st
7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

WEDNESDAY, August 3rd
6:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society—SLGS

SATURDAY, August 6th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, August 7th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

VOCATION THOUGHT
What are you pursuing more, comfort or God’s plan for you? Pray to know God’s will, especially if you think He’s calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

LITTLE SAINTS:
St. Louis’ Early Childhood Ministry

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14). Little Saints introduces children 5 and under to the love of God through fun, faith-based lessons and aims to support parents as they teach their child(ren) about our faith. Together, families will read Bible stories, sing songs, have short lessons, pray, and use craft projects to model and teach God’s love. Classes are held once to twice a month. Come to one or all classes. Prior registration for each class is required to ensure there will be enough supplies. Check the St. Louis website for class dates (http://stlouisrcchurch.org). For more information or to register, please contact Ashlee Campbell (716) 834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

Church Picnic

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21st following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Sahlen’s hot dogs, Italian sausage and hamburgers will be prepared by our Award Winning Grilling Experts, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass; salads are always needed and desserts are a welcome addition.

Volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the picnic, and even the smallest contribution of your time is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located at the church entrances. Come and enjoy the afternoon with your friends and meet your fellow parishioners!

Two-person teams for the 5th Annual Msgr. Manganello Bocce Open Tournament are now forming and competition will be held during the parish picnic. You need not have Bocce skills or be Italian to compete. Team sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances. Get a team together and enjoy the fun!

2016-2017 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
REGISTRATION

St. Louis’ 2016-2017 Pre-K to 10th grade Faith Formation program will begin on Sunday, September 18th and continue until Sunday, April 30th. All children are welcome to attend and there is no cost to enroll. Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:50—10:50 a.m., in the church hall. Families new to St. Louis need to register. Families who completed Faith Formation classes last year do not need to re-register. Registration forms, as well as the Faith Formation calendar, are available on the St. Louis website (http://www.stlouisrcchurch.org) or families can contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

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, & 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.