2016
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 187th Anniversary

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Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

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PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

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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.

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 Schouлепnikoff .................................. 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. Anstatt ..................................... 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .................................... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott ................................................. 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ..................................... 1965-1979

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Edward Zawistowski, requested by Son, David Zawistowski.

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.

WORK AS VOCATION

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Mt 11:28-30)

Many people may look at Labor Day as a day of rest, but it is more than that. Many people look at work as a drudgery or burden to be endured, but it is much more than that. The Lord established the Sabbath as a day of rest from our labors when in the Book of Genesis we are told on the seventh day the Lord rested from his work [of creation]. The Lord gives us permission to rest from our life work.

The Church has always put a positive spin on work as something valuable and necessary for the dignity of every human being. For many years the Church has commented on the necessity of work in the lives of every human being recognizing that Jesus devoted many years of his own life on earth to manual work as a carpenter.

In his document Laudato Si, On the Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis writes: “We were created with a vocation to work. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment.”

On Labor Day we pause to reflect on the dignity of work for every member of the human family. Again Pope Francis tells us: “We need to remember that men and women have ‘the capacity to improve their lot, to further their moral growth and to develop their spiritual endowments.’ Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God.”

I remember one day meeting one of the people who come for sandwiches as I was heading over to the Catholic Center on a beautiful day bemoaning the fact that I had to go to work. He simply said to me: “I wish I had a job to go to.” I haven’t thought of work the same way since. Let us be grateful that God has given us the ability to work and pray for those who need work.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Mary Kay Doxey, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rinnmiller, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Pam Arzigio, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Heller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Kathryn Guise, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vlz, 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 375 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,185.00. 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, September 3rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, September 4th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12 noon: Baptism of Anika Naomi Zieziula

MONDAY, September 5th—Labor Day
No Mass Today—Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 6th
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, September 10th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, September 11th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
10:00 am—10:45 am: Little Saints—Church Hall

OKTOBERFEST

On Sunday, October 2, 2016, the Sisters of St. Joseph are sponsoring an Oktoberfest. It will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, NY (corner of Cleveland Drive and Century) from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. featuring the music of “The Auslanders”.

German food, including Knockwurst and Weisswurst, limburger cheese sandwiches and German Potato Salad will be served. Dancing, singing and raffles will be part of the event. Entrance fee is $5.00 ($6.00 at the door).

Call 759-6454—ext. 20 for tickets and more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Labor Day is this nation’s tribute to the contributions of American workers in our country. Not only do you work hard to help this country remain strong and prosperous, you also show compassion and generosity by returning a portion of that hard-earned money to help others in need through your support of Catholic Charities. Enjoy your Labor Day and accept our gratitude for your dedication and year-round support.

Find us at ccwny.org or on facebook.com/ccbuffalo and twitter.com/ccbuffalo.

10TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

We will be celebrating our 10th Annual Oktoberfest on October 30, 2016. Be sure to mark your calendars! More details to follow.

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 children(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://stlouissrccchurch.org). For more information or to register, please contact Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

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.stlouissrccchurch.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 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 Sacristry. 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://stlouissrccchurch.org/faith_form.php.

Contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) to register or with inquiries.