2016

St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 187th Anniversary

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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
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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.

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 Sergus Schoulepnikoff …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. 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, November 12:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Ronald Schiefer and Sarah O’Brota
4:00 pm: **Vigil for Third-Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Rev. Jon J. Dekowski, CSSR, by Family

SUNDAY, November 13: **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am: Mary Deveau, by Molly Brewster
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

MONDAY, November 14: **Weekday**
12:05 pm: Doll Family, by Irene D. Curtis Estate

TUESDAY, November 15: **Saint Albert the Great**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, November 16: **Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint Gertrude**
12:05 pm: Isabelle H. Keenan, by Family

THURSDAY, November 17: **Saint Elizabeth**
12:05 pm: Caroline Schrecke, by Estate

FRIDAY, November 18: **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**
12:05 pm: Jose Barela, by Michael Henry

SATURDAY, November 19:
12 noon: Wedding of Gregory Guenther and Nina Clark
2:00 pm: Wedding of Matthew Adams and Serena Slattery
4:00 pm: **Vigil for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, November 20: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: William Riester Family, by Michael Riester

**Schedule of Lectors**
Weekend of November 19th and November 20th
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky and Kristin Bender
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo

**Schedule of Special Ministers of Holy Communion**
Weekend of November 19th and November 20th
4:00 pm: Ron and Margaret Foegen and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O’Shea
11:00 am: Michael Mandolfo, Pat Doyle, Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

**Memorial Prayer Candle**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Lucille Decker, requested by Daughter**.
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.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Every year in the fall, all parishes in the Diocese are required to submit a Financial and Spiritual Report on the state and activity of the parish to the Diocese. You will find our annual financial report that has been submitted to the Diocese in the bulletin.

The Financial Report shows that our parish is well supported by our parishioners and friends. Because of your kind generosity we are able to maintain our parish programs and facilities. In addition, this year through your selfless sacrifice, our parish was able to conclude the successful initiative of *Upon This Rock* with a total of $1,383,285. Our *Preservation Fund* is well on its way. On behalf of the trustees, the Finance/Restoration Committee and the Parish Council, thank you for all of your dedicated efforts with your time, treasure and talent that you freely offer to St. Louis.

During this past year, our Spiritual Report shows that many people have benefited spiritually from the St. Louis faith community. We have 676 households registered with St. Louis totaling 1,568 members. Our membership can fluctuate from year to year due to the fact that some may have relocated and some of our parishioners have been called home to God during the year.

There are 20 catechists that volunteer their time and talent to provide instruction in our various faith formation programs that include: Pre-Baptismal Instruction, Religious Education and RCIA along with the various other programs that are offered from time to time. Assisting in our Liturgical Functions are: 13 Lectors, 30 Eucharistic Ministers, 8 Altar Servers, 24 Ushers/Greeters, 3 Music Ministers and a Choir of about 40 who help us worship each Sunday. *(We welcome more people to consider being Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters and Music Ministry.)* We have 5 Home/Hospital Visitors who visit a few of our parishioners who are confined to home or a health care facility and assist at Buffalo General Hospital.

In the past year, 35 children were baptized, 10 children and 1 adult received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, 8 children and 1 adult received First Eucharist, 8 young adults and 1 adult received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 59 couples were married at St. Louis. Of the 9 funerals/memorial Masses celebrated here about 7 were members of our parish.

All this activity is a sign that St. Louis is and continues to be a strong and vibrant parish. We continue to minister to the people of God both of our own parish and the wider community by welcoming all to our parish.

Thank you all for praying and participating in the Faith Community of St. Louis.

Msgr. Manganello

**In your prayers...**
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Comell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmiker, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alot, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Pam Arrigo, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Winters, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snaveley, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Charles Gary Jones, Gerald Jordan, Kelly Rae Gallivan Hathaway, Kathryn Guise 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 398 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,077.00. All Saints collection was $767.00 and Catholic University of America collection was $676.00.

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS
SATURDAY, November 12th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, November 13th
9:50 am & 11:00 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

MONDAY, November 14th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

WEDNESDAY, November 16th
6:00 pm: Little Saints Class—Church Hall

SATURDAY, November 19th
9:00 am: Saint Louis Garden Society—SLGS
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection, Fuel Collection and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

SUNDAY, November 20th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection, Fuel Collection and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA
7:30 pm: Canisius College Chorale—Sacred Spaces

VOCAITION THOUGHT
Great things may require a great while and patient endurance, but are worth it in the end. We all share the work of anticipating the full reign of God’s kingdom, but what is YOUR role? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Next week’s collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

CANISIUS COLLEGE CHORALE TO PERFORM IN ST. LOUIS CHURCH
The Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will continue its 2016-2017 Sacred Spaces concert series with a program on Sunday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Louis Church, Main and Edward Streets, Buffalo.

The concert will feature works by Faure, Ticheli, Vivaldi, Whitacre, Dawson and others. Admission is free.

Sacred Spaces stems from an idea the choir proposed ten years ago to feature its music in some of Western New York’s most beautiful and acoustically resonant environments namely, the sanctuaries of our area’s churches. As a result, the choir has visited nearly forty houses of worship with its repertoire of sacred and secular music spanning five centuries.

Now in its twentieth season, The Canisius College Chorale remains one of Western New York’s most active collegiate music ensembles. Composed of 100 undergraduate and graduate members, the Chorale regularly presents concert programs to school, church and community audiences throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario. In recent years, the Chorale has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Chamber Musicians, Amherst Symphony Orchestra, Camerata di Sant’ Antonio, Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, Vocalis Chamber Choir, Choir of Blessed Sacrament Church and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

Please join us for a lovely evening of great choral music.

For more information, please call Canisius College Music Office: 888-2536.

ST. LOUIS PRESERVATION FUND
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the St. Louis Preservation Fund. The Preservation Fund is an important way for us to raise funds so that we may complete special projects that need to be done. Thank you for helping us with these projects through your generosity.

So far, $16,605 has been donated.

SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY—SLGS
The Saint Louis Garden Society—SLGS will meet again Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. for Part II of the fall yard cleanup. New volunteers are most welcome.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
We all face trials and tribulations in our lives that often cause fear and despair. We can take comfort in the encouraging words of Jesus in today’s Gospel as he tells us not to be afraid. Even the most difficult challenges can remind us that the words of Jesus promise the ultimate victory—new life in heaven—for those who persevere and remain faithful to God. We believe Jesus Christ is the victor and he invites us all to share in the glory of that victory. Jesus provides the wisdom we need to see us through the challenges in our lives.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Keeping the children’s best interests top priority is not always easy in the turmoil of divorce. Parents can learn how to develop a "professional" relationship with their co-parent for the benefit of the children—and oneself. Our Kids: Parent Education and Awareness programs, offered in the eight counties of the Diocese, are designed for any parents who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or visitation issues. For details call your neighborhood Catholic Charities office of 896-6390. Check us out at ccwny.org.