**1916 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

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**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.

**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 Raffeiner ……………………..1850-1851
- Reverend William Deiters ……………………..1855-1861
- Reverend J. E. Moshall ……………………..1861-1862
- Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ……………………..1862-1863
- Reverend Sergus Schouplenikoff ……………………..1864-1867
- Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ……………………..1867-1888
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ……………………..1888-1916
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lundenbach ……………………..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 26:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Lucille Enkerud, by Friend

SUNDAY, November 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am: Dorothy Radwan, by Dorothy and Lou Haremski
11:00 am: Nancy Pietrocarlo, by Conti Family

MONDAY, November 28: ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, November 29: ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Andrew and Rosalia Bortzmeier, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, November 30: SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE
12:05 pm: James J. Cimino, Jr., by Daybreak TV Productions

THURSDAY, December 1: ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Deceased of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 2: ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Dorothy Radwan, by Greg and Lisa Nikiel

SATURDAY, December 3:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Jonathan Bayerl and Michelle Milasinovic
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Joseph State, by State Family

SUNDAY, December 4: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am: Antonette Oliverio, by Christopher and Jessica Copeland
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of December 3rd and December 4th
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of December 3rd and December 4th
4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Debbie Guillow, Mike Mikos and Kevin Brayer
9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Jim Brigante and Tim and Mary O'Shea
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. 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.

ADVENT—REJOICE

Advent comes every year, the four weeks before Christmas. Every Advent, we celebrate Jesus’ coming as an infant long ago, his ongoing presence with us now, and his return in glory in the future. Advent is also a season of repentance; John the Baptist calls us to “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt 3:2). We know, as Christian disciples in the twenty-first century, during Advent God calls us anew to figure out how to live in relations to a world that frequently wants little or nothing to do with getting ready to celebrate the Incarnation. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our mission is to prepare the Lord’s way.

The message we hear this Advent is a message about who God is and all God does for his people. God saves, God shelters and God protects us. God’s light triumphs, God provides nourishment, God comforts and heals. Through Advent we learn that Jesus reveals who God is.

Our Advent task is to stay awake, to prepare ourselves for the Lord’s coming. We do not know when this will be. God calls us to respond to all those who seek healing, mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and justice.

The Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete or “rejoice” Sunday, we celebrate the joy that is ours now and in the future. As the Body of Christ we journey in joy to Christmas.

Msgr. Manganello

During the Season of Advent, our diocese will be participating in The Light Is On For You program. This program creates an enhanced opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. In addition to Saturday afternoons, every Thursday, St. Louis Church will be open during Advent at 11:00 a.m. for this opportunity.

The Light Is On For You, December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

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 Rimmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Pam Arrigo, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, Paulette Snively, Sharon Wamer, 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 Rose Szczesny 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.
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, November 26th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, November 27th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
December 1st
11:00 am—12 noon: Confession
SATURDAY, December 3rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, December 4th
9:50 am—10:50 am:
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
December 11th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Meet Santa and help him bring Christmas cheer to those less fortunate by bringing canned good items to donate to Friends of the Night People. Arts and crafts for the kids and a Christmas cookie tasting contest will all be a part of this year’s party.

Interested in helping out with this year’s Christmas Party? Please contact Ryan McGowan of the Parish Life Committee at ryan.mcgowan@gmail.com for more information.

THE WARMTH TREE
St. Louis Church parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will then be given to area families. Help us make this year’s tree the most festive ever. Donations will be accepted the weekends of December 10th & 11th and December 17th & 18th.

RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER
The Response to Love Center provides a variety of compassionate programs that assist those in need and enable self-sufficiency. We asked them for a wish list and were told they are in need of baby food (small jars), diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby powder, baby shampoo and baby wipes as well as men’s and women’s toiletry items. As you can imagine, the list of items needed for those served is lengthy. If you prefer to make a monetary gift to the Center, please place your donation into an envelope marked: “Response to Love Center” and drop it into the collection basket during Mass. Donations will be accepted the weekends of December 10th & 11th and December 17th & 18th.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering his call. If you think God is calling you, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.
You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

SAVE THE DATE
St. Louis Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Meet Santa and help him bring Christmas cheer to those less fortunate by bringing canned good items to donate to Friends of the Night People. Arts and crafts for the kids and a Christmas cookie tasting contest will all be a part of this year’s party.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Do you or someone you know struggle with addiction? If so, Catholic Charities’ Chemical Dependency Treatment Program currently has immediate openings for those who are seeking help. The outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. More information on the program can be found at www.ccwny.org/services/outpatient-clinic. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at 895-1033. For frequent updates from Catholic Charities of Buffalo, follow us on Twitter @ccbuffalo and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ccbuffalo. To browse our full list of services and more, visit ccwny.org.