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.

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.

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 Belli
SECRETARY .................................................................Dolores Vasi

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President .................................................................Jefrev 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.

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 Raffemeier ...............................................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ..........................................................1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ..........................................................1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ...........................................1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulennikoff .........................................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg .........................................................1867-1888

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 14:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 15: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie
11:00 am: Repose of the Souls of Carrie, Mary, Joseph and Thaddeus Klosko, by Family

MONDAY, January 16: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, January 17: **SAINT ANTHONY**
12:05 pm: Richard Arnold, by Daybreak TV Productions

WEDNESDAY, January 18: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Gary Jones, by Parish Council

THURSDAY, January 19: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Francis L. Schreck, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 20: **SAINT FABIAN AND SAINT SEBASTIAN**
12:05 pm: Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle

SATURDAY, January 21:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Living and Deceased of the John Thomas Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, January 22: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Kathy Mitchell, by Marso Family

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of January 21st and January 22nd
4:00 pm: Kristin Bender
9:00 am: Clark Jordan
11:00 am: Gina Derrico

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Weekend of January 21st and January 22nd
4:00 pm: Ron and Margaret Foegen and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Jim Brigante, Al Bluemle and Judy Perkowski
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the well-being of Elaine and Ben Cambria, requested by Bert Hyde. 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.

**WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED**
This weekend our liturgy returns us to Ordinary Time. Most of our lives are lived in the ordinary routine of everyday living. We celebrate special occasions throughout the year which are exceptions to the routine of everyday life.

Throughout the calendar year, we celebrate various occasions that are special to us as individuals like birthdays, anniversaries and family events. Then there are special occasions that we celebrate together like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Christmas is the celebration of the Birth of Christ in which we honor Christ as a child in the manger surrounded by his family (Mary and Joseph), and his friends (the shepherds, Magi and others). But Jesus does not remain a child forever. He goes on to do the everyday work of His heavenly Father.

For our special celebrations of Christmas many people were so helpful in making the season very special for all of us and our visitors. None of what we celebrate could come alive without the many efforts put forth by those who plan, prepare or arrange the celebrations. Everything that happens comes together because of the many generous people of St. Louis who offer their time and talent to bring the Joy of the World to life.

At the Baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God in the form of a dove appears and hovers over Jesus and the voice of the Lord can be heard: “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” If we listen closely, we too will hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us: “You are my beloved with whom I am well pleased.” Thank you to everyone for making our Christmas celebrations a wonderful, prayerful, and spirit filled time of year.

Msgr. Manganello

**In your prayers...**
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascel, 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 Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vilz, 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, especially Rev. James A. Grimmer, Deacon Richard (Dick) Mahaney, Donna Lombardo, David F. Wolski 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 353 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,093.00. 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, January 14th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

Sunday, January 15th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Family Faith Formation Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Sebastian Joseph Lines
1:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) - Take Down Christmas Decorations

Saturday, January 21st
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 22nd
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Coffee Hour
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

Vocation Thought

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Catholic Charities

A Friendly Call—The Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) serving Erie and Chautauqua Counties, and the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5 to 15 minute call. These calls are needed to alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone, and to help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone who would like to receive calls through the programs or to volunteer to make calls, call (585) 343-0614, ext. 18 for Friendly Phones and (716) 218-1400 for TAP. For other services available or volunteer opportunities, visit us at ccwny.org.

St. Louis Preservation Fund

Thank you to everyone who 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 special projects through your generosity.

So far, $35,655 has been donated.

Receipt of Tax Deductible Contributions

We will only issue year end contribution statements if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write “Tax Statement” on the front of your church envelope.

Immigration Exhibit Planned

A new exhibit highlighting the great immigration of the 1840’s and 50’s is being planned for our parish museum. We are looking for any materials regarding our pioneer families and their journey to America. Photos of the immigrants are especially desired. Material would be duplicated and returned to you. Please contact Michael Riester, parish archivist via the rectory.

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, & Confirmation Registration and Classes

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2017. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: http://stlouisrcchurch.org. Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) with questions or for registration forms.

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 Saturdays: March 4th, March 18th, and March 25th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

Bucks 4 Bottles

Rainbow K is hosting a year long bottle drive. We need your help to achieve a big goal and it couldn’t be easier...Simply bring in your clean empty deposit bottles and cans to the Rainbow K School and Bucks 4 Bottles will take care of the rest! 100% of proceeds go to Rainbow K!!! Please drop bottles, cans at 433 Franklin. 10,000 bottles and cans is our goal!!!

Word of Life

“[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.” ~ Pope Francis

Faith Moment Reflection

Author Jeff Keller’s book “Attitude is Everything” became a best seller several years ago, teaching people that changing their attitude could change their lives. Long before Keller’s book, that same message on the right attitude was taught in the scriptures as we see in today’s readings. Changing our attitude to be more what God wants us to be can make a profound difference in the world around us. Isaiah wrote about it when he said “My God is now my strength”. He was professing a new attitude, a willingness to serve God and be a light for others. The world is full of negative attitudes. Hatred. Selfishness. Ingratitude. Greed. We counteract these when we take on the right attitude and follow the example of Jesus with peace, love kindness and generosity. Even in difficult situations, a right attitude— a Godly attitude— shines as a light for others.