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.

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

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**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:**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Kathy Mitchell, by Marso Family

**MONDAY, January 23:**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**TUESDAY, January 24:**
12:05 pm: Josephine Stalikas, by Daybreak TV Productions

**WEDNESDAY, January 25:**
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Estate of Mary K. Crane

**THURSDAY, January 26:**
12:05 pm: Msgr. Robert A. Mack, by Niziti Ascela

**FRIDAY, January 27:**
12:05 pm: Harry Gruenthal, by Donna and Dennis Burns

**SATURDAY, January 28:**
4:00 pm: Charles Codori, by Friend

**SUNDAY, January 29:**
9:00 am: Micah Roetzer, by Hoffman Family
11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by John and Debbie Beller

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of January 28th and January 29th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Weekend of January 28th and January 29th

4:00 pm: Robert Sprague, Debbie Guillow, Jim Ferrini and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Al Bluemle, Susan Ministro and Tim and Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Sue Kolbe and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

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**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Recovery of Jerry Mikula, 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.

**THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US**

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year’s observance is especially important because it marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The theme of the week this year is “Reconciliation—The Love of Christ Compels Us.” The theme finds its origins in Pope Francis’ 2013 Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (“The Joy of the Gospel”) when he used the quote: “The Love of Christ Compels Us” from St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians 5:14-20.

This biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation. “God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” As a result of God’s action, those who have been reconciled in Christ are called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed: “The Love of Christ Compels Us.” In choosing this theme, all Christians are encouraged to take steps toward reconciliation.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity asks that every Christian highlight what we have in common rather than the issues that still divide us. If we work together in friendship despite our theological differences, we can bear witness to the love of Jesus and break down walls of division.

Our country and our world are in desperate need of reconciliation. There are so many divisions marked by hatred and violence, discrimination and terrorism. Reconciliation is not the work of a month or two; it is the ongoing mission of the Church, carrying out the mission of Christ himself.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John from their work as fishermen to apostleship. How is Jesus calling you? Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmiker, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloj, George Calhoun, Miriam Telci, 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 Foege.

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 Deacon Robert Moses, Hon. Mary Ann Killeen Ast, Mary E. Faulhaber 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 400 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,542.00 and the fuel collection was $1,172.00.
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.”

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.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
We all encounter difficulties in life at one point or another. They may arise from situations at home, work, or school. Or in our faith community. Those situations are never easy. Although no one can lessen the difficulty that often surrounds these circumstances, the words of St. Paul in today’s second reading may help us take a broader view. St. Paul tells us that as Christians, we are to be united in the same mind and same purpose—our allegiance is to Jesus Christ first. As Christians, we all belong to Jesus Christ, which means we belong to one another in living out our faith as He taught us. St. Paul knew that our human nature and limitations can cause disagreements and divisions among us. But when we agree that Jesus is the foundation of our Christian faith, we can begin to heal those divisions and build a stronger Church for the future.

CHILI COOK-OFF AT ST. LOUIS
Please join us at our annual Chili Cook-Off in our hall on Saturday, February 18th after the 4:00 vigil Mass. We are not only looking for contestants to bring their best chili to see who will be St. Louis’ Chili Cook-Off champion, but for great company and fun with our fellow parishioners. Everyone will have chance to sample the entries and cast a vote for your favorite. If you are interested in entering the Cook-Off, please either email Debbie Beller at dbjb2@roadrunner.com or call and leave a message at 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 (894-2439/silouisifaithformation@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.

IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT PLANNED
A new exhibit highlighting the great Catholic 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people.

Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY WINTER OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 7TH & 9TH
A Winter Open House for families interested in enrolling children at Catholic Academy of West Buffalo in September 2017, will be held on Tuesday, February 7th from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 9th from 6:30—8:00 p.m.
Catholic Academy offers rigorous academics, excellent religious and moral education and a wide array of sports and extracurricular activities in grades Pre-K to 8. Pre-K for 3 year olds is a part time program. According to Business First rankings for Middle Schools in June 2016, we are ranked among the top 10% of private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo.
Come tour our building, meet principals, faculty and parents and learn more about the school’s programs. Registration for September 2017 is ongoing, and office staff will be available to review forms and answer questions regarding financial aid and admission. For information, call the school @ 885-6111 or visit us at cawb.org, Facebook or Twitter.