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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.

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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 28:
  4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
  Charles Codori, by Friend

SUNDAY, January 29: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
  9:00 am: Micah Roeter, by Hoffman Family
  11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by John and Debbie Beller

MONDAY, January 30: WEEKDAY
  12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, January 31: SAINT JOHN BOSCO
  12:05 pm: Roman Jankowiak, by Robert and Marilyn Bujnicki

WEDNESDAY, February 1: WEEKDAY
  12:05 pm: Anthony Tarquini, by Gutowski Family

THURSDAY, February 2: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
  12:05 pm: George M. Milanovich, by Family and Friends

FRIDAY, February 3: SAINT BLAISE AND SAINT ANSGAR
  12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Family

SATURDAY, February 4:
  2:00 pm: Wedding of Konstantinos Tsigkrelis and Melissa Heffler
  4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
  Carol Zobel, by Richard and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, February 5: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
  9:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie
  11:00 am: Rhea Riester Shaddock, by Michael Riester

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 4th and February 5th
  4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
  9:00 am: John Loss
  11:00 am: John Zygaj

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 4th and February 5th
  4:00 pm: Kevin Brayer, Debbie Guillow and Ron and Margaret Foegen
  9:00 am: Susan Ministero, Jim Brigante and Tim and Mary O'Shea
  11:00 am: Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by Family. 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.

PRESERVATION FUND

Every year beginning with the Feast of St. Louis we usually launch our Annual Fund Drive which runs to the end of the year. This past year it was decided that since we participated in the Upon This Rock initiative, the Annual Fund Drive would be suspended.

Some parishioners were unable, due to personal circumstances, to be involved in the five year commitment required by the Upon This Rock endeavor but were still interested in continuing to support the ongoing projects of St. Louis. In response to their requests we decided to re-name the Fund Drive to the “St. Louis Preservation Fund.” St. Louis raised over $1.3 million for the Upon This Rock campaign. The proceeds due to St. Louis will be sizable and we should be getting our first portion from Upon This Rock shortly. Our goal is to use these funds to make the church hall handicapped accessible by enclosing the handicapped ramp, adding a lift and new bathroom for better access to the church hall. Preliminary work has already begun on this project.

In the past the Annual Fund Drive has been used for various improvements to St. Louis allowing us to continue with our mission for years to come. For example, this summer and fall we were able to replace our aging organ console with a brand new one. This was made possible by a previous Annual Fund Drive.

Because of the overwhelming generosity of the St. Louis Community, the Preservation Fund raised $35,855 as of this past week.

Along with our major projects, there are still other minor projects that need attention. The Preservation Fund will ensure that we will be able to address the ongoing projects that help maintain our Gothic Grandeur.

Whether you chose to support St. Louis through the Upon this Rock program or the St. Louis Preservation Fund, I want to thank you for your generous support to St. Louis and helping us to maintain a vibrant presence in Downtown Buffalo.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bemadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascena, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Slivinski, Sara Rinnler, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloj, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, 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. Robert Marino, Pam Arrigo 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 401 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,303.00. 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.”

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

**SATURDAY, January 28th**
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection

**SUNDAY, January 29th**
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacrists
12 noon: Baptism of Declan Charles McCabe, Denali Marie Franckowiak and Theodore Ernest Domres

**FRIDAY, February 3rd—St. Blaise**
12:05 pm: Blessing of Throats

**SATURDAY, February 4th**
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

**SUNDAY, February 5th**
9:50 am—10:50 am: Family Faith Formation Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacrists

**Blessing of Throats**
In honor of St. Blaise there will be blessing of throats on Friday, February 3rd at the 12:05 Mass.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Finite time. Infinite good. Please consider giving to the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal. Last year, thanks to the generous support of donors throughout the Western New York community, Catholic Charities of Buffalo was able to positively impact the lives of children, families and seniors across the region with everything from basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to mental health counseling or educational services. Bishop Richard J. Malone has announced our goal of $11 million and the patron of the 2017 Appeal, St. Marianne Cope, whose caring nature inspired her to tend to those with leprosy. Through your donation, we can multiply God’s goodness in Western New York. We look forward to working with you now through Appeal Week or until your goal is reached. Find out more at www.ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400. Multiply God’s Goodness!

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**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 a 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.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Monsignor,

Thank you for your parish’s generous donation of winter accessories and blankets. These items will be utilized by clients of Catholic Charities’ Immigration and Refugee Assistance Program, many of whom come to us with little more than the clothes on their backs. As you can imagine, your contribution is extremely meaningful not only to our clients, but our staff as well.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity in helping to welcome our clients into their new, chilly community! Thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely,
Corinne Lasek
Volunteer Coordinator

**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.

**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 ACADEMY WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

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 3 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.
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