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 Mrozak
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
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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.

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. Mosaic ................................1965-1979

### Announced Masses of the Week

**SATURDAY, February 18:**
- **12 noon:** Wedding of Gary Garrett and Jessica Thiele
- **4:00 pm:** Vigil for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
  Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, February 19:**
- **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - **9:00 am:** Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
  - **11:00 am:** Carol Zobel, by Bob, Ann and Dan McCarthy

**MONDAY, February 20:**
- **WEEKDAY**
  - **12:05 pm:** For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**TUESDAY, February 21:**
- **SAINT PETER DAMIAN THE APOSTLE**
  - **12:05 pm:** Joseph Szczesny, by Daybreak TV Productions

**WEDNESDAY, February 22:**
- **THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**
  - **12:05 pm:** Donna Jankowiak, by Geoffrey Klass

**THURSDAY, February 23:**
- **SAINT POLYCARP**
  - **12:05 pm:** Emma Lang, by Estate

**FRIDAY, February 24:**
- **WEEKDAY**
  - **12:05 pm:** Mary M. Eckert, by Clem and Anne Eckert

**SATURDAY, February 25:**
- **4:00 pm:** Vigil for Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
  Dr. and Mrs. George O’Grady, by Family

**SUNDAY, February 26:**
- **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - **9:00 am:** Charles “Gary” Jones, Sr., by Beth and Peter Demakos
  - **11:00 am:** Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Jr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

**Weekend of February 25th and February 26th**
- **4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo
- **9:00 am:** Clark Jordan
- **11:00 am:** Ed Kuzan

### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Weekend of February 25th and February 26th**
- **4:00 pm:** Jane Pelosi, Kevin Brayer, Mike Mikos and Jim Ferrini
- **9:00 am:** Jim Brigante, Judy Perkowski, Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero
- **11:00 am:** Sue Kolbe, Carolann Besch and Michael Mandolfo

### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Rose Ruberto**, requested by **James Vasi**. 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.

### ST. LOUIS BENEFITS FROM UPON THIS ROCK

Last year from January 2016 until June 2016 St. Louis was part of the Upon This Rock initiative. The goal of this endeavor is to raise $100 million to support the various ministries that are so necessary for the functioning of the diocese. A portion of this campaign is also meant to support individual parishes in the diocese to continue their unique and various ministries as well.

As a part of this program, parishes were asked to identify a need that they would like to address in order that each parish may continue their good works. For more than 10 years we have been discussing the possibility of making the church hall handicapped accessible. This entails installing a lift to make it easier for people to access the hall, a new handicapped accessible bathroom and to enclose the handicapped ramp to make it easier for people entering the church. Obviously, this is quite an undertaking.

Thanks to the Upon This Rock program we are able to undertake this project. It is already underway. The trustees and the Finance/Restoration Committee have been meeting with an architect on design work and future implementation.

As of this past week the Upon This Rock Campaign has raised 83.6% of its goal, that is, $83,637,583 of the $100 million dollar goal. The next chapter of the campaign is now unfolding, as Upon This Rock begins the disbursement of checks to parishes. The Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, the organization that manages the generously donated funds, disburses funds every six months, on January 31 and July 31. Any parish that has completed its campaign will receive a check with a portion of its parish share. This month, 62 parishes have received checks to begin their individual improvements. We are one of those parishes that have received a portion of the funds we raised for Upon This Rock.

On January 31st, St. Louis received its first portion of the Upon This Rock proceeds. We received $61,417.51 to further our efforts at St. Louis. Over the course of the next few years we will receive two disbursements to be used for enclosure of the handicapped ramp, lift and modifications to the church hall.

Thank you once again for your kind generosity in supporting the works of St. Louis Parish.

### Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Slivinski, Sara Rimmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alo, 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 Deacon Dan Mackowiak 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 402 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,770.00.

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, February 18th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

After 4:00 pm Mass: Chili Cook-Off—Church Hall

**SUNDAY, February 19th**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

12 noon: Baptism of Henry Timothy Kraus and Shannon Grace Smith

**SATURDAY, February 25th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

**SUNDAY, February 26th**

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to congratulate Stephen Boyd, Joyce Emmett and James Twist who achieved First Honors during the second quarter at Canisius High School.

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**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.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Finite time. Infinite good. Most of us have been in a situation where we were brand new in an unfamiliar place, surrounded by strangers. For many of the refugees and immigrants coming into Buffalo and the surrounding communities, that is the reality they face. Catholic Charities’ Immigration and Refugee Assistance Program helps to ease the unfamiliarity of a new place and turn strangers into neighbors. The program offers assistance with obtaining a green card and naturalization applications, English language classes, as well as offering assistance with housing, food, clothing and employment. Help us continue supporting and assisting refugees and immigrants by donating to our 2017 Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or by visiting ccwny.org/donation. After all, Buffalo is the City of Good Neighbors.

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**ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARNATION SALE**

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick’s Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 11th and Sunday, March 12th. Carnations will be $1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Annual St. Joseph’s Table will be held on Sunday, March 19th after the 11:00 Mass. Ticket sale dates to follow.

**St. Louis Church, Canisius College Chorale to Perform with Camerata di Sant’Antonio Chamber Orchestra**

The Choir of St. Louis Church and the Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will present a program in collaboration with the Camerata di Sant’ Antonio Chamber Orchestra, Christopher Weber, director, on Sunday, March 5th at 4:00 p.m. in St. Louis Church, located at Main and Edward Streets in downtown Buffalo.

The program will feature works by Faure, Verdi and others. Admission is $18.00 and all proceeds will benefit the Camerata Orchestra fund.

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 and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

The Choir of St. Louis Church is an all-volunteer ensemble composed of members of the parish and others from throughout the community. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition. In past years, members of the choir have performed with the Ars Nova Musicians, Greater Buffalo Opera Company, Opera Sacra and Camerata di Sant’ Antonio Chamber Orchestra.

**For more information:** Canisius College Music Office: 888-2536—St. Louis Church: 852-8040.

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**VOCATION THOUGHT**

We are blessed to have a God who is merciful. It is important then for His disciples to know of His mercy and their duty to share it. How is God calling you to help make His mercy known? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

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**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

Do you hold grudges? Do you seek revenge if you are wronged? Today’s readings show us that such attitudes not only poison our lives, they lead us away from God. In the Gospel, Jesus refers to the familiar Bible verse “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,” which is often misunderstood as a license to take revenge on someone. In fact, the verse is meant to limit revenge, insisting that retribution should not exceed the offense. Let the punishment fit the crime, so to speak. But Jesus takes it a step further. Not only does He teach us to limit revenge, He is calling us to stand apart as witnesses to God’s compassion.

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February 19, 2017