2017
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 188th Anniversary

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Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen........................................Weekend Assistant
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CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ..........William Kurzdorfer
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CANTOR ........................................................................James Mrozek
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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.

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 Deiers .......................................... 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
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. Mosack .................. 1965-1979


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.

HEARING AIDS
A recent study has indicated that hearing loss is the fourth most prevalent chronic condition in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease, arthritis, and diabetes. Most people with hearing loss will benefit from hearing aids. For information on the availability of hearing aids, please contact the Parish Office.
RETURN TO THE LORD
WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

The readings for Ash Wednesday call for an assembly of the people which begins the Season of Lent each year. Jesus calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity). As the First Reading from the Prophet Joel reminds us, Lent is about returning or making our way back to the Lord. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us on this journey. During this time of Lent we are reminded of the everlasting mercy of God and God's forgiveness. Through these disciplines of Lent we recognize those areas in our own lives where we need to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters and with God.

On the Second Sunday of Lent the Gospel describes Jesus’ Transfiguration before his disciples, Peter, James, and John reminding us that Lent for us is also a time of “transfiguration” to help us grow in holiness. We must admit that our actions are at times inconsistent with our words and we need to correct our ways. The forty days of Lent give us the opportunity to accept God’s forgiveness, to humble ourselves, to renew our commitment to living according to the ways of the Lord allowing God to transform us into the holy people he wants us to be.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Attending Mass during the Season of Lent is one way to grow closer to God, to pray, and become a more holy people. On Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross help us to reflect on the final moments of Jesus’ life which he offered for us on the cross to take away the sins of the world. The Sacrament of Penance offered on Saturday afternoon and other days during Lent afford us an opportunity to experience the grace of God’s forgiveness and our reconciliation with God and one another.

Msgr. Manganello

During the Season of Lent, 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, St. Louis Church will be open Thursday, March 2nd, Wednesday, March 22nd, Thursday, March 30th, Thursday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 12th during Lent at 11:00 a.m. for the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. The Light is on for you.

In your prayers...

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 Rimmler, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, George Calhoun, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharrar, 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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 397 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,560.00. 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, 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
TUESDAY, February 28th
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy
WEDNESDAY, March 1st
8:00 am & 12:05 pm: Distribution of Ashes
THURSDAY, March 2nd
11:00 am: Sacrament of Penance
FRIDAY, March 3rd
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, March 4th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available
SUNDAY, March 5th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
4:00 pm: St. Louis Choir & Canisius College Chorale to Perform with Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Finite Time. Infinite good. Multiply God’s goodness. What we do with the 24 hours in a day can effect countless hours and days ahead. Our volunteers at Catholic Charities of Buffalo know this to be true. Through our programs, volunteers have the opportunity to nurture children by being Foster Grandparents, serve the community through our multiple food banks, lend a friendly ear through Friendly Phones and Telephone Assurance programs and much more. Help continue to move hands and hearts through Catholic Charities by giving to the 2017 Appeal. Call 716-218-1400 or visit ccwny.org/donation today.

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE
DAYS OF ABSTINENCE—Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.
DAYS OF FAST—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.
WEEKDAYS OF LENT—No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.
EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION—Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent—(March 5) through Trinity Sunday (June 11).
SELF-DENIAL—Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

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 CHOIR, 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 pm 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: 852-6040.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
It seems that worrying is a normal part of most people’s lives these days. But think about it…does worrying really help? Does worrying fix our problems or provide us with any real benefits? Can we worry our way to improved health or a better job? In today’s Gospel Jesus asks “Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?” It’s an interesting question to ponder. Jesus goes on to assure us that our heavenly Father knows what we need and will provide for us. God knows our prayers before they even leave our lips or minds. He will give us what we truly need. What we need to do is have faith, to listen to God and to trust Him. While that is not always easy, it is always the right path. When we trust in our God we will feel His comfort. Rest assured, God will provide.