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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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President……………………………James Reeves
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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.

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 Deiters……………………1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall………………………..1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber…………….1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulenkoff………………….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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2017 HAS BEGUN

On January 18, 2017, Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Malone, announced the opening of the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal with a goal of $11 million dollars. The annual Appeal helps fund Catholic Charities’ 70 programs and services across 61 sites in the eight counties of Western New York, along with a number of ministries through the Bishop’s Fund for the Faith. The theme for this year’s Appeal is “Finite Time. Infinite Good” and the patron saint is St. Marianne Cope.

Catholic Charities is the most comprehensive human service provider in the region, serving people of all ages, races, faiths, and walks of life. The organization impacted the lives of more than 152,000 individuals—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—over the past year.

Two important dates during the 2017 Appeal include First Report Sunday on April 2 and the culmination of Appeal Week on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Catholic Charities has helped individuals and families in need since its founding in 1923. That need is varied and widespread—from emergency assistance to counseling and from specialized services for the elderly to help with job training and education. Catholic Charities empowers children, families and seniors to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives.

Next weekend Sister Mary McCarrick, OSF, diocesan director of Catholic Charities of Buffalo will be speaking to us about the need to support Catholic Charities in its mission to those in need in Western New York.

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 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.

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, Donaki Kopp, Geraldine Slivinski, Sara Rimmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alo, George Calhoun, Miriam Teke, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharer, John Zawistowski, John Forysthe, 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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, March 11:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Kieran and Mary Ann Kreiss, by Estate

SUNDAY, March 12: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am: Special Intentions of Anne Stepien and Renee Wisers, by Family
11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Geoffrey Klass

MONDAY, March 13: LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, March 14: LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: John Esser and Elizabeth Hartman, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, March 15: LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: David Wolski, by Daybreak TV Productions

THURSDAY, March 16: LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Maria Jackson, by Donna Dobbins

FRIDAY, March 17: SAINT PATRICK
12:05 pm: First Birthday—Demetri Robinson, by Hoffman Family

SATURDAY, March 18:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, March 19: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Josephine Andrzejewski, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of March 18th and March 19th
4:00 pm: Wendy Mistretta
9:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of March 18th and March 19th
4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Robert Sprague, Jane Pelosi and Debbie Guillow
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Susan Ministero and Tim and Mary O’Shea
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Paul Griffin and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Special Intentions of Debra and James R. Caputi, requested by Caputi 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.
ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARNATION SALE
The Faith Formation program will be selling carnations for St. Patrick’s Day before and after all Masses this weekend. 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.

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE
St. Louis Church is holding its Fourth Annual St. Joseph’s Table on March 19th from noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are $8.00 for adults, $5.00 for children and free for children under the age of 5. Eat-In or Take-Out meals and gluten-free options are available through PRE-SALE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY. Tickets will sold after Masses on March 11th and 12th and March 18th. If you are interested in providing a dish or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Debbie Guillow at 465-6196 or dguillow@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU
Dear Father Sal, Father John, and all at St. Louis Church,
Thank you for the hospitality and chance to speak during vocations weekend. It was an honor and pleasure to pray with you and to meet you. The church is so very beautiful, and the people make the church extra-special.

It was very inspiring to see so many devout parishioners who make the parish come alive, with so many dedicated hands. The feel of the church is very welcoming. The sense of being in a special place comes through immediately, especially in the voices of those praying, singing, and saying well-wishes. In just a short time I could get a sense of how much love and pride there is within the walls and stories of the parish. With much gratitude. God Bless.

Seminarian
Bill Papaj

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Finite time. Infinite good. The opioid addiction crisis hasn't left one corner of Western New York untouched. To combat this serious problem that’s plaguing our communities, Catholic Charities provides a Chemical Dependency Treatment Program. The outpatient program is licensed by New York State OASAS and treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. Your donation to the 2017 Appeal helps us continue to provide treatment for those who are most in need. To donate, call 716-218-1400 or visit ccwny.org/donation. Multiply God’s goodness. For more information about the outpatient program, visit ccwny.org/services/outpatient-clinic.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Most of us know a person who we might call a stick in the mud...that person who won't budge from his or her routine and never tries new things. Today’s readings tell us this is not the way God wants us to live. In the first reading, Abram is told by God to leave his homeland and live on a promise of future blessings. Despite uncertainty, Abram listens and goes as directed. In the Gospel, Christ’s closest disciples witness His glorious transfiguration on the mountain. Peter, James and John want to stay and bask in the glory of Jesus. When a voice from heaven tells the disciples to listen. God calls us all to transform ourselves, to leave what we know—to leave the familiar and be open to the new—and venture toward the eternal glory foreshadowed by Christ’s transfiguration. All we need to do is listen.

SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 387 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,953.00 and Black and Indian Mission collection was $780.00.

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, March 11th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection and Fuel Collection
4:00 pm: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale
4:00 pm: Tickets for St. Joseph’s Table Available

SUNDAY, March 12th
2:00 am: Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Forward 1 Hour
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection and Fuel Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets for St. Joseph’s Table Available

MONDAY, March 13th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

FRIDAY, March 17th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 18th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Tickets for St. Joseph’s Table Available

SUNDAY, March 19th
9:50 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
12 noon: St. Joseph’s Table—Church Hall

ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Annual Novena in honor of Saint Joseph, beginning on Sunday, March 12 and closing on the feast day, Monday, March 20 will be conducted by Rev. David Munoz, O.M.I., of Holy Angels Church in Buffalo.

Services each evening of the Novena will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass. We ask that all who attend be modestly and suitably dressed, as is proper in the House of God.

There will be no afternoon Benediction services on either Sunday during the Novena.