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 Mroz
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION .................................. Ashlee Campbell
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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.

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 Schoulepnikoff ................................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ........................................1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..............................1888-1916
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.
Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, April 8:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Gary Jones, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

SUNDAY, April 9: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Repose of the Soul of John Esposito, by de Rosa, Hoffman, Nelson and Wolcott Families
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

MONDAY, April 10: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, April 11: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, April 12: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
12:05 pm: John Kraus, by Estate

THURSDAY, April 13: HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm: SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Msgr. William A. Schwinger, by Estate
FRIDAY, April 14: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
2:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

SATURDAY, April 15:
7:00 pm: THE EASTER VIGIL LITURGY
Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Louis Parish

SUNDAY, April 16: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Intentions of Denise Bobak, by Hoffman Family
11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of April 15th and April 16th
7:00 pm: Ann Dumansky, John Zygaj and Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of April 15th and April 16th
7:00 pm: Debra Guillow, Patricia Doyle, Kevin Brayer and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Samantha Hevland and Tim and Mary O’Shea
11:00 am: Mike Riester, Pam Nordstrom and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Spiritual Guidance of the Seminarians at Christ the King Seminary, requested by Bill and Pam Nordstrom. 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.

TO RISE WITH CHRIST

This weekend the Celebration of Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. During this liturgy, palm branches are blessed and we commemorate Jesus’s glorious entrance into Jerusalem. Branches of palm, olive or sometimes even budding willow, were used as they are ancient symbols of victory and hope as well as new life. The procession celebrating Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem overflowed with praise and excitement as onlookers waved these triumphant branches and proclaimed their blessing.

The Sacred Triduum or the “Three Days,” are the center of our liturgical year. Lent ends and the “Three Days” begin with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper and continue through Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil and conclude with Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus’ command of love and service. On Holy Thursday we reflect on what it means that Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Our response is to be the model of service Jesus gave us. Holy Thursday also reminds us that it is the Body and Blood of Christ that nourishes us in the Eucharist.

Good Friday reminds us that we share in the Passion and Death of Jesus.

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the “Three Days”. The proclamation of Christ’s Resurrection means we are alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Easter Sunday marks the end of the “Three Days” and is the first day of the Easter Octave (8 days). Forty days of fast yield to fifty days of feast. Our Easter liturgies are meant to lead us as disciples to announce the Risen Lord and Savior to our World.

Please join us as we celebrate these most sacred days and experience the grace of God’s new life.

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, 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 Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Falka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Nizigit Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmier, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloj, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, 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 George Calhoun 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 442 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $8,561.00 and the Easter Flowers collection was $1,458.00.
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, April 9th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Catholic Charities Volunteers
4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms.

SUNDAY, April 9th—Palm Sunday
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Catholic Charities Volunteers
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Distribution of Palms
11:00 am: Children’s Procession of Palms

WEDNESDAY, April 12th
11:00 am: Sacrament of Penance

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th
7:00 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Reposition. The Church will remain open until 10:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th—Holy Land Collection
2:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15th
9:00 am: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)
Decorate Church for Easter
7:00 pm: The Easter Vigil—The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Easter Offering Collection

SUNDAY, April 16th—Happy Easter
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Easter Offering Collection

VOCATION THOUGHT
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Today is called Passion Sunday because our Lord’s love for us is so passionate that it remained unhindered by harsh mockery and a painful death on a cross. How passionate is your love for God? If he readily took up the cross for us, how ready are you to respond to His calling? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

HOLY THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE
Following Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m. we will be keeping the church open until 10:30 p.m. Last year there were many visitors who came either individually, in small groups, or by bus to view the beauty of our building.
If you are able to help staff the church after Mass, so we can continue to welcome those who have never seen St. Louis, please sign up on the provided sheet located in the Sacristy. Come and enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners and meeting people from other churches and those of other faiths.

PREPARE FOR EASTER
The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet on Saturday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord’s Resurrection.
New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.
Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.
When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
This is the second weekend of Appeal Week 2017!
Now is the perfect time to help multiply God’s goodness and make a donation if you haven’t done so already. Every day, Catholic Charities is helping those who are most in need. Our services help protect, strengthen and empower the people of Western New York. The goodness we give to one can be multiplied and spread to many. Catholic Charities impacted the lives of more than 152,000 people last year. To be a part of our ripple effect, call 218-1400 or visit ccwny.org/donation and contribute to our 2017 Appeal.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Our Palm Sunday readings remind us that the Christian mystery moves from abandonment—the dying of and to self—to exaltation—the rising to new life. But what does self-abandonment mean in our daily lives? Perhaps it means we need to abandon our habit of thinking of ourselves first, ahead of others. Maybe we need to abandon some of the material things that clutter our focus on what is really important. Are there things we could leave behind in our busy lives to make more time for loved ones or to help those in need? What we give up—what we abandon—can lead to a new lease on life. In Christ’s suffering and death we see that what appears to be a loss can, in fact, result in new life. Like Jesus, let’s surrender ourselves into the arms of God where we find both our cross and our life.