2017
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829
Celebrating Our 188th Anniversary
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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 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. Mosack..............................1965-1979

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the good health of David Zawistowski, requested by Aunt Bert. 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.

ALLELUIA—EASTER HAS BEGUN

God raised Jesus. The seven weeks of Easter Time give us an opportunity to reflect on this message. Today's Gospel reading is one that never grows old. It reminds us that dark becomes light; weeping turns to joy; despair changes into hope. If Easter were to be summed up in one word it would be "transformation." In the weeks following the resurrection the disciples found themselves doing things they could never have imagined. For the disciples, life would never be the same again. Their encounter with the risen Christ had changed them forever. Just as their encounter with the risen Lord changed the disciples' lives forever, we too should be transformed by our Easter celebration.

While Jesus ascended to the Father, the same Holy Spirit that inspired the early followers, also inspires us. The Spirit empowers us to continue to spread the Easter Gospel to all corners of the world. On the feast of the Ascension, we accept that ours is now the great commission to make disciples of all nations.

True to our faith, and celebrating our great commission, we now welcome two members of our community to full communion in the Church. Since the fall, Jesse Thomson, Traci Swanson, and Krysta Doerfler have been preparing to receive the risen Christ in their lives. At the Easter vigil Jesse and Traci professed their faith before our community and received the grace of the Holy Spirit in confirmation. We now welcome them as full members of our faith community. Krysta will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral by Bishop Malone. We pray for her and all the members of our parish who will be confirmed as they await the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Easter to you and your families as we celebrate the joy of God's life in us.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Linda Campbell, Barbara Saffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Falvo, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Slivinski, Sara Rimmell, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, Miriam Tekie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Belle, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Larry DiGuard, 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 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 408 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $8,927.00. 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.”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Finite time. Infinite good. Jesus, through his death and Resurrection, showed us that after a finite window of time, ultimate and infinite good can be dispersed to all. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior’s glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Marianne Cope, who poured out mercy and multiplied God’s goodness by taking care of those in physical need. Like St. Marianne Cope, we thank you for showing mercy to your neighbors in Western New York and contributing to Catholic Charities. With your help, we are multiplying God’s goodness. Thank you for your continued support of the 2017 Appeal!

ST. JOSEPH’S CLUB FAMILY PARTY

Attention all high school guys interested in discerning God’s will for your life! You and your families are welcome to join us as we wrap up the year with food, fun, and fellowship at our annual St. Joseph’s Club Family Party, Sunday, May 7th, 12:30 p.m., Christ the King Seminary Campus Center. Following the party, families are welcome to join Father Bill Quinlivan in a “Holy Hour for Vocations” beginning at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to register, contact ctkguys@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

♦ Spring Open House for families interested in enrolling children for September 2017 will be held on Sunday, April 30th from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to meet our principal, faculty and parents. Office personnel will be available to discuss tuition, tuition assistance and review the registration process. Please call 885-6111 for information.

♦ Six students from grades 6 & 8, represented Catholic Academy at the WNY Science Congress, held on April 1st. Five students won medals: 2 Silver, 2 Bronze and 1 Honorable Mention. We are very proud of our budding scientists!

♦ The 8th grade Art Club, under the direction of teacher Natalie Fiorella, have completed their rain barrel project. The barrel was submitted to the Coca-Cola-sponsored competition Harvest a Resource: Recycle the Rain. The winners will be announced at the end of the month and we wish them luck!

♦ On behalf of the entire school family, we wish you and your family a blessed and joyous Easter season.