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
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 Mrozek
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
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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, May 6:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Michael Feirabend and Maygan O’Scier
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mary Ann Paonessa, by Hoffman Family

SUNDAY, May 7:
9:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish
11:00 am: Mikos Family, by Family

MONDAY, May 8:
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, May 9:
12:05 pm: John and Elizabeth Kraus, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, May 10:
12:05 pm: Anthony and Angelina Pellicane, by Josephine Pellicane

THURSDAY, May 11:
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

FRIDAY, May 12:
12:05 pm: Leonard M. Horton, by Clem and Anne Eckert

SATURDAY, May 13:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Patrick Linnane and Nicole Hobbs
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

SUNDAY, May 14:
9:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish
11:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of May 13th and May 14th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Gina Derrico

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of May 13th and May 14th
4:00 pm: Robert Sprague and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero and John and Nancy Pax
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Sue Kolbe and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for better health for Raymond Sharrer, requested by Friends and Family. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Ethel Agoston, requested by Agoston 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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CALLS AND HIS SHEEP FOLLOW HIM

The Gospel this weekend reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who invites us to follow him. During the Easter season we continue to celebrate growth in our faith as we celebrate with our members the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacraments of the Church are our gift of love from God and Jesus. It is through the grace of the Sacraments that Jesus and His Father come to live with us.

Saturday morning we celebrated First Penance with our 10 young people and their families who have been preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. They will join us at the Table of the Lord each Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist. We congratulate:


Sunday morning at the 11:00 Mass, we celebrate First Eucharist with our 10 young people and their families who have been preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. They will join us at the Table of the Lord each Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist. We congratulate:

- Gaylee Elizabeth Adams, Maxwell James Bruce, Sofia Aielli Callocchia, Gianna Marie Deni, Annalise Grace Gothgen, Diane Randazzo, Mary K. Crane, by Estate
- John and Nancy Pax
- Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero and John and Nancy Pax
- Pam Nordstrom, Sue Kolbe and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

We are grateful to all who have prepared our children for these special sacraments that they are receiving. Thank you to our Catechists: Linda Ciccia, and Ashlee Campbell. Thank you to our Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell for coordinating these programs as well as all our other Faith Formation Programs. Thank you also to the parents who support their children in the ways of faith formation. Thank you to all our parishioners for their prayers for all who are receiving God’s grace today.

Msgr. Manganello
MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE
On Mother’s Day weekend, May 13th and 14th, Masses will be offered for our mothers—living or deceased. We invite you to enroll your mother in this remembrance by using one of the envelopes provided for this purpose. Envelopes can be found in the March/April envelope packet and on the tables near the entrances to the church. The best gift of gratitude that we can give our mother is a spiritual gift. Remembering our mother in such a way—if she still has an earthly address or a heavenly one—expresses our appreciation and respect for her. May God reward her for her unselfish life of service to us.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
The Buffalo-Dortmund Sister City Committee is seeking families willing to host a German high school student for the upcoming fall semester. We need to place four high school age girls and one boy with families in the area. The students will be attending fall semester classes in local Catholic high schools—the boy to Bishop Timon and the girls to Sacred Heart, Mount St. Mary’s or Mount Mercy Academy.

The students will arrive in mid to late August and depart in early to mid December 2017.

Anyone interested, please contact Bernie Gerling at (716) 837-2675.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
May is the month of Mary, the blessed mother of our Lord. Like Mary, we too, can answer the call of accepting and loving a child. Catholic Charities works closely with birth families to provide a safe place for children, especially sibling groups, to stay and receive care when they cannot receive it at their own home. While often temporary, some children must be relocated permanently. Our Foster Care program in Erie County allows for children to receive nurturing care from loving families. Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Our next informational meetings will be held at 525 Washington Street, Buffalo, on May 9 from 10—11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.; attend either one. To register for the informational meeting, or to learn more, call (716) 856-4494, ext. 360 or email elizabeth.murphy@ccwny.org. Finite time. Infinite good. Appeal 2017 is still ongoing. Donate at ccwny.org/donate.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

WORD OF LIFE
“In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him.” USCCB, “God’s Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation”

Word of Life

VOCATION THOUGHT
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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!

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 409 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $8,233.00 and Catholic Home Missions collection was $468.00.

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, May 6th
9:00 am: First Communion Rehearsal
10:30 am: First Penance Service
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, May 7th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
11:00 am: First Communion Mass

MONDAY, May 8th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, May 13th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Mother’s Day Collection

SUNDAY, May 14th—Happy Mother’s Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Mother’s Day Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Sean Wolcott Rizzo

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY