St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829
Celebrating Our 188th Anniversary
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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.

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 ........................................1843-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffin .................................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 Ogg .................................1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack .........................1965-1979

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**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:**
- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish
  - 11:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

**MONDAY, May 15:**
- 12:05 pm: **SAINT ISIDORE**
  Joseph State, by Family

**TUESDAY, May 16:**
- 12:05 pm: **EASTER WEEKDAY**
  For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**WEDNESDAY, May 17:**
- 12:05 pm: **EASTER WEEKDAY**
  Adelaide D. Volo, by Family

**THURSDAY, May 18:**
- 12:05 pm: **SAINT JOHN I, POPE**
  Deceased of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

**FRIDAY, May 19:**
- 12:05 pm: **EASTER WEEKDAY**
  Bernice A. Weber, by Family

**SATURDAY, May 20:**
- 12 noon: Wedding of Mark Rotella and Robyn Shaver
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of James Volpe and Michelle Price
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  Robert and Patricia Schreiber, by Sondra Schreiber

**SUNDAY, May 21:**
- **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 am: Grace Mandolfo, by Parents, Michael and Christina
  - 11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of May 20th and May 21st
- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: Clark Jordan
- 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Weekend of May 20th and May 21st
- 4:00 pm: Jane Pelosi, Kevin Brayer and Ron and Margaret Foegen
- 9:00 am: Al Bluemle, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O’Shea
- 11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Paul Griffin and Keith and Kathy Boerner

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**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Frank and Agnes Zawistowski**, requested by Zawistowski 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.

**GOD’S GIFT TO US—OUR MOTHER**

May is Mary’s month. May is a special time of prayer to the Blessed Mother of our Lord.

Today is a special day set aside to honor our own mothers. It also is a special time of prayer for those who have looked after us and put up with us in our lifetime.

During the Middle Ages, many people had to travel far from home to earn a living. They became servants where work was available, or they learned a trade from someone who was willing to teach them. These people were given a special holiday every year. It came on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, on *Laetare* (rejoice) Sunday.

*Laetare Sunday* came to be known as Mothering Sunday.

On this day people would go home to see their mothers. Many family reunions were held.

The Mother’s Day we have in May was started in the early twentieth century by an American woman named Anna Jarvis. After her own mother died, she suggested that a memorial service be held in church to honor all mothers. Those who attended the service were asked to wear white carnations in memory of their mothers.

On this day we remember our mothers and all they have done for us as well as remembering and praying for all who have been examples of a mother’s love to us.

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**Msgr. Manganello**

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

Faithful discipleship of Christ has tremendous rewards both in this life and in eternal life. How is Christ calling you to inspire discipleship among His children? 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!

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**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Eleanor Brayer, James Vasi, Linda Campbell, Barbara Soffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Shivinski, Sara Rimmler, 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 Thomas Guzowski, Bernice Jacobs, Patricia “Sis” Piazza Illardo 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 515 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,328.00 and Mother's Day collection was $612.00.

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.”

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Who are we leaving out? That’s the question we are challenged to answer as we explore what it means to be part of a community of faith. There are so many people on the margins of our society who are too often neglected. The poor…the lonely…those challenged by illness. We can all be like the disciples in the scripture reading from the Acts of the Apostles who recognized the plight of widows among them and took action. Might there be people in need in our community or even our homes who feel neglected? There are many ways to take action. Join a ministry in your parish or community with a mission to help others. Volunteer at a charity or non-profit organization. Pay closer attention to loved ones who may get lost in the busyness of our daily lives. May the spirit and wisdom of God help us recognize others in need.

MOTHER

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent—than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)
The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, this will be a working evening, along with a planning meeting to discuss this year’s flowers and plantings. New volunteers are most welcome. Come and spend your Wednesday evenings helping to beautify God’s little green acre at Main and Edward.

The SLGS—Alive in Christ and growing.

MSGR. SCHWINGER

MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM

Next weekend there is a second collection for the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program. Many people come to our door every day from Monday through Friday and we are able to feed them through your generosity. So many of the patrons of the Saint Louis Sandwich Program are going through many hardships and difficulties in their lives—yet, they always come to the door with a smile on their faces and with hope in their hearts that tomorrow will be a better day. The Sandwich Program gives dignity, respect and compassion to those most in need in our city. Your continued support of the Sandwich Program helps keep hope alive in the hearts of many “unknown faces” living in our own backyards. Thank you for helping make tomorrow a little bit better for some of the most vulnerable in our city.

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

Are you a compassionate adult looking to give back? The Western New York Alzheimer’s Caregiver Partnership, an organization serving seven counties to assist and support caregivers of persons with Alzheimer’s or other dementia, is seeking adult volunteers. Opportunities include: support group facilitator, education assistant, event assistant, in-home companion, joint enrichment docent, Memory Café group assistant, office assistant and respite assistant. Training will be provided, and support from the WNYACP team will be available. For more information call Heidi Billittier at 896-6388, ext. 213, or visit www.wnyacp.org for a volunteer application or to learn more. Finite time. Infinite good. Appeal 2017 is still ongoing. Donate at cccwny.org/donate.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, May 13th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection and 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 and Mother’s Day Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Sean Wolcott Rizzo

SATURDAY, May 20th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

SUNDAY, May 21st
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

ST. LOUIS CHOIR TO PRESENT SPRING CONCERT

The Choir of St. Louis Church will present a spring choral concert on Thursday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m. here in St. Louis Church. The program is free and open to all. Featured will be works of Farrant, Bruckner, Ouseley, Friedel and others. Please join us for a lovely hour of great choral music!

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