2017

St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 188th Anniversary

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PASTORAL STAFF
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.

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


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.
MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Carol Zobel, requested by Dick and Mary Agoston. 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL CONTINUES

The 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal continues through the end of June. All our parishioners have been contacted by mail regarding a donation to Catholic Charities.

Through your generosity last year St. Louis parishioners donated $129,000 to the Catholic Charities Appeal. This year our goal set by Catholic Charities is $131,600. St. Louis parishioners have donated $103,591.25 so far for the 2017 Appeal. In order to make our goal we need another $28,008.75.

The goal for the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal is $11 million. Catholic Charities as reported earlier in the week has raised $9,247,530.51 or 84.07% of the goal. They still need help to make the goal this year. Catholic Charities and the people they serve are grateful for your gift of faith and love. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents, provide care to young children and provide social support to seniors, enabling them to remain safe and healthy in their own homes. Catholic Charities is also there to offer individual, family and marriage counseling and GED education and job assistance for youth. For more information and to read about and watch those who have benefited from Catholic Charities, visit their website ccwny.org.

Catholic Charities addresses the physical and spiritual needs of many Western New Yorkers. When you answer the call to support Catholic Charities you improve the lives of many in Western New York, one donation at a time.

Many of us are still contributing to the Upon This Rock initiative begun last year, so it is understandable that we are somewhat behind on reaching our Catholic Charities goal. Thanks to your support Upon This Rock has reached 98% of its goal or 98 million dollars.

Your generous support of both Catholic Charities and Upon This Rock is greatly appreciated.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, James Vasi, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Connell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Slivinski, Sara Rimmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloj, 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 John S. Csizmar 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 488 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,032.00 and Mother’s Day collection was $338.00.

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 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

WEDNESDAY, May 24th
4:30 pm: Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord
6:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)

THURSDAY, May 25th—Holy Day of Obligation
12:05 pm: The Ascension of the Lord
7:30 pm: St. Louis Choir Spring Concert

SATURDAY, May 27th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Church in Latin America Collection

SUNDAY, May 28th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Church in Latin America Collection

CONGRATULATIONS
We would like to congratulate Emmett Joyce and James Twist who have achieved First Honors in the third quarter at Canisius High School.

VOCATION THOUGHT
Jesus’ love for us is unparalleled, and Jesus asks us to remain faithful to this love. Might God be calling you to help His children know His love? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

ST. 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!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULT
We would like to congratulate our newly elected and re-elected members to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is most grateful to all nominees for their willingness to serve and to all the parishioners who participated in the nomination process. We had five highly capable candidates running for five open council seats. Mike Riester, Keith Boerner, Jane Pelosi and Frank Pelosi were re-elected to a three year term, along with Ed Kuzan who is newly elected to a three year term.

Jackie Gerwitz-Dunn completed her term on the Parish Council and we thank her for her service to the parish. Installation of all 15 Parish Council members will take place during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 4.

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 Farant, Bruckner, Ouseley, Friedel and others.

Please join us for a lovely hour of great choral music!

BUFFALO MARATHON IS COMING TO TOWN
Next Sunday, May 28th is the running of the annual Buffalo Marathon. This is a city wide foot race and many streets will be closed to traffic including around St. Louis Church. Delaware Avenue and Franklin Street will be affected from downtown through North Buffalo. You may have to access St. Louis by going north of North Buffalo or South of downtown (do not exit the I-190 at Niagara Street). The use of the expressways and throughways is a good way to avoid the marathon.

We will have access to the Catholic Center parking lot and access to our parking lot by way of St. Louis Place.

MSGR. SCHWINGER MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM
This 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.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Children inherit things from their parents. Not just material things, but traits, habits and even lifestyles. Any loving parent wants what is best for their children, so they strive to pass along what is good for them—an education, a stable home, a healthy approach to life.God, our loving Father, also wants what is best for their children, so they strive to pass along what is good for them—an education, a stable home, a healthy approach to life. God, our loving Father, also wants what is best for us. And so he gives us the greatest inheritance of all in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells his disciples that God has given us an advocate, the spirit of truth within us, who is with us always. It is this spirit that guides us to do as God wills, to love one another, keep his commandments and reflect his light in following the example of Jesus. Blessed by this inheritance, God works through us and we become his advocates. Take some time today to think about how God’s spirit is working within you.