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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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 COUNCIL OFFICERS: 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 Raffheimer .......................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ..........................1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ...............................1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber .................1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepkoff .....................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

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**SATURDAY, May 27:**
- 12 noon: Wedding of Thomas Palcic and Renee Crandall
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of James Cosgrove and Alisa LaPlante
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young
- 5:30 pm: Wedding of James Kalec, Jr. and Michelle Valpiani

**SUNDAY, May 28: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- 9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
- 11:00 am: Intentions of Jeremy and Beth Dolph, by Hoffman Family

**MONDAY, May 29: MEMORIAL DAY—NO MASS TODAY**

**TUESDAY, May 30: EASTER WEEKDAY**
- 12:05 pm: Carmela Milanovich, by Family and Friends

**WEDNESDAY, May 31: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**THURSDAY, June 1: SAINT JUSTIN**
- 12:05 pm: Dorothy and Edmund Radwan, by Marie Haremiski

**FRIDAY, June 2: SAINT MARCELLINUS AND SAINT PETER**
- 12:05 pm: Special Intentions of the Gentile, Caputi and Klosko Families, by Family
- 3:00 pm: Wedding of Anthony Furlini and Kelly Shriver

**SATURDAY, June 3:**
- 12 noon: Wedding of Anthony Formato and Tricia Kalinowski
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Andrew Calderio and Kara Rennie
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**
  - Elizabeth Honan, by Sondra Schreiber

**SUNDAY, June 4: PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- 9:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Fred and Marilyn Steffan
- 11:00 am: Josephine Mandolfo, by Michael and Christina

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

Weekend of June 3rd and June 4th
- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: John Loss
- 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Weekend of June 3rd and June 4th
- 4:00 pm: Robert Sprague, Jim Ferrini and Ron and Margaret Foegen
- 9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero and Tim and Mary O’Shea
- 11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, Pat Doyle and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Linda McSwain, requested by Marilyn and Jim Knowles. 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.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation’s service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord’s mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. Amen.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The school year may be winding down, but there is time to get back on track with Catholic Charities’ Tomorrow’s Youth Today Program in Erie and Niagara counties. The program, which is run through our Workforce and Education Department, is for youths ages 16 to 24 who are out of school and meet other eligibility requirements. The program offers education and employment services such as High School Equivalency instruction, post-secondary school education planning, job readiness training, paid work experience, internships assistance with resume and cover letter writing, and more. To learn more, call (716) 893-3500 or (716) 856-4494, ext. 323. Finite time. Infinite good. Appeal 2017 is still ongoing. Donate at ccwny.org/donate.

**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 Cornell, Niziti Ascella, Donald koppp, 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 Margaret Burns, Mary Jane Luhr 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 327 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,025.00 and the Sandwich Program collection was $1,919.00.

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.”

ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL

Over the past few years we have opened the church to welcome visitors who are attending the Allentown Art Festival. People from near and far have been awed by the magnificence of St. Louis Church, taken time to pray or light a candle, and enjoyed hearing about our parish and history. Once again, this year, the church will be opened on Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th.

We are in need of volunteers to welcome visitors during these two days. On Saturday volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last year over 300 people visited the church, and many made donations to the parish. If you are available to help for a period of time on either day, please use the sign-up sheets located at the entrances to the church, or contact Bob Sprague at rks.buffalo.ny@gmail.com or 432-3944. Thank you!!

CHIAVETTA’S CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Friday, June 2
3:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Proceeds to Benefit Rainbow K
388 Franklin Street
Corner of Edward and Franklin Streets
@ Residence (Old School)
a Private School Ministered by the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy
$10.00 for Dinner Includes:
2 Sides and Dinner Roll
Homemade Desserts and Beverages Available
Takeout Available
Pre-purchase Recommended
Dinners Sell Fast—Call 884-0177
Tickets Also Available at Door

SS. COLUMBA-BRIGID CHURCH

CHIAVETTA’S CHICKEN DINNER

Ss. Columba-Brigid Church will have its 17th annual Chiavetta’s Chicken dinners on Sunday, June 4, from noon until they’re sold out. Tickets are $10. There will also be 100 theme baskets and something we call “Entertainment Explosion”. This consists of a raffle for 3 packages of gift cards and certificates for movies, restaurants, stores and places to visit. The 1st prize is worth $250 and the other two are valued at $150 each. This event will be at 75 Hickory Street at the corner of Eagle Street—just one block south of Clinton. For more information call Father Roy at 852-2076. With Father Roy retiring this August, this will be the last time the parish will have this dinner.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Christ calls us all to be one, with each having a unique role. What is your unique role? 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!

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support this collection. To learn more about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Those who attended a Jesuit high school or college are certainly familiar with the letters A M D G. AMDG is the abbreviation of the Latin phrase “ad majorem Dei gloriam” which translates to “For the greater glory of God.” The phrase is attributed to the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and it has become the motto of the Society of Jesus. St. Ignatius summarized the Jesuit philosophy that all good works we do are performed in order to give glory to God. That is why service for and with others is a hallmark of Jesuit schools and institutions. Of course, we don’t have to be Jesuits to follow the AMDG philosophy. Like Jesus, we are called to glorify God in all the good works that we do, giving of ourselves and serving others.