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 ...................................................................... Jane Pelosi
Secretary ............................................................................. Robert Sprague

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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the Repose of the Souls of Mary T., Helen T. and Joseph and Thaddeus Klosko, requested by 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 FEASTS OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF ROME

This week the Church celebrates some very special feasts. Friday is the Feast of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. This feast day celebrates the lives of those who were martyred during the rule of Emperor Nero from about 54-68. Nero was a ruthless and unstable man. He blamed the early Christians for a fire that destroyed two-thirds of the city of Rome. Some believe Nero himself started the fire to clear land for future building.

Sts. Peter and Paul were among thousands of Christians that were killed at the hand of Nero. Thursday is their feast day. They were martyred around the year 64 A.D. Tradition holds that Peter was fleeing Rome to avoid arrest and on the outskirts of the city saw Jesus on the road. Peter asked him, “Where are you going, Lord? (In Latin Quo Vadis).” Jesus answered: “I am going to Rome to be crucified again.” (Two foot prints in marble thought to be those of Jesus remain inside the Church of Quo Vadis.) Peter returned to the city and was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to meet his death the same way as Christ.

St. Paul had been arrested in Jerusalem and was sent to Rome, where he was placed under house arrest. He was martyred by beheading. San Paolo alle Tre Fontane in Rome. This feast day celebrates the lives of those who were martyred during the rule of Emperor Nero from about 54-68. Nero was a ruthless and unstable man. He blamed the early Christians for a fire that destroyed two-thirds of the city of Rome. Some believe Nero himself started the fire to clear land for future building.

There is a legend that the city of Rome was founded by the brothers Romulus and Remus, who were raised by wolves. Peter and Paul came to be called the new founders of Rome.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rimmler, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Bell, Larry DiGaudio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller and Margaret Foege.

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 Brien J. Bigelow 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 365 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,737.00, Father's Day collection was $765.00, Summer Flowers collection was $1,016.00 and Mission Appeal collection was $2,413.00.

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

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

Being a catechist by “helping children, young people, and adults to get to know and love God more and more deeply is one of the most beautiful educational adventures you can have” (Pope Francis, 2013).

St. Louis is in need of individuals to join a team of catechists, willing to teach 1 to 3 hours each month from late September through April. Classes are multi-age (PreK—K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10) and are typically small, between 8-10 students. St. Louis provides all classroom and educational resources. Classes run on Sundays, from 9:50—10:50 a.m. Please prayerfully consider this ministry! If interested, or for more information, please contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformton@gmail.com).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We can be a light at the end of the tunnel. If you have a child ages 12 to 17 who is displaying chronic behaviors such as: noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, not following curfew, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity in two or more environments (home, school and/or community), consider our Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention provided in the natural environment of the youth. Interventions are research-based and the program offers 24/7 availability. For more information on Catholic Charities’ MST program, call (716) 204-0555, ext. 330 or visit ccwny.org/services/Multisystemic-therapy-for-high-risk-youth. Finite time. Infinite good. Appeal 2017 closes June 30. Donate at ccwny.org/donate.

VOCATION THOUGHT

As many people as there may be, God loves each of us individually—not even hair on our head goes unnoticed! We each have a purpose! What is yours? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

WALKING WITH GRIEF

Walking with Grief is a monthly lecture series and support group provided to assist any person 18 years of age or older in their journey of grief. Each month St. Christopher Parish hosts a speaker who will provide knowledge and insight into the grief journey. Time for Q&A is provided. After the 20-30 minute presentation, attendees have the option to participate in small groups according to their loss. The group meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30—8:30 p.m. at St. Edmund Campus (Fr. Smirolodo Center), 530 Elliott Road, Tonawanda. There is no charge for attendance and all are welcome. Call St. Christopher Parish Office, 692-2660, with any questions.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? Whatever the measure, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags, and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils, and bed linens. The donations are used for the Ladies’ Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations can be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month (except holiday weekends). For more information, call 716-895-4001.