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
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CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ........................William Kurzdorfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMAN ..........................................................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

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.

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 ...................................... 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffeiner ............................. 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters .............................. 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Mosshall .............................. 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber .......................... 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulenpikoff ...................... 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**

**SUNDAY, July 9: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 9:00 am: Henry M. Bartnik, by Melanie and John Loss
- 11:00 am: Susan Riester Bogner, by Michael Riester

**WEDNESDAY, July 12: WEEKDAY**
- 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

**THURSDAY, July 13: SAINT HENRY**
- 12:05 pm: Edward and Otilia Hager, by Estate

**SUNDAY, July 16: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
- 11:00 am: Michael Hayes, by Katie, Michaeleene and John

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
**Weekend of July 15th and July 16th**
- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: John Loss
- 11:00 am: Matt Glynn

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
**Weekend of July 15th and July 16th**
- 4:00 pm: Kevin Brayer, Debbie Guillow and Ron and Margaret Foege
- 9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O'Shea
- 11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Sue Kolbe, Keith Boerner and Pat Doyle

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**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and In Thanksgiving, requested by James Vasi. 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.

**IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH**

It is the responsibility of the community, the church, and the parish to provide a place for the newly baptized to be formed in the faith and prepared for all the other sacraments to which the baptized have a right. As the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith, it is the responsibility of the parents to actively participate in the Christian Community to which they belong, that is the parish to which they belong, by attending Mass and setting an example of Christian living for their children. It is the responsibility of the godparent or sponsor to assist the newly baptized in their faith formation and to support the parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers.

A candidate for Baptism must have at least one sponsor or godparent. This sponsor or godparent can be male or female. If two godparents are requested, one would be a male and the other female. The purpose of stating a specific number of godparents or sponsors is to avoid the multiplication of sponsors.

The chosen godparent/sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. The chosen person must be at least sixteen years old; be a Catholic who has been confirmed; has received the Eucharist; if married be married in the Catholic Church; be a participating member of a parish by attending Mass.

The one chosen to be a sponsor/godparent must be designated by the parents and approved by the pastor of his or her parish through a letter of recommendation.

The same qualifications considered for a sponsor/godparent for Baptism are to be followed for one to be a sponsor for Confirmation.

To be a sponsor for the sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation is one of the privileges members of the Church enjoy. By God’s gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, may God in his goodness continue to pour out his blessings upon all who are baptized and make them faithful members of his holy people.

*Msgr. Manganello*

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**In your prayers...**
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Amy Vilz, Mamise Reaves, 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 Rimminger, Joan Taylor, Catalina Aloi, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Larry DiGiulio, 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 Rev. Ronald W. Sams, S.J., Albina Montione, Kevin McCue 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 366 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,681.00 and Peter’s Pence collection was $470.00.

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, July 8th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, July 9th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SATURDAY, July 15th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, July 16th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

WORD OF LIFE

“Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.” ~ Pope Francis, “Message for the Lenten Brotherhood Campaign in Brazil.”

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father’s chartable works through the Peter’s Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. And you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” This beautiful invitation from Jesus is a favorite and often quoted scripture passage among Christians. Jesus tells us that, while we have burdens in our daily lives and as his disciples, we are not alone. When we carry his yoke—when we make the concerted effort to live as Jesus did with love and care for others—he shares the burden with us. Jesus promises that his burden is easy and light because he is always present with us, helping us shoulder whatever we must carry in our lives. All we need to do is rest in Jesus.

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you considering becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is being called to join our faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. The process is intended for adults: (1) who were never baptized; (2) those baptized in another Christian faith who wish to become Catholic; and (3) those baptized Catholic, but did not make their First Holy Communion or were not Confirmed. Classes are held on Sundays, directly after the 11:00 Mass (approximately 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.), in the St. Louis Sacristy. Classes will begin in September. More information and the 2017-2018 registration form are available on the St. Louis website. Contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) with inquiries or to register.

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-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-10) 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/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

St. Louis’ 2017-2018 Pre-K to 10th grade Faith Formation program will begin in late September and continue through April. All children are welcome to attend and there is no cost to enroll. Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:50 –10:50 a.m., in the church hall. Families new to St. Louis need to register. Families who completed Faith Formation classes last year do not need to re-register. The registration form is available on the St. Louis website (http://www.stlouisrcchurch.org) or families can contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

VOCATION THOUGHT

Our Lord calls us to take His yoke upon our shoulders. How do you hear this call for you specifically? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo, or from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information call (716) 895-4001.