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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/CHOIRMNTER..................................................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 ................................................................Sat. 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
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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
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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
Rev. Michael A. Anstedt .......................................................1944-1948
Rev. Howard J. Schwartz ....................................................1948-1964
Rev. Clarence Ott ...............................................................1964-1965
Rev. Alfred M. Mosack .........................................................1965-1979

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Michael 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.

SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN

On July 11th Catholic Charities announced the 2017 Appeal in support of Catholic Charities of Buffalo met and exceeded its $11 million goal which appeared to be in jeopardy of coming up short earlier on. After a very challenging Appeal, officials expressed gratitude for the incredible parish, community and corporate support, especially last-minute gifts, which brought the Appeal total to $11,069,168.36.

Sister Mary McCarrick, Catholic Charities diocesan director said, “All of our contributors, including those who graciously gave a second time or for the first time at the last minute, understood that while our time was finite, we could do infinite good with their gifts...We pledge to remain focused on continuing our mission to serve people in need as we were in meeting our goal.”

Catholic Charities has helped individuals and families in need since its founding in 1923. From emergency assistance to counseling and from specialized services for the elderly to help with job training and education, Catholic Charities empowers children, families and seniors to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives.

St. Louis parishioners have proudly contributed $116,216.25 to the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal. Thank you for your support in aiding those who are in need in Western New York.

Msgr. Manganello

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Patience is a virtue. We’ve all heard this said many times, but do we really know what it means? Today’s readings provide some insights. We are reminded that God is amazingly patient. He waits for wheat to grow enough so that weeds can be pulled without harming the wheat. He waits patiently for the seed to grow into a plant large enough to welcome the birds. He allows time for the yeast to work its leavening effect on the dough. The readings remind us that patience is a virtue—often referred to as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit—a life-giving trait that enables us to wait for the maturing of people, abilities, ideas...and ourselves. As we patiently wait for the kingdom of heaven, let’s remember to live our days with the mercy, forgiveness, and justice of God.

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise 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, Catalina Aloi, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Bell, 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 Richard Einstein, Virginia Rybak, Leona O’Brien and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 336 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,974.00. 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.”

THE REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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SUNDAY, July 23rd
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

WEDNESDAY, July 26th
6:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)

SATURDAY, July 29th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, July 30th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

LITTLE SAINTS:

St. Louis’ Early Childhood Ministry

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14). Are you interested in your young child(ren) learning about God’s love through fun, faith-based lessons? “Little Saints” is faith formation designed for children from birth to five years old (through kindergarten). Children will sing songs, hear Bible stories, pray, and do crafts to learn about our Catholic Faith. Parents are welcome to attend with their child(ren). Classes are held during regular faith formation class time, from 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. on Sundays. Check the Saint Louis website for class dates (http://www.stlouisrcchurch.org). For more information or to register, please contact Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

High schoolers are invited to attend a “Young Christian’s at Work” retreat. Together, St. Louis and St. Joseph’s University Parish will hold an all-day retreat for high schoolers (at least 13 years of age by the date of the retreat) to engage teens in local community service, fellowship, and learning more about our faith. Young Christians at Work helps youth think critically about breakdowns in society and how Catholicism calls us to respond in light of the 7 principles of Catholic School Teaching. Confirmation candidates should plan to attend this retreat as their Confirmation retreat.

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2017
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mass from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s University Parish)
Location: St. Joseph’s University Parish on Main Street in North Buffalo
Cost: TBD (anticipated cost will be $5 to $15)
Please contact Ashlee Campbell for more information or to register (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th, or 70th Wedding Anniversary for the year of 2017. A special Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2017 by Bishop Richard J. Malone at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Cathedral in downtown Buffalo. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. Following the Mass, an informal reception will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel. Please contact your parish rectory as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

If you or someone you know is struggling with an alcohol or drug addiction this is your sign to receive help. Catholic Charities’ Chemical Dependency Treatment Program has immediate openings. Our outpatient program in New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. More information on the program can be found at www.ccwny.org/services/outpatient-clinic. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at (716) 895-1033. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

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-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/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).