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.

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 Mroz
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.

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 Schouplenikoff .......................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ..................................1867-1888
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .........................1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott .....................................1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ..............................1965-1979
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, August 5:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Matthew Boniface and Rosa DiFilippo
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Ken Boerner, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom
5:30 pm: Wedding of Hendrik Kits Van Heyningen and Siobhan Hanley

SUNDAY, August 6: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Deceased of the Chojnacki and Halicki Families, by Family
11:00 am: Mary Guzowski, by Mike Mikos

MONDAY, August 7: SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE AND SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, August 8: SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST
12:05 pm: Philip Passafiume, Jr., by Central Services/ Cafeteria Staff

WEDNESDAY, August 9: SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Hession and Sullivan Families, by Ann Hession

THURSDAY, August 10: SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

FRIDAY, August 11: SAINT CLARE
12:05 pm: Carol Wittig, by Rev. Andrew Lauricella

SATURDAY, August 12:
2:00 pm: Wedding of John Karpie and Emily Vozzo
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle

SUNDAY, August 13: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Vincey and Anthony Barone, by Family
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of August 12th and August 13th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Clark Jordan
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of August 12th and August 13th
4:00 pm: Jane Pelosi, Kevin Brayer, Debbie Guillow and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Robert Sprague and John and Nancy Pax
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Carolann Besch and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Edward and Kathryn Zawistowski, requested by David Zawistowski. 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.

PASTOR’S MINISTERIAL REVIEW

On May 15, 2004, our former Pastor, Bishop Cunningham, appointed me as the Administrator of St. Louis Parish. Almost a year later I was appointed by Bishop Edward Kmiec on May 9, 2005 as the Pastor of St. Louis. In 2011, I was re-appointed as the Pastor of St. Louis for a second term of 6 years. This term is about to expire.

In the Diocese of Buffalo appointments as Pastor are a term of six years with renewable terms possible. The present diocesan policy, adopted on the recommendation of the Council of Priests, calls for a ministerial review to take place toward the end of a priest’s term of appointment.

If you would like to participate in my ministerial review, there are ministerial review forms at the entrances to the church. Please take one with you to complete at your convenience. The review forms are to be completed by August 25, 2017 and returned to the Coordinator—Priests’ Personnel Board, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.

I have enjoyed being a part of St. Louis Parish and would be pleased to continue serving as your Pastor for many more years. Thank you for all your help and support during these past 13 years. May God bless each of you for your gift of faith and your participation in the life of St. Louis Parish.

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thinking about expanding your family? Consider becoming a foster parent. Catholic Charities works closely with birth families to provide a safe place for children, especially sibling groups, to stay and receive care when they cannot receive it at their own home. While often temporary, some children must be relocated permanently. Our Foster Care program in Erie County allows for children to receive nurturing care from loving families. Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Our next round of informational meetings will be held at 525 Washington Street, Buffalo on August 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 4-5:30 p.m.; attend either one. To register for the meeting, or to learn more, call (716) 856-4494 ext. 360 or email elizabeth.murphy@ccwny.org.

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ben Cambria, Amy Viz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Soffolotto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Aloi, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, 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 Henry Sontag, Verna Heist 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 349 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,368.00. 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.”

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Sahlen’s hot dogs, Italian sausage and hamburgers will be prepared by our Award Winning Grilling Experts, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass; salads are always needed and desserts are a welcome addition. Volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the picnic, and even the smallest contribution of your time is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located at the church entrances. Come and enjoy the afternoon with your friends and meet your fellow parishioners!

6TH ANNUAL MSGR. MANGANELLO BOCCE OPEN TOURNAMENT

Two-person teams for the 6th Annual Msgr. Manganello Bocce Open Tournament are now forming and the competition will be held during the parish picnic. You need not have Bocce skills or be Italian to compete. Team sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances. Get a team together and enjoy the fun!

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.

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 St. Louis website for class dates (http://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 Social 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).

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, August 5th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Fund Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SATURDAY, August 6th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Fund Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, August 6th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Fund Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

MONDAY, August 7th
7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

SATURDAY, August 12th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, August 13th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today’s scriptures invite us to explore how God wants to transform us. One way to do that is through the use of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a Catholic spiritual practice from the early times in the Church that literally means “divine reading”. It’s a way of reading scripture that can benefit anyone. Lectio Divina isn’t concerned necessarily with reading a great amount of scripture. Rather, it is about attentiveness while we are reading so that we listen to God’s word in a new way. It involves a few simple steps—reading scripture, meditating on it, praying with it, and contemplating its meaning. We may read only one verse from the Bible, for example, and spend time contemplating what God is saying and how we should respond. Lectio Divina is a way to keep focused on the scriptures so that we can unwrap the depth of their meaning for us. It has the potential to transform us in the knowledge that God intends for us to have. Try Lectio Divina. It may prove enlightening.