2017

St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 188th Anniversary

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Confessions ……………………………………Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION
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OUR PARISH SCHOOL
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Grades Pre-K to 8
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WEDDINGS
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

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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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, August 19:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
   Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle
5:30 pm: Wedding of Luke Marchiori and Emily Dehlinger

SUNDAY, August 20: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, August 21: SAINT PIUS X, POPE
12:05 pm: Dr. and Mrs. George O’Grady, by Family

TUESDAY, August 22: THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
12:05 pm: Dorothy Jankowiak, by Robert and Marla Bujnicki

WEDNESDAY, August 23: SAINT ROSE OF LIMA
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

THURSDAY, August 24: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

FRIDAY, August 25: SAINT LOUIS AND SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ
12:05 pm: Andrea McFall, by Gary and Sandy Witman
3:00 pm: Wedding of Aaron Barrett and Samantha Will

SATURDAY, August 26:
12 noon: Wedding of Jody Kluczynski and Lisa Sanita
2:00 pm: Wedding of Scott Smith and Morgan Heft
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
   Douglas H. Schulte, by Gary A. Halicki

SUNDAY, August 27: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Leo Travers, by Donna and Bill Collins
11:00 am: Kenneth Boerner, by Michael Riester

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of August 26th and August 27th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Maureen Saab
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of August 26th and August 27th
4:00 pm: Jane Pelosi, Debbie Guillow and Ron and Margaret Foegen
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero, Judy Perkowski and Robert Sprague
11:00 am: Michael Mandolfo, Keith Boerner, Carolann Besch and Sue Kolbe

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Richard and Ed Zawistowski, requested by Zawistowski Brothers. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Darlene Slwinski-Hill, 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.

AN ARMY OF LIFTS
Over the last several weeks the Army of Lifts has slowly moved around the church. Progress is slow but coming along. The North side of the church facing St. Louis Place is finished with no serious problems found.

However, the Apse of the church with the windows that depict the life of St. Louis is another story. There is a lot of damage that needs to be repaired in addition to painting the wood frames. There was a great deal of rotted wood on the windows that needed to be replaced. The acrylic protecting the stained glass windows was cracked and needed to be replaced as well. The acrylic is being replaced with glass on all seven windows so we will not have to deal with further deterioration in the near future. Also the stained glass windows are held in place by steel bars. On two of the windows the steel bars were completely rusted through.

To say the least the project continues to grow as does its price tag. The estimate for the painting of the windows was $90,000 excluding carpentry work and other unforeseeable issues. The cost of replacing the acrylic increased the cost another $30,000. So far, the carpentry work and re-fabrication of the steel bars has added another $8,160.

All the work that is being done is very necessary if we are to protect the integrity of the beautiful windows which are irreplaceable. A display of the work being done on the windows will be set up in church beginning next weekend.

This year the Annual Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. The Preservation Fund Drive is now getting underway and your continued support for the preservation of our beautiful historic church will be greatly appreciated.

Msgr. Manganello

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 Slwinski, 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 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 318 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,887.00.
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 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for its general purposes.”

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS
SATURDAY, August 19th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Tickets on Sale for Basket Raffle

SUNDAY, August 20th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets on Sale for Basket Raffle
12 noon: Baptism of William Joseph Zygaj
1:00 pm: Baptism of Harper Rose Egan and Hazel Mae Schranz

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd
6:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)

SATURDAY, August 26th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, August 27th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
After 11:00 am Mass: Parish Picnic—Tickets on Sale

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
If you’re a compassionate adult looking for a way to give back and invest some time in a new adventure, consider volunteering with the Western New York Alzheimer’s Caregiver Partnership. The partnership, an organization serving seven counties to assist and support caregivers of persons with Alzheimer’s or other dementia, is seeking adult volunteers. Opportunities include: support group facilitator, education assistant, event assistant, in-home companion, joint enrichment docent, Memory Café group assistant, office assistant and respite assistant. Training will be provided, and support from the WNYACP team will be available. For more information call Heidi Billittier at 896-6388, ext. 213.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
The encounter between the Canaanite woman and Jesus in today’s gospel reveals his unrestricted mercy for others, even for someone the disciples thought of as an outsider. The story gives us insight into our own inclusivity and ministry within our faith communities. Jesus shows us that discipleship is not just doing good for others; it is also having empathy and understanding for them. Pope Francis’ own example shows us that attitude is as important as action. Faith communities are intended to be places where all are welcome. Yet many faithful today say they too often feel like “outsiders” in their church. Divorced persons. Single adults. Immigrants or other newcomers. Empathy and understanding will lead us to be more welcoming to others in our faith community, as we remember that God welcomes all people into his house. Let’s strive to live with mercy for others as Jesus did and with great faith and an open mind like the Canaanite woman.

RETRIEVE 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).

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!

ST. LOUIS BASKET RAFFLE
Baskets will be on display and tickets available for pre-sale before and after each Mass this weekend as well as at the picnic.

VOCATION THOUGHT
Like the Canaanite woman, there are many people seeking Christ who are in need of healing and peace. How is God calling you to help make this connection?
If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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).