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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.

WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment.
Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

HOUS COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime
day or night.

BAPTISMS

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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 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. Anstett ………………….1944-1948
Rev. Howard J. Schwartz ………………….1948-1964
Rev. Clarence Ott ……………………..…….1964-1965
Rev. Alfred M. Mosack …………………..1965-1979

Dear Parishioners:

Yesterday the Bishops of the United States received a letter from Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and Vice-President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He wrote in the name of His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and all those who are working hard to help the grief-stricken in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Catholic Charities USA has been working tirelessly throughout these afflicted areas to bring relief and assistance to those affected by this catastrophic weather event. The rains are expected to continue for at least a few more days and some areas may receive a total of 50 inches of rain. Rivers are rising and will be at historic flood stages for quite some time. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families who have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. We also pray for all bishops and clergy who are providing pastoral care to their people amidst such trying times.

In addition to our prayers, financial support is urgently needed. In response to this catastrophe, I have asked all parishes of our Diocese to take up a special voluntary collection in response to the needs of the people who are in need of our financial aid in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The collection will be designated for immediate relief and to assist with long-term rehabilitation for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. I am deeply grateful for your generous response to this collection.

We offer our condolences and prayers, as the Catholic Church of Western New York, to our brothers and sisters in the Gulf Coast region who have suffered as a result of this natural disaster. May we all be united in prayer as we pray for the victims and survivors and all those who are working so hard to assist them. Thank you and may Our Lord bless you!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Richard J. Malone

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

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 Saffoletto, 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 Louise Remick 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 320 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,163.00.

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, September 2nd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, September 3rd
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

MONDAY, September 4th—Labor Day
No Mass Today—Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 5th
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, September 9th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey Collection

SUNDAY, September 10th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey Collection

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The school year is right around the corner. If you're cleaning out closets or downsizing before updating wardrobes with new school clothes, 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. The organization also accepts household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. 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. 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 895-4001.

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).

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 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.

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).

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 make 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).

VOCATION THOUGHT

Every vocation involves some degree of suffering and sacrifice. However, in Christ, all suffering leads to glory. Let us not allow the thought of suffering or sacrifice to deter us from our vocations. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.