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Monday at noon.
Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime.
Classes are offered bimonthly. Please call a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

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.

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.

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 Mrozek
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION ................................ Ashlee Campbell
BUSINESS MANAGER ....................................................... John Beller
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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.

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

**Announced Masses of the Week**

**SATURDAY, September 9:**
- 12 noon: Wedding of Louis Schiumo and Nicole Dudek
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - Peter C. Piccillo and Anna Burke, by Family

**SUNDAY, September 10:**
- **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - 9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Hromchak Family, by Rosemary Bloch
  - 11:00 am: Rae Reines, by Carolann Besch

**MONDAY, September 11:**
- **WEEKDAY**
  - 12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

**TUESDAY, September 12:**
- **THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**
  - 12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**WEDNESDAY, September 13:**
- **SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**
  - 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

**THURSDAY, September 14:**
- **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
  - 12:05 pm: Mary (Mollie) Verdi, by Department of Catholic Schools

**FRIDAY, September 15:**
- **OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
  - 12:05 pm: Rev. Joseph M. Sorg, by Estate

**SATURDAY, September 16:**
- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Sean Donnelly and Christina McMahon
- 4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, September 17:**
- **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - 9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
  - 11:00 am: Rob and Robby Hoffman—in Honor of Feast of Saint Robert

**SCHEDULE OF DEACONS**

Weekend of September 16th and September 17th

- 4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
- 9:00 am: Anne Continetti
- 11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Weekend of September 16th and September 17th

- 4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Kevin Brayer, Mike Mikos and Jim Ferrini
- 9:00 am: Tim and Mary O’Shea and John and Nancy Pax
- 11:00 am: Keith Boerner, Sue Kolbe and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Rae Reines, requested by Carolann Besch.

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.

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

In today’s gospel, Jesus expresses what we might call “tough love” today. He tells us that if someone sins against us, we should first discuss it with that person privately. In other words, avoid bad-mouthing and gossip. If we can’t reach an agreement—if the person doesn’t want to listen—we should then bring in one or two others from the family or community to assist us in resolving the problem. If that doesn’t work, we can involve others as needed to help the situation. If the wrong-doer still won’t listen, as a final resort, we distance ourselves from them. What Jesus suggests is not to punish but to bring someone to his or her senses. It is an act of love to do whatever one can to help another person return to a right relationship with God and others. We don’t give up. We give the person time to reconcile and change.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

If you are feeling overwhelmed with keeping up with your child’s medical care and physical, dental and/or mental health appointments, Catholic Charities can help. Catholic Charities is now a children’s health home provider through Encompass Family Health Home. Through the health home, children and their families are given a network of providers, health plans and community-based organizations that work to ensure the child’s needs are met, including physical, dental, mental health or simple support. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, visit cwny.org/encompass_health_home or call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2012.

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

Christian lives are not lived in isolation, but through relationships. It is also through relationships that our sense of vocation manifests itself. By looking at your relationships, what can you sense about your vocation? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

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**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ben Cambria, Amy Vilt, 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 Ascda, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Alor, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Belzer, 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.
**SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 321 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,799.00. 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 9th**
- 4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
- 4:00 pm: Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey Collection
- 4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

**SUNDAY, September 10th**
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey Collection
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
- 12 noon: Baptism: Everett James Monte

**MONDAY, September 11th**
- 7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

**SATURDAY, September 16th**
- 4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
- 4:00 pm: Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection

**SUNDAY, September 17th**
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection
- After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy
- 12 noon: Baptism of Dominic Robert Bova and Veronica Yustina Carlino

**LITTLE SAINTS**

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).

**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 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.

**2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

St Louis’ 2017-2018 Pre-K to 10 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.stlouiscrcchurch.org) or families can contact the DRE, 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).