2017
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 188th Anniversary

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Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen…………………………….Weekend Assistant
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TRUSTEES………………………………………………..Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ………William Kurzdorfer
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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.

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. 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.

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 Raffineir………………………… 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

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ………………….1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach……………………1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ……………………1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz……………………1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott………………………… 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ……………………1965-1979

MOTHER NATURE CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE

It seems as if the natural disasters just won’t end. In response to the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and second devastating earthquake in Mexico, the U.S. Conference of Bishops has requested that an opportunity be given to the Roman Catholic Community to aid the victims of Hurricane Maria and the Mexican Earthquake. Many people of Western New York have ties to Puerto Rico as well as friends and family living in Puerto Rico. These natural disasters have continued to grab global attention and as well as challenge us to assist with helping people who have lost everything.

Bishop Malone is requesting that a collection be taken as soon as possible to help the people of Puerto Rico and Mexico. His letter follows:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This last month has been a difficult time as many were affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. I sincerely thank you for your generosity in offering prayers, outreach, and donations to aid those impacted by these terrible storms.

Without much time to take a breath, Hurricane Maria swept through much of the same geography as Irma and our brothers and sisters in Central Mexico were hit with a 7.1 magnitude earthquake not even three weeks after Southern Mexico experienced an 8.1 magnitude quake. As we have all seen from the reports on television, the Caribbean and Mexico have experienced substantial damage and have suffered significant devastation.

I wish I did not need to ask, but would you prayerfully consider making a donation to help those who have suffered from these two additional calamities. If you are unable to do so, please keep these communities in your prayers. The news coverage will quickly end, but the impact and loss will continue for time to come. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church, as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA (Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services (Mexico Earthquake).

Your pastor will determine the weekend when this collection will take place.

Again, thank you for your generous concern for all those communities that have experienced these calamities.

May the Lord bless you and your family and those who have suffered so much loss, peace, and hope.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+Richard J. Malone
Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

Next weekend, October 7th and 8th, our second collection will be to assist the victims of the latest disasters.

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vliz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Mamise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffiletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Nizzi Asceta, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Aki, Paul Sweeney, Larry DiGiallo, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller and Margaret Foegen. 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 389 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,085.00. Hurricane Irma collection was $1,760.00.

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 30th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, October 1st
9:00 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy
12 noon: Baptism of Eleanor Suzanne Duquette

TUESDAY, October 3rd
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, October 7th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
and Fuel Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Hurricane Maria and Mexican Earthquake Collection
4:00 pm: Catholic Academy of West Buffalo Candy Sale

SUNDAY, October 8th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
and Fuel Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Hurricane Maria and Mexican Earthquake Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Catholic Academy of West Buffalo Candy Sale
12 noon: Baptism of Bedie Pearson Joseph and Harper Grace Joseph

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Are you a decisive person? Do the decisions you make in life—and the actions that follow—support your values as a Christian? In today’s gospel, Jesus tells us something very important about saying yes to God’s call and making the right choices. When it comes to the kingdom of God, we can't be wishy-washy. Our belief must be decisive and our actions must carry through and be consistent with our belief. No matter what we say, the real issue is what we do, like the two sons in the gospel. When asked, one son said he would not work in this father’s vineyard, but then changed his mind and went. The other said yes, but did not go. Which son are you most like? The good news is that God does not change his divine mind about calling us to a deeper relationship with him.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE
Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, $21,080 has been donated.

This year the Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. Your continued support for the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST
All volunteers and helping hands, please join us in the church hall on October 22nd (after 11:00 Mass) for food, fun and drink! RSVP or questions, contact Debbie Guillow @dgguillow@yahoo.com or 465-8196!

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CANDY SALE
Students from Catholic Academy of West Buffalo will be selling Niagara candy bars after Masses on October 7th and 8th and October 14th and 15th at church exits. The candy bars cost $1. The proceeds of the sale benefit the Home School Association. Please support our parish school by purchasing candy. Thank you.

RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS
High schoolers are invited to attend a “Young Christian’s 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 $15.00)

Please contact Ashlee Campbell for more information or to register (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

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 is 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.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER
The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2018 Calendar Club calendar has two numbers for $25.00. The calendar is good for the entire year of 2018. Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of $50, weekend drawings of $100 and selected holiday drawings of $250 and $25 awarded if you have the number above or below the number drawn. A grand prize of $2,000 will be awarded on December 19th for Christmas Day 2018. Calendars are located in church for your convenience.

Send in your stub before November 1, 2017 to participate in the Early Bird Drawing for one of five $150 prizes. Call 855-6111 for information or calendars.