2017
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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.

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We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation,
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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
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Reverend Michael A. Anstett ...............................1894-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz ............................1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott .......................................1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ..............................1965-1979
Reverend Robert A. Mack .................................1995-2002


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
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MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of The Papacy of Pope Francis, requested by David Zawistowski. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Eleanor Treiber, requested by Michael Riester.

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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. The number of priests being ordained has risen slightly in recent years, but the increase in ordinations still isn’t keeping pace with priests retiring.

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 5-11, 2017. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the United States to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

National Vocation Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: “To what vocation in life is God calling me?”

When Pope Francis was elected, he bowed before the world and asked for prayers, showing that in the Christian life, there are different calls but not different classes. The Father assigns differing roles, but has the same love for each of His children. The question we are asked to reflect on is: “How can I humbly serve?” In the best marriages, spouses put each other first. The most effective priests make parishes their priority. The holiest nuns and brothers, “do small tasks with great love.” The key to discovering one’s vocation is casting aside the quest for status and pleasure and focusing on service.

God has a plan for our life, our vocation: Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage, or Single Life. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today’s society will hear and respond to God’s call.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Burns, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Mamise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Beaver, Linda Campbell, Barbara Sufolletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Berton, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Nizitti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Aloj, Paul Sweeney, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun 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 Judy C. Beecher 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 379 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,402.00.

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, November 4th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Catholic University of America Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, November 5th
2:00 am: Daylight Saving Time Ends

5:00 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Catholic University of America Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy
12 noon: Baptism of Desmond Christopher Farrell, Brianna Michelle May and Benjamin Thomas Carver

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

SATURDAY, November 11th
9:00 am: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, November 12th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

12:00 to 1:30 pm: RCIA & Pre-K—Grade 10—“People of Faith: Living as Disciples” Event—Church Hall

VOCATION THOUGHT

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

The privileged work of ministry is never done for the sake of spectacle, but with utmost humility. What does your level of humility say about your sense of vocation? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at (716) 847-5535.

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

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, $26,660 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.

SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY

The Saint Louis Garden Society—SLGS—will meet Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m. to begin the annual fall cleanup. Rain date is November 18th. New volunteers are most welcome.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Please remember to enroll your beloved deceased in the Saint Louis All Souls Remembrance. They will be remembered in all the Masses during the month of November. Envelopes are in the September/October envelope packet and on the tables at the church entrances.

CORY JAMES GALLAGHER AND CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENT:

“Concert for the Angels—An Evening of Remembrance”

Come take a journey of remembering your loved ones. Cory’s angelic singing will soothe your heart, while Amy’s poetry will stir your soul. A meaningful evening to feel the warmth of your loved ones near. Two dates:

Sunday, November 12th—5 p.m.—SS. Columba Brigid Church in Buffalo (75 Hickory).

Saturday, November 18th—7 p.m.—St. Mary of the Lake in Hamburg (4737 Lakeshore).

These events are by donation.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Today’s special collection is for the Catholic University of America, unique among universities in the United States, as the national university of the Catholic Church.

Your contributions will strengthen the work of our top scholars, many of whom help to explain Catholic social teaching to the rest of the world. It will also support scholarships for students in our diocese and others in achieving our mission of preparing the next generation of leaders for our Church and nation—including those studying to become our future priests and religious. We appreciate your generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

If you’re cleaning out closets or downsizing before the holidays, 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, and household items like 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 (716) 895-4001. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
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