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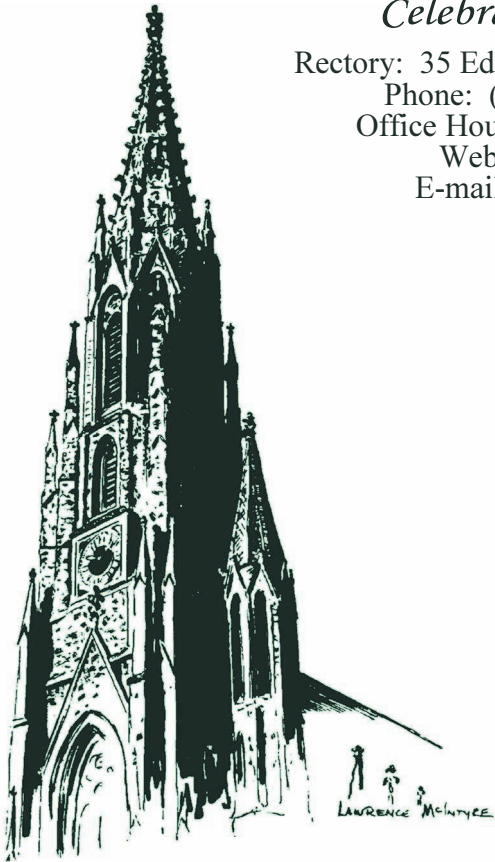
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MASSES

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

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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
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 Reverend Joseph Rafffeiner..... 1850-1851
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 Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
 Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
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 Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
 Reverend Howard J. Schwartz 1948-1964
 Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
 Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
 Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
 Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, November 18:

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Bernice Jacobs, by Ted and Mary Guzowski

SUNDAY, November 19: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Edwin and Louise Munschauer, by Richard Munschauer

MONDAY, November 20: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, November 21: THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:05 pm: Louis H. Davis, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, November 22: SAINT CECILIA

12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

THURSDAY, November 23: THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 am: Ann Marie Hogg and George M. Doscher, by Hogg and Paradowski Families

FRIDAY, November 24: SAINT ANDREW DUNG LAC

12:05 pm: Jacob and Emma Weppner, by Estate

SATURDAY, November 25:

2:00 pm: Wedding of Chase Pellow and Katherine Germain
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
Grace Burruano, by Charles and Grace Martorana

SUNDAY, November 26: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00 am: Mary Scully, by Rosemary Bloch
11:00 am: William Riestler Family, by Michael Riestler

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of November 25th and November 26th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of November 25th and November 26th

4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Aaron van Dyne, Judy Perkowski, Al Bluemle and Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom, Pat Doyle and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Melvin J. Sliwinski, requested by Family**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Mary Kontos, requested by Barbara Bonanno**.

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.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Every year in the fall, all parishes in the Diocese are required to submit a Financial and Spiritual Report on the state and activity of the parish to the Diocese. You will find our annual financial report that has been submitted to the Diocese in this weekend's bulletin.

The Financial Report shows that our parish is well supported by our parishioners and friends. Because of your kind generosity we are able to maintain our parish programs and facilities. In addition, this year through your selfless sacrifice, our parish received two payments from *Upon This Rock* totaling \$87,815. Our *Preservation Fund* is well on its way. On behalf of the trustees, the Finance/Restoration Committee and the Parish Council, thank you for all of your dedicated efforts with your time, treasure, and talent that you freely offer to St. Louis.

During this past year, our Spiritual Report shows that many people have benefited spiritually from the St. Louis faith community. We have 664 households registered with St. Louis totaling 1,592 members. Our membership can fluctuate from year to year due to the fact that some may have relocated, others joined the parish, and that some of our parishioners have been called home to God during the year.

There are 20 catechists that volunteer their time and talent to provide instruction in our various faith formation programs that include: Pre-Baptismal Instruction, Religious Education, and RCIA along with the various other programs that are offered from time to time. Assisting in our Liturgical Functions are: 16 Lectors, 27 Eucharistic Ministers, 11 Altar Servers, 24 Ushers/Greeters; 3 Music Ministers and a Choir of about 40 who help us worship each Sunday. **(We welcome more people to consider being Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters and Music Ministry.)** We have 5 Home/Hospital Visitors who visit a few of our parishioners who are confined to home or a health care facility and assist at Buffalo General Hospital.

In the past year 21 children were baptized, 12 children and 2 adults received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, 10 children and 2 adults received First Eucharist, 9 young adults and 2 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 62 couples were married at St. Louis. Of the 17 funerals/Memorial Masses celebrated here about 10 were members of our parish.

All this activity is a sign that St. Louis is and continues to be a strong and vibrant parish. We continue to minister to the people of God both of our own parish and the wider community by welcoming all to our parish.

Thank you all for praying and participating in the Faith Community of St. Louis.

Msgr. Manganello



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram,

Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vitz, 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 Sliwinski, Catalina Aloi, Paul Sweeney, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Deacon Franklyn C. Steffen 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 378 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,047.00.

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 18th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection, Fuel Collection and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

SUNDAY, November 19th

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection, Fuel Collection and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

THURSDAY, November 23rd—Happy Thanksgiving

Mass at 10:00 am: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

SATURDAY, November 25th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, November 26th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

VOCATION THOUGHT

All of our gifts and talents have been given to be put to use for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. How productively and fully are you using your gifts for this purpose? 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!

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of industrious servants who are rewarded and an idle servant who is punished. The master entrusts the servants with talents—which are units of measure for precious metals such as silver and gold used in biblical times. While the industrious servants use their talents to increase in value; out of fear, the idle servant buries his talent in the ground. He feared the master's judgment so he did nothing. Fear can sometimes paralyze us from acting as Christ taught us, living with generosity and sharing our talents—our gifts—with others. We think we don't have much to offer. We are afraid to step out of our comfort zone. But, as the parable tells us, it isn't how much we have but how we put to the greatest use our gifts from God. Have no fear. Share your talents.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, \$33,985 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.

COME CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

On Thursday, November 23rd, we as a parish faith community will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Please join your fellow parishioners in giving thanks to God for all the blessings we enjoy, individually and as a parish family.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date!

The annual St. Louis Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, **December 10, 2017** after the 11 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be served by our dedicated volunteers and there will be fun activities for young and old alike! You will see the return of the gingerbread house auction and cookie contest! Rumor has it that Santa will be stopping by once more! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lindsay at lindsay.ee@gmail.com or call the rectory.

MSGR. SCHWINGER MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM

On Thanksgiving Day there will be a collection for the **Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program**. Many people come to our door every day from Monday through Friday and we are able to feed them through your generosity. So many of the patrons of the Sandwich Program are going through many hardships and difficulties in their lives—yet, they always come to the door with a smile on their faces and hope in their hearts that tomorrow will be a better day. The Sandwich Program gives dignity, respect and compassion to those most in need in our city. Your continued support helps keep hope alive in the hearts of the many "unknown faces" in our own backyards. Thank you for helping make tomorrow a little bit better for some of the most vulnerable in our city.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities' Department of Parish Outreach and Advocacy maintains eight pantries and outreach centers in Erie, Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties to provide food for people in need. The pantries are supported by generous donations from individuals and community organizations. To make a donation, or for more information about Catholic Charities Parish Outreach and Advocacy, call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2005, or go to ccwny.org.

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