2018
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829
Celebrating Our 189th Anniversary
Rectory: 35 Edward Street • Buffalo, New York 14202-1505
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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 COUNCIL OFFICERS
President .................................................................Frank Pelosi
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.

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.

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.

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
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ...................... 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .................... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott ............................. 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ...................... 1965-1979

SATURDAY, August 25:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Daniel Smykowski and Sarah Machajewski
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Douglas H. Schulte, by Gary A. Halicki
5:30 pm: Wedding of Nicholas Sinatra and Courtney Stott

SUNDAY, August 26: **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Carmela, John, Mary and Carrie Arnone, by Family

MONDAY, August 27: **SAINT MONICA**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, August 28: **SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP**
12:05 pm: Clyde W. Larsen, by Helene Tibollo

WEDNESDAY, August 29: **THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**
12:05 pm: Linda Klass, by Geoffrey Klass

THURSDAY, August 30: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

FRIDAY, August 31: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Alexander J. Kraus, by Estate

SATURDAY, September 1:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Ryan Klepadlo and Megan Weisbecker
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Norbert Sliwinski, by Catherine Burns

SUNDAY, September 2: **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Thomas F. Higgins, Jr., by Anthony and Kim Jordan
11:00 am: Cathy Markut, by Michael Riester

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of September 1st and September 2nd
4:00 pm: Ann Dumanksy
9:00 am: Tom Pirrung
11:00 am: Robert Sprague

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Weekend of September 1st and September 2nd
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo, Ann Dumanksy, Jim Ferrini and Debbie Guillow
9:00 am: Tim and Mary O’Shea and John and Nancy Pax
11:00 am: Carolann Besch, Pam Nordstrom and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

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**Announced Masses of the Week**

**SAINT LOUIS FEAST WEEKEND**

**The Annual Preservation Fund Drive**

The present structure of St. Louis Church was built in 1885. Over the years countless projects have been undertaken to sustain and maintain the integrity of our beautiful structure. Something needs attention every year.

Underway is the long awaited project to install a lift to the church hall and a handicap bathroom so that those who have difficulties with mobility will be able to more easily join us for our activities held in the church hall. This project is being financed through our contributions to the *Upon This Rock* campaign held a few years ago.

As the structure of the church ages there is always something that needs attention. We noticed that the top of the stairway near the handicap ramp has deteriorated leaving an open hole. Obviously it will need immediate attention. Our Preservation Fund this year will be used to address this situation as well as some other minor projects.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful Gothic Grandeur. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

The Annual Preservation Fund Drive mailing has gone out and we await your response and thank you for your generous support.

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**In your Prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilk, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiski, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Gosliniski, Carla Latutto, Theresa Dixon, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Spencer Daly, Joseph Accquino, Linda Campbell, James Falka, Bemandette R. Crawford, Nizzi Ascela, Geraldine Sliwinski, 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 and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

**Memorial Prayer Candles**

**The Sanctuary Light** burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Edward and Ethel Fornes, requested by Suzanne Accomazzo. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Edward and Ethel Fornes, requested by Suzanne Accomazzo.

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.

**The Feast of St. Louis, Parish Picnic, Preservation Fund Drive**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Louis King of France. St. Louis is most noted for his service to the people of God, especially the poor. He is also well known for protecting and preserving the sacred Holy Land sites that recall the life of Jesus.

This weekend we celebrate our faith life inspired by St. Louis with our annual picnic. We join together as a faith community to celebrate our blessings and strengthen our commitment to serving the people of God in our community.

At this time of year we also begin our Annual Preservation Fund Drive which helps us to continue our ministry to the people of God in our community and to preserve our Holy site.

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**Mr. Manganello**
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 302 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,962.00 and the Holy Day collection was $1,043.00.

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, August 25th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, August 26th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
After 11:00 am Mass: Parish Picnic

SATURDAY, September 1st
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, September 2nd
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12 noon: Baptism of Ladd Gabriel Jordan Campbell

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The new school year is almost here! If you’re facing a soon-to-be-empty nest and wonder what you can do with your free time, please consider volunteering with Catholic Charities. The agency offers a wide array of opportunities, from reception and office work to organizing donations, instructing classes and helping with the Appeal. If you’re overwhelmed by the thought of your empty home and want to make good use of your free time, visit ccwny.org/volunteer and explore the opportunities.

For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

This week’s readings compel us to reflect on intimacy with God. Witnessing miracles and feeling God’s protection on their journey out of Egypt, the Israelites committed to serve Him. They trusted Him as the one true God and their intimacy grew stronger. But after spending some time in the Promised Land, their trust and commitment began to waver. In the scripture reading we read of Joshua not only recommitting his life to God, but also challenging the Israelites to renew their trust and commitment to serve God. Joshua and the Israelites remind us that God wants an intimate relationship with each of us. But we are also reminded that true, honest intimacy requires an enduring trust and commitment from us. Do you feel you have a deep intimacy with God? Commit to Him and trust in His plan for you. The reward of an intimate union with God will be a level of happiness beyond your imagination...both in this life and the next.

TEMPORARY HANDICAP RAMP

We have installed a temporary handicap ramp in the front of the church to be used while construction of the lift is underway and the ramp is closed off. Once the ramp is closed please make use of the temporary ramp at the Main Street entrance to the church. The temporary handicap ramp is to the right of the main doors as you face the church. It may be a long journey from the parking lot to the front of the church, so I would suggest parking in front of the church, even if it means driving up onto our sidewalk in front of the church. I know this is going to make it difficult for some people, so if you need assistance, please ask us to help.

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

Help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, children and adolescents, preschool through grade 10, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. Catechists 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 a.m. –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. RCIA will begin Sunday, September 16th and continue through March. More information and the registration form are on the St. Louis website. Contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) with inquiries or to register.

VOCATION THOUGHT

After Jesus explained that His flesh and blood are true food and drink, by which eternal life is afforded all who eat and believe, there were many disciples who refused to believe and returned to their former ways of life. How is God asking you to bring reconciliation to those who have lost sight of His Eucharist? If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

♦ Enrollment is strong with several classes at or near capacity. Call for registration information at 885-6111.
♦ School starts Thursday, September 6th. It will be a full day, with both breakfast and lunch being served. After School Program begins as well. Uniforms are required 1st day of school.
♦ The 3-year program will begin on Tuesday, September 11th from 8:00—11:00 a.m.
♦ The Home School Association Welcome Back Picnic will be held on Friday, September 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
♦ The Meet the HSA and Teacher Night will be held on Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.
♦ The very popular Candy Bar sale will begin October 4th and end October 18th. The bars remain $1 and the children will be selling them after Masses.