2018
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 189th Anniversary

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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..................................................Robert Sprague
Vice-President........................................James Reeves
Secretary...............................................Jane Pelosi

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.

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 Deiers..........................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

Saint Louis

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 6:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

SUNDAY, January 7: **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
9:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie
11:00 am: Mary Guzowski, by Bonnie and Gordon Pleuthner

MONDAY, January 8: **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
12:05 pm: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate

TUESDAY, January 9: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, January 10: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

THURSDAY, January 11: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 12: **WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Thomas Comer, by Daybreak TV Productions

SATURDAY, January 13:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Thomas Guzowski, by Pat Abrams

SUNDAY, January 14: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am: Charles Barone, by Anthony Mauro
11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of January 13th and January 14th
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Gina Derrico

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of January 13th and January 14th
4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillou and Ron and Margaret Foegen
9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero and Robert Sprague
11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo, Pam Nordstrom and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Daniel T. Kaczyk, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Thomas M. Rooney, requested by his Sister.

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.

A TRADITION OF EPIPHANY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when the magi or wise men or kings visited Jesus, Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

One of the traditions or customs that has developed around this feast is that of house blessing. This custom grew up in the Middle Ages. Holy water was sprinkled in each room of the house. The father led a procession with a shovel of charcoal on which he burned incense and the oldest son had the bowl of holy water. The rest of the family followed praying the rosary and/or singing hymns. The youngest child carried a plate of chalk which had been blessed after morning Mass. The father took the blessed chalk and wrote over every room that led out outside: 20 + C + M + B + 18 for this year. The numbers represent the year while the letters represent the names of the three kings: Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar. The letters C, M, and B are also thought to stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means “Christ bless this home.” This tradition symbolizes the family commitment to welcome Christ into their homes on a daily basis throughout the year.

May the Lord bless your homes and families throughout 2018.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God’s kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? 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!

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Lattuca, 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, Mamise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Sufloletto, Caitlin Kasber, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti 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 Virginia (Ginger) Gibbons 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 282 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $10,024.00 and New Year’s collection was $1,324.00.

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.”

Annual Preservation Fund Drive

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. $45,210 has been donated. This year the Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. Your continued support to the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated.

Receipt of Tax Deductible Contributions

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2017 if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write “Tax Statement” on the front of your church envelope.

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, & Confirmation Registration and Classes

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2018. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: http://stlouisrcchurch.org or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th, 2018. All classes will be from 9:30 am—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

Catholic Charities

Are you an older adult who’s looking for a social program? Or do you have a loved one who could benefit from one? Try Catholic Charities’ A Gathering Place, a program designed for adults age 60 and older who may need assistance with activities of daily living, in addition to physical and cognitive activities and socialization. The program is held in a supervised and safe environment at 128 Wilson Street, Buffalo. Services include individualized program options, nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day and shower services. For more information, please call (716) 896-6388.

For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Bison Children’s Scholarship Fund

The Bison Children’s Scholarship Fund, a tuition assistance program for children, has scholarships available for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested families can visit the Bison website to learn more about the application process, including financial eligibility and key deadlines.

With a maximum award of $2,100, per child, this is a great opportunity for families who want a private education for their children but are unable to afford it.

For more information, please visit www.bisonfund.com or call 1-888-216-8380.

Faith Moment Reflection

The Magi story in today’s Gospel shows us how faithfully they followed God’s lead, journeying from the East not by a map but by divine guidance of the shining star. Imagine that on your next trip. No GPS. No itinerary. No connecting flight. Just following a brilliant light along an uncertain journey. As Christians, we are the Magi today, following God’s light, even when it takes us where we may not want to go. Like the Magi, our search for Christ leads us to new beginnings, often to unexpected places and unexpected persons. The Magi story also teaches us that God leads even in darkness, even when we have lost our way, and even when we encounter those who intend evil, as King Herod did in the Gospel. We have only to do as the Magi: surrender ourselves to God’s guidance. He will lead us to our destiny.