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 .......................................................... 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.
Eye 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.

WE DINGS
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 Schoulenpikoff ......................... 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ...................................... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ...................... 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lauderbach ................. 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 MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Melvin Sliwinski, requested by Family. 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.

CAUTION-THE FLU IS IN OUR MIDST

This past week Bishop Malone sent a letter reminding us all that we are in the midst of a widespread outbreak of the flu. It is one of the most widespread in some years. Bishop Malone reminds all of us to take necessary precautions to protect our own health as well as the health of others during the flu season. To prevent the spread of contagious diseases requires good hygiene, such as washing hands frequently with soap and warm water. Avoid close contact when sick. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Bishop Malone has suspended the distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful of our diocese except for those who must receive from the chalice due to medical reasons. For this reason we ask you to use good judgement if receiving the Blood of Christ. If you are feeling ill in any way, you should not receive from the chalice to prevent the spread of germs.

Extra caution should be used during the Sign of Peace. If you have a cold, a simple bow rather than shaking of hands is another way of extending the Sign of Peace.

If you are ill or suspect that you are ill with a contagious illness, you are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation and do not have to attend Mass while ill.

The hope is by following good health practices we can lessen the spread of the flu and help prevent the spread of the flu. Our prayer is for all to be well during the rest of the winter season.

Msgr. Manganello

In your Prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Norbert Sliwinski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, 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, especially Mary Margaret O'Shea 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 360 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,624.00.
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 community. 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.”

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—11:30 a.m. in the church hall.
Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

YOU’RE INVITED TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING
In gratitude for the abundant blessings and success of the Upon This Rock campaign, please join Bishop Richard J. Malone at one of the following community Masses of thanksgiving.

* Tuesday, January 30—Infant of Prague Parish, Cheektowaga—Mass at 5:30 p.m.; reception to follow
* Friday, February 9—St. Joseph Parish, Fredonia—Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow
* Monday, February 12—All Saints Parish, Lockport—Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow
* Tuesday, February 13—Ascension Parish, Batavia—Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow
Please select a Mass that is most convenient for you by visiting UponThisRockWNY.org/RSVP or call 716-847-8740.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS
SATURDAY, January 27th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection
5:00—6:30 pm: RCIA—Pre-K—Grade 10: “People of Faith: Living as Disciples” Event—Church Hall—Topic: What We Believe: The Nicene Creed

SUNDAY, January 28th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Sean Michael Leslie

SATURDAY, February 3rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Blessing of Throats
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, February 4th
9:50 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: Blessing of Throats
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy
12 noon: Baptism of Clara Mae Doll

BLESSING OF THROATS
In honor of St. Blaise there will be blessing of throats next weekend at all the Masses.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
In today’s Gospel, Mark teaches us about openness and trust in the Word of God. We hear about Jesus teaching in the synagogue, speaking not as the scribes of the day might, but as one with authority. When a man possessed by a spirit convulsed in front of him, Jesus commanded the demon to leave. Clearly His words had the power to invoke change. The people were amazed, saying “With authority he commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” It was the words that Jesus spoke that were like nothing else the people had ever heard before. His fame began to spread quickly from that point. The Word of God has the power to change our lives. God wants to free us from the negative influences in our lives that sap our time, energies and thoughts. He wants to empower us to do what is good and constructive. We only need to be open and trust in Jesus and his teachings.