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.

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen………………Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella……………………………2002

TRUSTEES……………………………………..Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ……….William Kurzdorfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER……………………Frank Scinta
CANTOR…………………………………………James Mrozek
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION ………………….Ashtee 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.
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.

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.

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 Schoulepnkoff……………………1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg…………………………1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher …………………1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lundenbanch …………1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anastett …………………1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz …………………1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott……………………………1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosaic …………………1965-1979

SAINT LOUIS

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of the Deceased Members of the Thomas F. McGowan Family, requested by Bill and Pam Nordstrom. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of St. Joseph, requested by Barbara Bonanno and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Thomas M. Rooney, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.

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.

CLEANING HOUSE

It is the custom in Jewish households just before Passover to remove all the chametz, the leaven, from their homes. It means getting rid of any food made of grain and water that is allowed to ferment and rise: bread, cereal, cake, cookies, pasta, and beer. Chametz is the opposite of matzo, the unleavened flat bread eaten by the Israelites the night before their escape from Egypt.

On the last days before Passover, Jewish families thoroughly clean their homes, especially the kitchen, of every bit of chametz. Every carpet is vacuumed and every floor swept. Every surface is scrubbed clean with boiling water. A separate set of pots, dishes and cutlery are brought out for Passover.

The point of the Passover “unleavening” is to experience again the “newness” of what God has done: freeing his people from slavery and bringing them into a new land of promise and hope. This act of preparing for Passover invites Jews to remove the “spiritual” leaven from their lives as well as the physical things. Passover calls us to clean away those distractions and let go of our illusions about ourselves and embrace, instead, the spirit of the humble matzo.

During the last days of Lent we have the opportunity to sweep our houses clean of the unnecessary and distracting things in our lives to better embrace the experience of Easter re-creation in our hearts and homes.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jeff Dory, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Godinski, Carla Latuca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Movica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti 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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 370 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,385.00 and the Fuel collection was $1,234.00.

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, March 17th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Easter Flowers Collection
4:00 pm: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale

SUNDAY, March 18th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Easter Flowers Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: St. Patrick’s Day Carnation Sale
Noon—2:00 pm: St. Joseph’s Table—Church Hall

FRIDAY, March 23rd
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 24th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms

SUNDAY, March 25th—Palm Sunday
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Distribution of Palms
11:00 am: Children’s Procession of Palms

VOCATION THOUGHT
Just as grains of wheat must die and be scattered in order to produce new life, we must be willing to die to ourselves, and surrender our own ambitions for the sake of God’s will. What is God’s will for you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Scientists estimate the average person makes five choices per minute, adding up to as many as 5,000 every day. But of all the decisions we make, the most important—one we should consciously make every day—is to choose to love God and one another. Today’s reading from the Book of Jeremiah teaches about the choice God makes to enter into a covenantal relationship with His people. It is a covenant that is not written on paper, but rather in our hearts. It is a relationship in which He promises, “I will be their God, and they shall be my people”. In other words, the only stipulation of this covenant is love. We enter into and remain in that covenantal relationship with God when we decide to love God and our neighbor. It is God’s love, residing in our hearts, which will help us to do just that. All we have to do is decide to love. The choice is yours. A personal and loving relationship with God is yours for the taking.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25th is Palm Sunday. All children are invited to join in a procession of palms at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass that day. Children interested in participating should meet by 10:50 at the Main Street entrance of the church. Families of children participating are asked to sit near the front of the church so that children can easily join their parents after the procession.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Are you interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or do you know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone else for one of the five open seats on the parish council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of April 14 and 15. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be involved in the functions of the parish. Please consider running for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role. Nomination forms are included with this week’s bulletin and may be submitted in the collection basket or to the sacristy.

For questions or more information about the parish council, please contact Keith Boerner at (716) 698-3132, or Email “KeithBoerner@roadrunner.com”.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick’s Day before and after all Masses this weekend. Carnations will be $1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

EASTER FLOWERS

The March/April packet of envelopes contains the special Easter Flowers envelope. Your generosity and the talents of our dedicated volunteers guarantee that we will again experience a spectacle to behold. The Easter Flowers Collection will be taken this weekend.

DON’T GIVE UP SOMETHING

Dear St. Louis Family,

Lent is here. Don’t give up something. Give something. This Lent you can help those carrying their cross. The Response to Love Center is in need of soup to help serve families in our community who need a helping hand.

Can you help provide these soups?
- Chicken Noodle
- Cream of Chicken
- Cream of Mushroom
- Cream of Celery

Boxes are available at the entrances of the church for donations.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“Love your neighbor” Gal. 5:14. Appeal Week 2018 kicks off this weekend. Please help us reach our goal of $11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in your communities. Your donation provides food, clothing and shelter to individuals and families alike, mental health and chemical dependency treatment and affordable counseling for all ages. The 2018 Appeal is an opportunity to love your neighbor in Western New York by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need. Please support our Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or visiting ccwny.org/donation. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.