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.

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.
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.

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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, May 5:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Kevin McCue, by Sondra Schreiber

SUNDAY, May 6: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Donald Kopp, by Rosemary Bloch
11:00 am: Jeff Dory, by Family and Friends

MONDAY, May 7: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, May 8: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, May 9: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: All Souls
4:30 pm: VIGIL FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

THURSDAY, May 10: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

FRIDAY, May 11: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Leonard Horton, by Clem and Anne Eckert

SATURDAY, May 12:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Thomas Daley and Stephanie Blaszak
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Margaret “Peggy” Burns, by Evan and Trish Lewis

SUNDAY, May 13: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish
11:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of May 12th and May 13th
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Matt Glynn

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of May 12th and May 13th
4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Jim Ferrini
and Frank and Jane Pelosi
9:00 am: Rosemary Bloch, Susan Ministero
and John and Nancy Pax
11:00 am: Br. Nick Romeo, Michael Riester
and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Pam Arrigo and Rose Vasi Roberto, requested by Jim Vasi. 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.

CHOSLED AS FRIENDS OF JESUS

The Gospel this weekend reminds us that Jesus calls us his Friends and has chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit. He reassures us: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you.” We receive the blessings of God’s love through the Sacraments we celebrate in our lives of faith. During the Easter season we continue to celebrate growth in our faith as we celebrate with the members of our parish the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacraments of the Church are our gift of love from God and Jesus. It is through the grace of the Sacraments that Jesus and His Father come to live with us.

Saturday morning we celebrated First Penance with our young people and their families who have been learning about God’s mercy and forgiveness. We congratulate our 9 parishioners: Carter John Edward Blair, Shane Patrick Jordan, Andrew Michael Mineo, Nora Muriel Mineo, Matthew Donald Parisi, Nicholas James Puskas, Patrick Harry Quinn, Caroline Rose Rhoney and Blake Thomas Tetzto.

Sunday morning at the 11:00 Mass, we celebrate First Eucharist with our 12 young people and their families who have been preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. They will join us at the Table of the Lord each Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist. We congratulate: Lawrence Frederick Benz, Marco Elio D’Angelo, John Ryan Dunn, Gregory Louis Eberl, Natalie Frances Gress, Alexander Joseph Lugris, Sophia Bella McDaniel, Lucio Tommaso Moscati, Zoe Grace Parks, Amelia MacDonald Rajecki, Madison Giada Scarpace, and Logan Erik Wind.

We are grateful to all who have prepared our children for these special sacraments that they are receiving. Thank you to our Catechists: Linda Ciccia, and Ashlee Campbell. Thank you to our Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell for coordinating these programs as well as all our other Faith Formation Programs. Thank you also to the parents who support their children in the ways of faith formation. Thank you to all our parishioners for their prayers for all who are receiving God’s grace today.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Gosliniski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Debonah Buyers, John Zawistowski, 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, especially Ann Marie Piccillo 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 340 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $9,860.00 and Catholic Home Missions collection was $698.00.

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."

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

On Mother’s Day Masses will be offered for our mothers—living or deceased. We invite you to enroll your mother in this remembrance by using one of the envelopes provided for this purpose. Envelopes can be found in the March/April envelope packet and on the tables near the entrances to the church.

The best gift of gratitude that we can give our mother is a spiritual gift. Remembering our mother in such a way—if she still has an earthly address or a heavenly one—expresses our appreciation and respect for her. May God reward her for her unselfish life of service to us.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

May is the month of Mary, the blessed mother of our Lord.

Like Mary, we, too, can answer the call of accepting and loving a child. Catholic Charities works closely with birth families to provide a safe place for children, especially sibling groups, to stay and receive care when they cannot receive it at their own home. While often temporary, some children must be relocated permanently. Our Foster Care program allows for children to receive nurturing care from loving families.

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Our next informational meetings will be held at 525 Washington Street, Buffalo, on May 8 from 10—11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.; attend either one. To register for the informational meeting, or to learn more, call (716) 856-4494, ext. 360 or email elizabeth.murphy@ccwny.org.


WORD OF LIFE

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities - “How to Build a Culture of Life,” www.usccb.org/culture-of-life.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE

The Office of Family Life Ministries needs married couples willing to give of their time for a 20-minute talk to share their experiences with engaged couples at our Journey Into Love monthly diocesan program. The commitment can be as much or as little time as you are available; even just once a year would be helpful. Contact the Family Life Office at 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org for more details.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Take a moment and think of your friendships. True friends are among the greatest joys of life. They understand us...they accept us...and they tolerate our shortcomings. Today’s readings from the Gospel of John explains how we are called into friendship with Jesus Christ. We are invited to know God and share a closeness like nothing we have ever experienced with any human being. An intimate relationship with Jesus and God is joy made complete. Jesus describes his complete devotion to us saying, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for his friends.” We “lay down our lives” when we follow the example of Jesus and put the needs of others before our own. What can you do today to be a true friend to someone?

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, May 5th
9:00 am: First Communion Rehearsal
10:30 am: First Penance Service
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, May 6th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
11:00 am: First Communion Mass

WEDNESDAY: May 9th
4:30 pm: Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord

THURSDAY, May 10th—Holy Day of Obligation
12:05 pm: The Ascension of the Lord

SATURDAY, May 12th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Mother’s Day Collection

SUNDAY, May 13th—Happy Mother’s Day
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Mother’s Day Collection

SPRING CLEANING?

If you are cleaning out your closets or downsizing, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. We accept donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags, and household items like small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils, and bed linens. Donations can be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Faithful discipleship of Christ has tremendous rewards both in this life and in eternal life. How is Christ calling you to inspire discipleship among His children? 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!