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

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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.

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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 Schoulepmnikoff ..................................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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Ron Smith, requested by Peter Quartararo and Hans Stock. 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.

GOD’S GIFT TO US—OUR MOTHER

May is Mary’s month. May is a special time of prayer to the Blessed Mother of our Lord.

Today is a special day set aside to honor our own mothers. It also is a special time of prayer for those who have looked after us and put up with us in our lifetime.

During the Middle Ages, many people had to travel far from home to earn a living. They became servants where work was available, or they learned a trade from someone who was willing to teach them. These people were given a special holiday every year. It came on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, on Laetare (rejoice) Sunday.

Laetare Sunday came to be known as Mothering Sunday. On this day people would go home to see their mothers. Many family reunions were held.

The Mother’s Day we have in May was started in the early twentieth century by an American woman named Anna Jarvis. After her own mother died, she suggested that a memorial service be held in church to honor all mothers. Those who attended the service were asked to wear white carnations in memory of their mothers.

On this day we remember our mothers and all they have done for us as well as remembering and praying for all who have been examples of a mother’s love to us.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Christ calls us all to be one, with each having a unique role. What is your unique role? 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 Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiki, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Gosinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Bray, Linda Campbell, James Falka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Asceta, 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 490 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $9,945.00.

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, 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

MONDAY, May 14th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, May 19th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

SUNDAY, May 20th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Brooke Leigh Steiner

WORD OF LIFE

“We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a ‘solution’ to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women’s dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same.”

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

There’s an old saying that defines character as “doing the right thing when no one is watching.” While that may be true, today’s Gospel teaches us that character is also about setting an example by doing the right thing in our daily lives. Caring for others. Respecting life. Protecting the earth. Jesus spoke of being “in the world but not of the world.” He tells us that it is not always easy. We have to be willing to stand up for what we believe in and speak truth to a world that may not always accept it. The good news is we are intimately loved, cared for, and guided by God. Prayer, worship and spiritual reflection give us the strength of character to live with genuine love, joy and compassion as Jesus did.

MOTHER

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.

Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty

ST. LOUIS CHOIR
TO PRESENT SPRING CONCERT

The Choir of St. Louis Church will present A Choral Evening on Thursday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

The program is free and open to all. Featured will be works of Bach, Mozart, Farrant, Ouseley, Friedel, Poston and others.

In addition to leading the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, members of the St. Louis Choir have performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Musicians, Greater Buffalo Opera Company, Opera Sacra, Camerata di Sant-Antonio and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

Please join us for a lovely hour of great choral music!

MSGR. SCHWINGER MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM

Next weekend there is a second collection for the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program. Many people come to our door every day from Monday through Friday and we are able to feed them through your generosity. So many of the patrons of the Saint Louis Sandwich Program are going through many hardships and difficulties in their lives—yet, they always come to the door with a smile on their faces and with hope in their hearts that tomorrow will be a better day. The Sandwich Program gives dignity, respect and compassion to those most in need in our city. Your continued support of the Sandwich Program helps keep hope alive in the hearts of many “unknown faces” living in our own backyards. Thank you for helping make tomorrow a little bit better for some of the most vulnerable in our city.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities can be a light at the end of the tunnel. If you have a child ages 12 to 17 who is displaying chronic behaviors such as: noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, not following curfew, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity in two or more environments (home, school and/or community), consider our Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention provided in the natural environment of the youth. Interventions are research-based and the program offers 24/7 availability. For more information on Catholic Charities’ MST program, call (716) 204-0555, ext. 330 or visit ccwny.org. In other WNY counties, office-based counseling is always available to families.
