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

Celebrating Our 189th Anniversary

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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 Deiters ……………………………1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ……………………………1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ………………………1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schouplenikoff ………………………1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ……………………………1867-1888
Reverend Francis Guth ……………………………1888-1916
Reverend Alexander Pax ……………………………1917-1944
Reverend Francis Guth ……………………………1944-1948
Reverend Joseph Raffeiner ……………………………1948-1964
Reverend William Deiters ……………………………1964-1965
Reverend J. E. Moshall ……………………………1965-1979
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ………………………1979-1995
Reverend Sergus Schouplenikoff ………………………1995-2002

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, August 11:
12 noon: Wedding of Sean Linnehan and Caroline Collins
2:00 pm: Wedding of Matthew Kilburn and Julie Cummings
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR NINTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Norbert Sliwinski, by Catherine Burns

SUNDAY, August 12: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate
11:00 am: Vincey and Anthony Barone, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, August 15: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
12:05 pm: Special Intentions of Charlotte F. Oczek and family, by Family

THURSDAY, August 16: SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

FRIDAY, August 17: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

SATURDAY, August 18:
12 noon: Wedding of Johnathan Strassheim and Lindsay Mandrino
2:00 pm: Wedding of Sean Haxton and Brenna Walsh
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
James P. McLellan, by Michael and Marsha Scully

SUNDAY, August 19: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: John and Edith D’Erasmo, by Geoffrey Klass
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS 
Weekend of August 18th and August 19th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Maureen Saab
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of August 18th and August 19th
4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Ann Dumansky, Debbie Guilow and Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Jim Brigante, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O’Shea
11:00 am: Debbie Beller, 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 Darlene 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.

NEW ACCESSIBLE ENTRY/ WHEELCHAIR LIFT UPDATE
UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE

The project for the Wheelchair Lift is well underway as you probably have seen. The plan includes installing a handicap accessible bathroom in the church hall which has begun this past week. The minor asbestos abatement has been completed. The ramp leading to the church will be closed off while much of the work is being done.

This is going to cause some inconvenience for a couple of months while this project is completed. As far as possible, access to the church from the parking lot will still be available through the side door.

We will be installing a temporary handicap ramp in the front of the church to be used while construction is underway. The temporary handicap ramp will be to the right of the main doors as you face the church. It may be a long journey from the parking lot to the front of the church, so I would suggest parking in front of the church, even if it means driving up onto our sidewalk in front of the church. I know this is going to make it difficult for some people, so if you need assistance please ask us to help.

The project has been made possible through your generous donations to the Upon This Rock campaign that we conducted in 2016. We have received our fourth allotment of the proceeds from the Upon This Rock initiative to benefit our parish. July 31st we received $69,780.94. To date St. Louis has received from Upon This Rock $180,705.10. Over the course of the next few years we will receive two disbursements each year to be used for the lift and modifications to the church hall.

There is a picture of the design in the display case at the Main Street entrance to the church. Thanks to your support of the Upon This Rock initiative we are able to complete this long awaited undertaking.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Viz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guema, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Loretta Remboli, Lynn Gosliniski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Linda Campbell, James Palka, Bemadette R. Crawford, Nizzi 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 294 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,316.00 and Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits collection $2,700.00.

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, August 11th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, August 12th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Jackson Jacob Hemenway Eastman and Charles Jason Hemenway Eastman

TUESDAY, August 14th
4:30 pm: Vigil for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, August 15th—Holy Day of Obligation
12:05 pm: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation today can help us continue to give food to the hungry, clothes to the naked and shelter to the homeless. For more information about Catholic Charities of Buffalo and our other services and programs, visit cwny.org or call (716) 218-1400.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today’s reading, we find Elijah exhausted by his journey into the desert. He is ready to give up when an angel encourages him to regain his strength by eating and drinking some food and water that God had provided. At times, we all act a bit like Elijah on our journey in life. We feel discouraged and defeated by the trials we encounter—a problem at work, difficulties in our family, or simply the day-to-day challenges. Like Elijah, we can regain our strength by turning to God for the nourishment we need. Through our prayers and quiet reflection, He will provide answers and guidance. And like the angel, we can encourage others to turn to God for strength. God never stops loving us and is always there to help us re-charge.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 26th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Sahlen’s hot dogs, Italian sausage and hamburgers will be prepared by our Award Winning Grilling experts, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass; salads are always needed and desserts are a welcome addition. Volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the picnic, and even the smallest contribution of your time is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located at the church entrances. Come and enjoy the afternoon with your friends and meet your fellow parishioners.

7TH ANNUAL MSGR. MANGANELLO BOCCE OPEN TOURNAMENT

Two-person teams for the 7th Annual Msgr. Manganello Bocce Open Tournament are now forming and the competition will be held during the parish picnic. You need not have Bocce skills or be Italian to compete. Team sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances. Get a team together and enjoy the fun!

BASKET RAFFLE

Back by popular demand! If you are interested in donating a basket for the raffle at our picnic, please contact Debbie Guillow @ 716-465-6196 or diguillow@yahoo.com.

PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

Help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, children and adolescents, preschool through grade 10, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. Catechists teach 1 to 3 hours each month from late September through April. Classes are multi-age (PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, & 9-10) and are typically small, between 8-10 students. St. Louis provides all classroom and educational resources. Classes run on Sundays, from 9:50 a.m.—10:50 a.m. Please prayerfully consider this ministry! If interested, or for more information, please contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

St. Louis Faith Formation will begin Sunday, September 16th and continue through April. All children, from birth to 10th grade are welcome to attend and there is no cost to enroll. Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:50—10:50 a.m., in the Church Hall. Families new to St. Louis need to register. Families who completed Faith Formation classes last year do not need to re-register.

The registration form is available on the St. Louis website (http://www.stlouisrcchurch.org) or by contacting the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

Please register by August 19th to ensure class materials will be available for your child.

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you considering becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is being called to join our faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. The process is intended for adults: (1) who were never baptized; (2) those baptized in another Christian faith who wish to become Catholic; and (3) those baptized Catholic, but did not make their First Holy Communion or were not Confirmed. Classes are held on Sundays, directly after the 11:00 Mass (approximately 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.), in the St. Louis Sacristy. RCIA will begin Sunday, September 16th and continue through March. More information and the registration form are on the St. Louis website. Contact the DRE Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com) with inquiries or to register.