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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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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Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
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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.

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 Raffeeiner ....................................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ...........................................1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ..............................................1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..........................1862-1863
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ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, September 23: TWENTY
2:00 pm:
SATURDAY, September 22:
FRIDAY, September 21: SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE - GON AND SAINT PAUL CHONG HA
THURSDAY, September 20: SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE
WEDNESDAY, September 19: SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP
TUESDAY, September 18: WEEKDAY
MONDAY, September 17: SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP
SUNDAY, September 16: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Richard A. Ferrino, Jr., by Anthony and Kim Jordan
11:00 am: Louis P. Venditti, by Family
MONDAY, September 17: SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP
12:05 pm: Safe Travel and Good Health for Debra A. and James R. Caputil, by Family
TUESDAY, September 18: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate
WEDNESDAY, September 19: SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate
THURSDAY, September 20: SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON AND SAINT PAUL CHONG HA-SANG
12:05 pm: Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle
FRIDAY, September 21: SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish
SATURDAY, September 22:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Lucas Derejko and Gina Rossi
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Carol Zobel, by Sondra Schreiber
SUNDAY, September 23: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Albert W. Riester, by Son, Michael

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Christians are called to be disciples of Jesus, faithfully living His Word in their daily lives. The readings today remind us that discipleship is not always easy. Isaiah describes being beaten, insulted and spit upon because of his devotion to God. But rather than compromise his faith, Isaiah "set his face like flint" against those who opposed him and remained firmly committed to God's Word. Hopefully, our faith today will not draw such severe hostility and abuse. But when we do face hardships or challenges, God is always near to help us stand strong. Our commitment to discipleship may require us to "set our face like flint" from time to time. However, the reward for doing so is the ultimate triumph of God's love. Remember what Isaiah tells us: “The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
If you're doing fall cleaning and sorting through clothing, please keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization (featured last spring on an Al Roker segment of the Today Show) is affiliated with Catholic Charities and accepts donation 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 are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program, which provide basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement. Donations can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo, or from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information, call (716) 895-4001. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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 Vilz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guema, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Loreta Remboli, Lynn Gosinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, 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 313 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $8,799.00. 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, September 15th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection

SUNDAY, September 16th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
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After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

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VOCATION THOUGHT
When Peter proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ it was not by his own doing, but by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. How is the Holy Spirit moving you to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and Savior? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE
Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. As the structure of the church ages there is always something that needs attention. We noticed that the top of the stairway near the handicap ramp has deteriorated leaving an open hole. Obviously it will need immediate attention. Our Preservation Fund this year will be used to address this situation as well as some other minor projects.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful Gothic Grandeur. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair. So far, $21,453 has been donated.

CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION
The annual Campaign for Catholic Education will be conducted in our parish this weekend. 100% of your campaign gift stays right here in our parish providing much needed resources to support our religious education program.

You can make a difference. Please help us in our effort by placing your Campaign envelope in the second collection or the Campaign mailing you have received. The children of our parish deserve an education that teaches them the Gospel message of Jesus.

OKTOBERFEST
On Sunday, September 30, 2018, the Sisters of St. Joseph are sponsoring their 17th Oktoberfest. It will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, NY (corner of Century Drive) from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., featuring the music of “The Auslanders”.

German food, including Knockwurst and Weisswurst, limburger cheese sandwiches and homemade German Potato Salad will be served. Dancing, singing and raffles will be part of the event. Entrance fee is $5.00 ($6.00 at the door).

Call 759-6454, X200 for tickets and more information.

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).

ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER OF JESUS
at the Carmelite Monastery
75 Carmel Road—Buffalo, NY

The annual Public Novena in honor of Saint Therese, The Little Flower of Jesus, beginning on Sunday, September 23 and closing on the feast day, Monday, October 1, will be conducted by Rev. Terrence Brennan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo, will be the Principal Celebrant on the feast day, October 1.

Services each evening of the Novena will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass. We ask that all who attend be modestly and suitably dressed, as is proper in the House of God.

Confessions will be heard after services on weekdays, but not on Sundays or the feast day. There will be no afternoon Benediction services on either Sunday during the Novena.