2018

St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 189th Anniversary

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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..................................................Frank Pelosi
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.

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 Schoulepnikoff .........................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ........................................1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher .........................1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lundenbach .....................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


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Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles and Georgianna Besch, requested by Children. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Kevin McCue, requested by His 4:00 Mass Friends and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Kevin McCue, requested by His 4:00 Mass Friends.
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.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS
This week we are celebrating Halloween. Halloween actually has grown out of two feasts that the Catholic Church also celebrates this week. The Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed are the impetus behind the celebration of Halloween.
The Solemnity of All Saints (November 1st) is dedicated to the saints of the Church named and unnamed and may even include people we have known who have lived a saintly life.
November 2nd, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or All Souls, is dedicated to all our loved ones who have died. This day we remember all those who especially died this past year.
Throughout the whole month of November we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. While November 2nd is the liturgical celebration of all the faithful departed, the entire month of November has become associated with praying for our departed loved ones.
Catholics celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day in the belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion with those who have died. Catholics also believe that through the prayers of the faithful on earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.
Let us remember with devotion all who have preceded us in faith and now rest in the hands of God.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT
When Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus his eyesight was not only restored, but also his ability to see and appreciate God’s love. How is God calling you to bring light to those in darkness? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ray Sharer, Frank Zawistowski, Deores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Víz, Patricia Borde, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Domsinski, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinksi, 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 354 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,014.00 and World Mission collection was $1,313.00.

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.”

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 church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

So far, $35,773 has been donated.

SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Saturday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. to begin the annual fall cleanup. Rain date is November 10th. New volunteers are most welcome.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Please remember to enroll your beloved deceased in the Saint Louis All Souls Remembrance. They will be remembered in all the Masses during the month of November and on All Souls Day, November 2nd. Envelopes are in the September/October envelope packet and on tables at the church entrances.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY MOMENT

If you are considering cremation it is well to discuss your choice with your family, your parish priest or the Diocesan Catholic Cemetery Office. While cremation is allowed, there are certain preferences and stipulations. The cremated remains of a body must be buried or entombed, preferably in a Catholic Cemetery. The Church does not allow scattering cremated remains, dividing cremated remains or keeping cremated remains in the home.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Start a new friendship. The Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) serving Erie and Chautauqua Counties, and the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5 to 15 minute call. These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone, and can help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, call (585) 343-0614, ext. 18, for Friendly Phones and (716) 218-1400 for TAP. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccswny.org.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2019 Calendar Club calendar has two numbers for $25.00 and is good for the entire year. Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of $50, weekend drawings of $100 and selected holiday drawings of $250 and $25 awarded if you have the number above or below the number drawn. A Grand Prize of $2,000 will be awarded on December 19th for Christmas Day 2019. Calendars are located in church for your convenience.

Send in your stub before November 1, 2018 to participate in the Early Bird Drawing for one of five $150 prizes.

Call 885-6111 for information or calendars.