2018
St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 189th Anniversary

Rectory: 35 Edward Street • Buffalo, New York 14202-1505
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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 Raffeneier ..........................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ...............................1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ....................................1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..................1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Soulepnikoff .......................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ...............................1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ........................1888-1916
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 CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Carl and Marie Miller, requested by Mike Zobel. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of John Buckanovich Family, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Sophie Marie Swiderski, Richard Lawrence Whitehouse and Mary Frances Gavry, requested by Joyce A. Persico.

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.

CHALLENGES WE FACE

Once again this week the clergy sex abuse crisis occupied a great deal of time. People were able to express their opinions, vent their emotions and openly offer their suggestions and comments of the handling of this crisis. Whatever opinion one holds is important.

Election Day also has come and gone. Maybe the results are to your liking. Or maybe not. Maybe you’re encouraged and see hope in the leaders who will guide our country and state for the next two, four or six years.

You may despair at what you see as our church and country continuing to plummet in a downward spiral of division. Whatever your feelings today, the work of the Gospel continues. God still entrusts us to work together to build a world of hope and welcome for all, regardless of race, gender, and creed. That world the Gospel talks about is the kingdom of God. We must still be about Jesus’ work of peacemaking and reconciliation among God’s daughters and sons.

Whether or not you agree with the bishop, whether or not your candidate won or lost, the work of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick goes on. Jesus continues to call us to follow him, to take up our crosses to build the kingdom of God here and now.

Now is the time to decide what we do guided by the Spirit of God to make God’s justice and mercy a reality in our own community; what will be the foundation of the kingdom of God; what cross we will carry as the means of bringing the hope of the Risen One into the lives of those we love.

We pray, O God, help us take up our crosses with wisdom and hope, and so walk the way of your Son: the road of reconciliation among God’s daughters and sons.

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SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 355 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $9,673.00, all Saints collection was $717.00 and Catholic University of America collection was $632.00.

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

E-mail Address
In an effort to better communicate with the parishioners of St. Louis, we will be asking you to submit your e-mail address.

For those parishioners submitting their e-mail addresses, they will be used to notify you about upcoming events at St. Louis. Your e-mail address will not be shared.

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, $37,223 has been donated.

VOCATION THOUGHT
How blest are we to be heirs of the one eternal kingdom? As heirs, we have each been given unique gifts and talents, and have unique roles to play for the kingdom. What is YOUR role? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
It’s easy to forget that there is a difference between empathy and sympathy. The scripture readings today help us understand the difference. Sympathy tends to foster pity for others in need, whereas when we empathize with others, we seek to understand their experiences and get involved to help. The widow in the first reading had empathy for Elijah and gave him the last of her food and drink. In the scripture from the Book of Mark, the poor widow had empathy for others and gave away what little money she had. Next time you are in a situation where you sympathize with someone, see if you can empathize instead. Try to identify with their needs and determine what you can do to help, even if it means a little sacrifice on your part. We can look to Jesus as the ultimate example of empathy, giving all He had so that we may have eternal happiness in heaven.

E-MAIL ADDRESS
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“CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL” PRESENTS
“Concert by Candlelight: An Evening of Remembrance”

With Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher

Come take a beautiful journey of remembering your deceased loved ones. Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher’s angelic singing will soothe your heart. Amy Gallagher’s poignant poetic reflections will put you in touch with the meaning of life. Open your treasure chest of golden memories... and reflect, shed tears, smile, and feel the warmth of your loved ones near. This will be a memorable evening that will nourish your heart for a long time to come. Event is by donation.

Two Presentations:
* St. Joseph University Church
3269 Main Street, Buffalo, NY
Saturday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.
* Blessed Sacrament Church
1035 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY
Sunday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m.

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY
Temporary Shelter for Homeless Women and Men
As an all volunteer shelter for the homeless we rely on your time to help those less fortunate than us. We are currently in need of help with cooking, maintenance, office duties and house supervision during the day and evening.

Please contact us for a tour or to answer questions you may have—716-480-1749.

The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Downsizing before the holidays? If you’ll be clearing out closets and drawers ahead of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s, please keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as 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 provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations can be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo, or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information, call (716) 895-4001.