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/CHIORMASTER……………….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 Raffainer……………………………1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters……………………………1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall…………………………………1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber………………………1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepkoff…………………………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 Joseph Vasi and Rosemarie Mogavero, requested by Dolores Vasi. 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.

THIS POOR MAN CRIED, AND THE LORD HEARD HIM

Searching for some thoughts for reflection, I discovered that November 18th, last Sunday, marked the second annual World Day of the Poor. Last year, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. In this year’s World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 34:7, “This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.” He challenges us to use the World Day of the Poor as an opportunity to make an examination of conscience and consider whether we truly do hear the cry of the poor.

Throughout salvation history, God answers the cries of the poor and shares in their suffering. His response is always a saving and healing act. In the World Day of the Poor, we join God in responding to the poor and ensuring our brothers and sisters in need do not feel alone or abandoned.

In his message, Pope Francis calls the World Day of the Poor “a small answer” the Church gives to the poor “lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. It may well be like a drop of water in the desert of poverty, yet it can serve as a sign of sharing with those in need and enable them to sense the active presence of a brother or a sister. The poor do not need intermediaries, but the personal involvement of all those who hear their cry.”

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering his call? If you think God is calling you, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially James Vasi, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Dolores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Godinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Falaka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, Geraldine Sliwinski, Carlos Callhoun 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. 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.”

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**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.

Donations will be accepted until December 31st.

So far, $37,723 has been donated.

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**ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Save the Date!!

The annual St. Louis Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be served by our dedicated volunteers and there will be fun activities for young and old alike!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lindsay at lindsay.ee@gmail.com or call the rectory.

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**THE WARMTH TREE**

St. Louis Church parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will then be given to area families. Help us make this year’s tree the most festive ever.

Donations will be accepted the weekends of December 8th and 9th and December 15th and 16th.

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**ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

By popular demand, St. Louis will again be accepting toy donations! This year, we will be collecting gift cards, new and gently used toys and books (unwrapped please). Your donation will be going to the most neediest in the community.

Please place your donations in the boxes by church entrances the weekends of December 1st & 2nd, December 8th & 9th and December 15th & 16th.

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**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. We hope you will consider this request to serve you better.

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**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Money raised goes to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/national collections, and click on “How to Give” on the left.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Advent begins next Sunday. Looking for a project to help give back during this special time? Consider holding a donation drive for toiletry items placed in Dignity Bags, which are given out to Catholic Charities clients in need.

Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, lotion, deodorant, shaving cream and disposable razors are all great items to collect and donate. When your drive is complete and you’re ready to drop off your donations, call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2005. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit cccwny.org.