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
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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.

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. 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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 8:
12 noon: All Souls
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Dr. and Mrs. George O’Grady, by Family

SUNDAY, December 9: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am: Joseph Dwight Connors, by John and Melaine Loss
11:00 am: Rosalie Bantle, by Kevin Brayer

MONDAY, December 10: ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, December 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE
12:05 pm: Marie and Carl Miller, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, December 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

THURSDAY, December 13: SAINT LUCY
12:05 pm: Intentions of Ron Robinson, by Pat Robinson

FRIDAY, December 14: SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
12:05 pm: All Souls

SATURDAY, December 15:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Vincent Lauricella and Julianna Roehrer
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Living and Deceased of the Earlv Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am: God’s Blessing and Special Intentions of Heather Ann, Jessica and James T. Caputi, by Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of Saint Lucy, requested by Dolores Vasi. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in honor of Dr. Ellis Joseph, requested by The 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.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH
Every year in the fall, all parishes in the Diocese are required to submit a Financial and Spiritual Report on the state and activity of the parish to the Diocese. You will find our annual financial report that has been submitted to the Diocese in this weekend’s bulletin.

The Financial Report shows that our parish is well supported by our parishioners and friends. Because of your kind generosity we are able to maintain our parish programs and facilities. In addition, this year through your selfless sacrifice, our parish received two payments from Upon This Rock totaling $92,891. Our Preservation Fund is well on its way. On behalf of the trustees, the Finance/Restoration Committee and the Parish Council, thank you for all of your dedicated efforts with your time, treasure, and talent that you freely offer to St. Louis.

During the past year, our Spiritual Report shows that many people have benefited spiritually from the St. Louis faith community. We have 647 households registered with St. Louis totaling 1,557 members. Our membership can fluctuate from year to year due to the fact that some may have relocated, others joined the parish, and that some of our parishioners have been called home to God during the year.

There are 20 catechists that volunteer their time and talent to provide instruction in our various faith formation programs that include: Pre-Baptismal Instruction, Religious Education, and RCIA along with the various other programs that are offered from time to time. Assisting in our Liturgical Functions are: 16 Lectors, 27 Eucharist Ministers, 14 Altar Servers, 24 Ushers/Greeters; 3 Music Ministers and a Choir of about 40 who help us worship each Sunday. (We welcome more people to consider being Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters and Music Ministry.) We have 8 Home/Hospital Visitors who visit a few of our parishioners who are confined to home or a health care facility and assist at Buffalo General Hospital.

In the past year 26 children were baptized, 9 children received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, 12 children and 2 adults received First Eucharist, 10 young adults and 1 adult received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 47 couples were married at St. Louis. Of the 15 funerals/memorial Masses celebrated here about 10 were members of our parish.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Ray Sharer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Viz, Patricia Borte, Patricia Guema, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, 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.
ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE
Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. 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, $40,173 has been donated.

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS
The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Sunday, December 23rd at noon to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. New volunteers are always welcome.

CHOIR OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH TO PRESENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
The Choir of St. Louis Church will present a Festival Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

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.

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

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
The Advent season fills us with great hope as we reflect on God's promise that He is with us. If we look at today's readings, we see that we are called into a partnership with God. In fact, that partnership is really what Advent is all about—God is with us. The first reading reminds us that God is a faithful partner who will empower us to overcome any challenges we face. God's empowering presence requires our participation. He works with us and through us—inviting us to be His partners—as we promote love, peace and justice on earth. Advent is a good time to think about the mountains and valleys in our lives and those of others which keep us from being a faithful partner with God. If something stands in the way, ask God for help.