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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
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WEDDINGS

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.

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

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Katie Guise Zawistowski, requested by Zawistowski Family. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Thomas M. Rooney, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Geraldine B. Sliwinski, requested by Sons.

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.

190 YEARS OF BLESSING

We continue celebrating our Christmas Season this weekend with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In this feast we remember the visit of the Magi or Three Kings to the Holy Family. They present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as a sign of the devotion to God.

Another sign of our devotion to God sits here at the corner of Main and Edward Streets in downtown Buffalo. January 5th is the Birthday of St. Louis Parish. It was on this day that Louis LeCouteulx deeded the property upon which sits our church for the first parish in Buffalo. This year we celebrate our 190th anniversary. Originally, built as the Lamb of God Church, it was renamed in honor of Louis IX King of France after the great fire that destroyed the second church building in 1885.

Since then St. Louis has been a source of faith, a beacon of hope, and the Spirit of God’s love for many generations of people. We remember and build upon all those who have been the foundation of this faith community all these years. Our church and faith community are the living presence of God. Over 190 years many people have celebrated their faith, lived their faith and practiced their faith under the watchful care of God and St. Louis. Through the intercession of St. Louis may all be blessed by God.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

The Epiphany of the Lord

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God’s kingdom. Could it be your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? 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 Spencer Daly, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiki, Lynn Goslnski, 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, especially Ladd Campbell, Donald Mack 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 341 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,004.00. Christmas Day 1,405 people attended Mass and Christmas collection was $12,809.00.

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.”

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**ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. Your continued support to the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated. So far, $49,223 has been donated.

**RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2018 if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write “Tax Statement” on the front of your church envelope.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Instant contact. Instant connection. Keep up to date on the latest happenings and upcoming events at Catholic Charities on social media. We can be found on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram.

Follow us at Facebook.com/ccbuffalo, Twitter.com/ccbuffalo and Instagram.com/catholiccharitiesbuffalo.

For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Updating your wardrobe? Cleaning out storage closets and boxes? Whatever the measure, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, is in much need of blankets and flatware. They also accept 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. The donations are used for the Ladies’ Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program, which provides household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. of the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information, call 895-4001.

**IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS BUFFALO**

Ignatian Volunteers are semi-retired and retired men and women who share their time and talents to help local non-profit agencies address important community issues through volunteerism. If you are interested in the opportunity to use your leadership and professional skills to transform our communities while being supported through spiritual reflection in your ministry and passion to serve others contact Minnie Wyse, Director of Ignatian Volunteer Corps at Buffalo at St. Michael’s Parish 854-6726, 479-1334, www.ivcsusa.org.

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

We often hear people exclaim that they’ve “had an epiphany” in describing a moment of sudden, intuitive understanding. Sometimes, people may even say they’ve “seen the light” to mean the same thing. Our readings today offer an epiphany but it is much more than a momentary understanding or brief flash of light. From the first reading that tells us the darkness has ended and our light has come... to the Gospel story of the magi and the brilliant star...we are reminded of the appearance and ongoing presence of God in our lives. And it also reminds us that we ourselves are called to help others to recognize the light of God’s presence in their lives. Do we radiate God’s love through our words and actions? Does the inner light of our faith shine forth in our care for others? Could we be God’s epiphany to someone in need? When we follow the example of Jesus—the great light—we show others that God is present.