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Reverend Joseph Raffeiner
Reverend J. E. Moshall
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg

Monday at noon. All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by information.

- attend a Pre  First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must day or night.

Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment.

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.

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

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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.

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 12:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
Maria Sywak, by Family

SUNDAY, January 13: **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family  
11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, January 14: **WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, January 15: **WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

WEDNESDAY, January 16: **WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

THURSDAY, January 17: **SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT**  
12:05 pm: Carl and Marie Miller, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 18: **WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: Francis L. Schreck, by Estate

SATURDAY, January 19: **WEEKDAY**  
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 20: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am: Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle  
11:00 am: Austin and Irene Short, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leslie

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**  
Weekend of January 19th and January 20th  
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky  
9:00 am: John Loss  
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
Weekend of January 19th and January 20th  
4:00 pm: Debbie Guilow, Mike Mikos and Ron and Margaret Foegen  
9:00 am: Al Bluemle, Rosemary Bloch and Tim and Mary O'Shea  
11:00 am: Michael Riester, Michael Mandolfo and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Joan Ball**, requested by the **Foegen 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.

**ST. LOUIS THE FAMILY OF GOD**

Christmas time always ends with a feast in honor of the baptism of the Lord. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist revealing Jesus to be the Son of God. It is the beginning of his public ministry of which we read in the Gospels.

The Baptism of the Lord also reminds us of our own baptism when we became members of God’s holy family. We exist as members of God’s family in smaller groups called parishes. Therefore, we are members of God’s family gathered together as members of St. Louis parish.

This week we demonstrated what it means to be members of God’s family by our love, support, and prayers for the Campbell family: Ashlee, Kevin, Beau and Georgia. The death of their son and brother, Ladd Gabriel Jordan, after 8 months of life is a very difficult time. As usual the family of God at St. Louis was present to help them and support them as many attended the wake and funeral last weekend. This is what it truly means to be members of God’s family.

Let us continue to grow together as God’s family as we celebrate our 190th anniversary and embark on our 191st year as the faith community of St. Louis. Happy New Year and thank you for your prayers and support.

**Msgr. Manganello**

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

Baptism of the Lord

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—www.buffalovocations.org!

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Spencer Dale, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vázquez, Patricia Borde, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiski, Lynn Godlinski, Tracy Abram, Mennie 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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 375 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,438.00 and January 1st collection was $1,581.00.

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.”

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, January 12th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, January 13th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

MONDAY, January 14th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, January 19th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

SUNDAY, January 20th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

12 noon: Baptism of Parker Jeffrey Besecker

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.

EMAIL ADDRESS

In an effort to better communicate with the parishioners of St. Louis, we will be asking you to submit your email address. For those parishioners submitting their email addresses, they will be used to notify you about upcoming events at St. Louis. Your email address will not be shared. We hope you will consider this request to serve you better.

The Parish Council

MASS & PUBLIC PRAYER

The “Prayers for the Catholic Church” group is gathering to pray to strengthen the faith of Catholics, and to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 21 at 12:05 p.m. for Mass at St. Louis Church, 780 Main Street, Buffalo. Following Mass the group will pray the Rosary outside of the Catholic Center, 795 Main Street. Visit Facebook or prayersforthecatholic church.com; contact prayersforthecatholicchurch@yahoo.com or 716-316-8550.

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 church is greatly appreciated. $51,398 has been donated.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on February 16th after the 4:00 Mass. Join us and vote for your favorite chili. More information to follow.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

If you or someone you know is struggling with an alcohol or drug addiction, this is your sign to receive help. Catholic Charities’ Chemical Dependency Treatment Program has immediate openings. Our outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. More information on the program can be found at www.ccwny.org/services/outpatient-clinic. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at 895-1033.

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. on the first Saturdays of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information, call 895-4001.

BISON CHILDREN’S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bison Children’s Scholarship Fund, a tuition assistance program for children, has scholarships available for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested families can visit the Bison website to learn more about the application process, including financial eligibility and key deadlines.

With a maximum award of $2,100, per child, this is a great opportunity for families who want a private education for their children but are unable to afford it.

For more information, please visit www.bisonfund.com or call 854-0869, ext. 1

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Our readings today come on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus and are filled with vivid language of renewal. They show us much about how to continually renew ourselves and our relationships with those around us and, most importantly, with God. The first reading portrays God as a loving parent who wants to take us by the hand and lead us down the path of a good life. It’s a path that seeks justice, for us and for our neighbors. When we follow that path—when we help others to see God... or free someone from the confines of poverty or oppression—we renew for them faith in the good life which God wants for us all. Ask yourself what you might do to bring that sense of renewal—of goodness and justice—to someone else today.

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