2019

St. Louis Church

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Celebrating Our 190th 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/CHOIRMAN.........................................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
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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 Raffaeiner .................................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ....................................1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall .......................................1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ........................1862-1863
Reverend Sergius Schoulenpikoff ..........................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ....................................1867-1888

Reverend Francis Guth ..........................1888-1916
Reverend Alexander Pax ..........................1917-1944
Reverend John W. Madsen ..........................1944-1948
Reverend Andrew R. Lauricella ..................1948-1964
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .....................1964-1965
Reverend Clarence Ott ................................1965-1979
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack .......................1979-1995

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Gerald Stevens, requested by Wife, Isabelle Stevens. The Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Melvin J. 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.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Another Christmas season has come and gone. It takes a great effort and many good people to have a successful Christmas season.

It all began back in the beginning of December with the First Sunday in Advent. Our Advent Wreath was once again prepared for us by Rosemary Bloch. The Christmas party and the arrival of Santa was hosted once again by the Parish Council. Several members of the parish contributed to a good time for all.

Our choir under the direction of Frank Scinta along with our cantor Jim Mrozek provided our sacred music throughout the season beginning with Lessons and Carols, followed by our Christmas and New Year's Masses.

The church was beautifully decorated once again thanks to John Beller and his crew of Santa's helpers. There were 36 people who helped transform the church in a beautiful and prayerful space. 25 were on hand to help stow everything away for another year.

Our liturgies were made holy by the many people who helped with our celebration. The liturgies could not be prayerful and uplifting without the many Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors and Ushers that are needed to make each service welcoming and spiritual.

Thank you to all who contributed their time and talent for a beautiful Advent—Christmas season. Thank you to all who prayed with us and visited us during the holidays.

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

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 Vitz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominick, Lynn Gosliniski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Asceela, 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 328 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,774.00.

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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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

**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 |

**SATURDAY, January 26th**

| 4:00 pm: | The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection |

**SUNDAY, January 27th**

| 9:50 am—10:50 am: | Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall |
| 9:00 am & 11:00 am: | The Regular Offertory Collection Including Catholic Relief Services Collection |

**PEOPLE OF FAITH PROGRAM**

Please join us in our renovated and accessible Church Hall (basement) for our next People of Faith Program on Sunday, February 17th from 12—1:30 p.m. The program will include lunch and a Liturgy Presentation entitled—Paschal Mystery: Finding the Ancient Roots of our Liturgy. With our guest presenter (and member of our choir), Karen Podd, we will explore how some aspects of Christian Ritual have evolved from the ancient rituals of our Jewish brethren. In addition, there will be a discussion on portions of the Constitution (Sacrosanctum Concilium) on the Sacred Liturgy as promulgated by the Second Vatican Council.

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

In his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul shares his belief that God gave each one of us different gifts so that we may enrich the lives of one another. Instead of letting our differences keep us apart, we can and should recognize, accept and celebrate one another’s gifts in community with God. Saint Paul notes that it is by God’s design that one person should have great wisdom, while another is given deep faith and another commits to serving the poor. We are all different, but it is the same Spirit who provides our gifts. If we rejoice in our differences with one another, our lives and our community will be enriched—and that’s God plan for us. What different gifts can you bring for the enrichment of others? If you have gifts, and you do, they are needed by someone.

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**FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES**

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2019.

Registration forms and information about the sacrament prep classes can be found on the St. Louis website (https://stlouisrcchurch.org) or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

** 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 King, Jr., on Monday, January 21 at 12:05 p.m. for Mass at St. Louis Church, 780 Main Street, Buffalo. We will pray the Rosary after Mass.

Visit Facebook or prayersforthecatholicchurch.com; contact prayersforthecatholicchurch@yahoo.com or 716-316-8550.

**RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

We will only issue year end contribution statements 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

**EXORCISM & DELIVERANCE:**

The Catholic Medical Professional’s Role

The Catholic Medical Association of Buffalo will be having its Annual White Mass for Healthcare workers on February 9, 2019 at the 4:30 Mass in St. Joseph’s Cathedral. Dinner will follow at the Adam’s Mark Hotel. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Cynthia Hunt, a psychiatrist who will discuss the Catholic Medical Professional’s Role in Exorcism and Deliverance and how it relates to mental health issues. For tickets and pricing information go to www.cmabuffalo.org.

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue and Jesus asks some of us to assist him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Help your neighbor find hope is the theme for the 2019 Appeal in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. Last year, thanks to the generous support of donors like you throughout Western New York, Catholic Charities was able to positively impact the lives of more than 150,000 children, families and seniors across our eight counties with everything from basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to counseling and parent education and support. Appeal Chairs John and Ruthanne Daly announced our goal of $11 million and the patron of the 2019 Appeal, St. Faustina, who was known for her vision of the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and deep devotion of spreading his message of mercy and trust. Through your donation, you, too, can show great mercy and help others find hope. We look forward to working with you now through Appeal Week or until our goal is reached. Find out more at ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400.
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