**St. Louis Church**

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo

Founded in 1829

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/CHOIRMasters……………………………..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**

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MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Jerry and Margaret Burns, requested by Dennis and Donna Burns. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Jerry and Margaret Burns, requested by Dennis and Donna Burns and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of Jerry and Margaret Burns, requested by Dennis and Donna Burns.
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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNOUNCES ITS 2019 GOAL
Catholic Charities has announced their goal for the 2019 Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. The goal again this year will be $11 million. $1.4 million has already been raised. The theme for the appeal this year is “Help your neighbor find HOPE.” It is important to share the good news of early progress with the appeal as an encouraging sign to the community and donors that there continues to be enthusiastic support for the critical programs and services that Catholic Charities provides to the most vulnerable populations across Western New York.
The goal for St. Louis this year is $116,216.25. $15,470 has already been donated to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal through St. Louis. The annual appeal helps fund 70 programs and services administered by Catholic Charities across 61 sites in the eight counties of Western New York, along with a number of programs and ministries that benefit all parishes through the Fund for the Faith. More than 152,000 people benefited from the good work of Catholic Charities in 2018.
The 2019 Appeal will run through June 30th. Starting this year donors can designate their appeal gift choosing from three options. One option is giving to the appeal as in the past. These donations benefit Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. Another option is to give 100 percent of your gift to Catholic Charities. A third option is to give 100 percent of your gift to the Fund for the Faith.
You will be contacted shortly regarding a contribution to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal and we ask that you consider a contribution to the work of Catholic Charities as you are able.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Eric Glinski, Spencer Daly, Richard Deiva, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vila, Patricia Bordle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominik, 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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 354 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,652.00.

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, February 16th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
5:00 pm: Chili Cook Off—Church Hall

SUNDAY, February 17th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
12:00—1:30 pm: People of Faith Program: Paschal Mystery: Finding the Ancient Roots of our Liturgy—Church Hall

SATURDAY, February 23rd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, February 24th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Adelaide Grace Zygaj

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 your church envelope.

VOCATION THOUGHT
Proclaiming the Lord’s name and love is not always easy, and sometimes must be done in the face of persecution. Still, God promises that those who bear insult for the sake of His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His name and love? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CONGRATULATIONS
We would like to congratulate the following students who achieved the honor roll in the second quarter at Canisius High School:

Grade 9—John Owen Stravino, Samuel Doud Whistler
Grade 10—John Andrew Pirrung, Zachary Nelson Whistler
Grade 11—Emmett Till Joyce
Grade 12—James Francis Twist

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 12:00—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 (Sacroconsecutum Concilium) on the Sacred Liturgy as promulgated by the Second Vatican Council.

EMAIL ADDRESS
In an effort to better communicate with the parishioners of St. Louis, please submit your email address to: stlpncontacts@gmail.com

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

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE
Save the date for the Annual St. Joseph’s Table on March 24th from 12—2 p.m. in the Church Hall (Basement). Please purchase tickets after each Mass for the two weeks prior to the dinner. Prices are $8.00 for adults and $3.00 for children.

Please join us for some wonderful traditional foods.

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 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).

WORD OF LIFE
“When violent crime impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”

“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Our Domestic Violence Program for Men is just one of the many services offered through Catholic Charities of Buffalo. Daniel entered the program for 26 weeks following a court order. “I enjoyed coming every week,” Daniel said. “I learned how to have respect for women and others and how to be calmer. It destabilized the theory of a man needing to be macho.” After completing the program, Daniel’s case was closed and his harassment charges were dropped. Our Domestic Violence Program for Men is offered in all eight counties of Western New York. Your donation to the 2019 Appeal helps us to continue to mentor, counsel and change hearts for the better across Western New York. Select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at cccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. Help your neighbor find hope.