2019
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/CHOIRMASTER ...........................................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
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 Schoulenikoff ..........................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg .................................1867-1888

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. 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.

NEW ACCESSIBLE ENTRY/WHEELCHAIR LIFT UPDATE
UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE

The project for the Wheelchair Lift is now complete except for some external brick work that will be done when the weather is warm enough. The Lift is now in operation and has already been very helpful to many people who have had difficulty with the stairs. The plan included installing a handicap accessible bathroom in the church hall which is now complete as well as the installation of a new floor in the church hall.

This was a project a long time in the making. It had been discussed for 15 plus years and is now a reality. Those with mobility issues will now be able to more easily join us for our activities held in the church hall.

This project has been made possible through your generous donations to the Upon This Rock campaign that we conducted in 2016. We have received five allotments of the proceeds from the Upon This Rock initiative to benefit our parish. January 31st we received another $33,847.35. To date St. Louis has received from Upon This Rock $214,452.45.

Over the course of the next few years we will continue to receive two disbursements each year to be used for the lift and modifications to the church hall.

Thanks to your support of the Upon This Rock initiative we are able to complete this long awaited undertaking.

Since the clergy sex abuse crisis has emerged there have been some questions about the funds donated to Upon This Rock. These funds as well as Catholic Charities and Pension Funds are protected funds. This means they can only be used for the purposes for which they were established. They cannot be used to settle any law suits of any kind.

Thanks to your generosity and patience, this project, long in the planning stages, was able to become a reality.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

We are reminded today that when we are wronged we are to seek reconciliation rather than revenge. Jesus set the tone for such reconciliation by giving his life so that we may be forgiven for our sins. How is God calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Eric Climski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Borte, Patricia Guerra, Joel River, Theresa Dominiski, Lynn Goslnski, Tracy Abrany, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernardette 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 Msgr. David S. Slubecky and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.
SPRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 315 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,754.00. 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

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 Zyga

SATURDAY, March 2nd
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, March 3rd
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12:00—1:30 pm: People of Faith Prayer Program: Preparing for Easter with Meditation—Church Hall

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.

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE

St. Louis is hosting a St. Joseph’s Table on Sunday, March 24, 2019 from 12:00—2:00 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets will be available after Masses the weekends of March 9-10 and March 16-17. Prices are $8.00 for adults and $3.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dine-in or take-out dinner.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The BISON Children’s Scholarship Fund’s Pre-Application Forms are now available for NEW families for the 2019-20 school year. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering kindergarten—8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2019. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com.

For more information call 716-854-0869.

ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR

The 50th Annual Altar Servers Mass and Award Ceremony was held at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, February 16th.

Congratulations to Alex and Casey Glynn who were honored last Saturday by Bishop Malone for their service to our parish. Alex and Casey, who serve at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, received the Altar Server Award Medal from Bishop Malone at a Mass and Ceremony last Saturday morning at the Cathedral followed by a luncheon at the Convention Center. We are most grateful to Alex and Casey for being of service to our parish.

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).

ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick’s Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 16th and Sunday, March 17th. Carnations will be $1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER PROGRAM

Thanks to all who joined us for our People of Faith program on the ancient roots of our liturgy on February 17th. We are very grateful to our assistant choir director, Karen Podd, for sharing her expertise with us! Next, we welcome our parishioners and friends to our program on Sunday, March 3rd from 12—1:30 p.m. in our Church Hall. The program will include lunch and a shared experience with PREPARING FOR EASTER WITH MEDITATION led by our own Msgr. John Madsen.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

It doesn't have to be overwhelming. For parents or caregivers of a child who is struggling in multiple areas, or has chronic physical and mental needs, Catholic Charities can help parents and caregivers keep up with and address those needs. Our Care Managers for the Encompass Children’s Health Home can help parents or caregivers and their child with an ongoing planning process that wraps services around the child and family. Care Managers across Western New York ensure the child gets appointments with doctors, dentists, mental health providers and specialists; links the child and family to others in similar situations for support; and provides other support and guidance. To help us continue this ministry to children and families in need, please donate to the 2019 Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or by visiting ccwny.org/donation. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Help your neighbor find hope.