2019

St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 190th Anniversary

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Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen ........................................Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella ...........................................12:05 Mass—Friday
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CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN .........................William Kurzdorfer
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CANTOR ........................................................................James Mrozek
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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

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..................................1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach .............................1917-1944
Rev. Michael A. Anstett ..............................................1944-1948
Rev. Howard J. Schwartz ..............................................1948-1964
Rev. Clarence Ott .........................................................1964-1965
Rev. Alfred M. Mosack ..................................................1965-1979

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Allen and Dorothy Schneggenburger, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Mary Ellen Haffa, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.

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.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Last Saturday at the 4:00 Mass there was an incident that was disturbing to many people who were attending Mass. In the middle of Mass a man with sunglasses, a hat and a large duffel bag entered the church from Main Street and came down the center aisle and sat in the first pew. He dropped his duffel bag with a thud. Some alert parishioners began to move forward just in case. He then proceeded to get up and walk around. Many people became frightened and rightly so living in the climate that exists today.

Who knows what was in that duffel bag? Our thoughts recall the many horrible events that have occurred in several places of worship around the world. Thank God nothing happened.

There were probably about 150 people at that Mass. Only one person called the police. I was told that at least one person took a picture. Come to find out rather than calling the police two TV stations were called. If there is something suspicious going on and you are nervous, don’t hesitate to call the police, even if it turns out to be nothing. It is better to be safe than sorry.

I believe the more people that call the police, the higher priority the call will receive. If you think it is necessary to take a picture, call the police first. TV stations can always wait. It is more important to notify the police for our safety. We are located at 780 Main Street, in Downtown Buffalo at the corner of Main and Edward Streets. Tell the police we need assistance immediately. It is urgent.

Thank you to those who responded to this incident.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Borde, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Gosinski, 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 Lee Volo 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 385 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,346.00. 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, April 6th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Easter Flowers Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, April 7th
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 and Easter Flowers Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available

MONDAY, April 8th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

FRIDAY, April 12th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 13th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Distribution of Palms

SUNDAY, April 14th—Palm Sunday
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Distribution of Palms
11:00 am: Children’s Procession of Palms

VOCATION THOUGHT

Often we are tempted to focus a great deal on other things and other people, and we fail to take account of what is going on deep within ourselves. Deep within our hearts is where we come to know God’s plan for us. Take a look!

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY OPEN HOUSE

Holy Cross Cemetery Open House is on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to visit Holy Cross Cemetery and talk with one of our Family Service Counselors to help you understand the benefits associated with planning ahead. See our beautiful Our Lady of Victory Garden, Holy Trinity Mausoleum and the Garden of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will receive special discounts only available during our Open House. There will also be several sections that will have an extra discount on top of the Open House discount. When you make a purchase at the Open House you will receive 0% interest through 2024 and a $50 Gift Card.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 14th is Palm Sunday. All children are invited to join in a procession of palms at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass that day. Children interested in participating should meet by 10:50 at the Main Street entrance of the church. Families of children participating are asked to sit near the front of the church so that children can easily join their parents after the procession.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION BALLOT AND CANDIDATES’ BIOGRAPHIES

This weekend we are conducting our annual Parish Council Election. Every year, parishioners nominate and elect five willing parishioners to serve as parish council members for a three year term. Eight parishioners have accepted nomination for election this year. You will find the Parish Council Election Ballots in this week’s bulletin. Copies of the candidates bio’s are on tables near the church entrances. Please vote for the five candidates of your choice, and place your ballot in one of the boxes located near the Main Street and Virginia Street doors. Election results will be announced in next week’s bulletin. It is important that parishioners have input into guiding the work of our parish. The parish council election is another way for everyone to participate in the life of our faith community.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Appeal Week 2019 kicks off this weekend. Please help us reach our goal of $11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps strengthen, protect and empower thousands of people across Western New York. Your gift helps your neighbor find hope. Will you choose to help those who need it most? Call 716-218-1400 or visit ccwny.org/donation.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF WEST BUFFALO ANNUAL AUCTION

Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is pleased to announce the 25th Annual Auction “Candyland” on Saturday, April 6th at 1069 Delaware Avenue. The evening is once again adults only and beer and wine will be served, along with new kitchen items. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and drawings will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. Our admission price is a low $10.00 and includes 25 tickets. There will be over 100 theme trays and raffle items available as well as a special raffle for a Salvatore’s Italian Gardens Silver Package. Silent Auction items include Peter Fowler print, basket of cheer, Darien Lake season passes and fine dining packages. Don’t miss out on a great evening!

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Recently, a local woman donated a kidney to a perfect stranger. She was willing to endure pain and difficulty to help a man in need. The news medial quoted her as saying, “We’re all put here to take care of each other and it was my privilege.” We hear a similar message in today’s scripture reading. In it St. Paul talks about imitating the life of Jesus by putting the needs of others first—even if it means sacrifice. St. Paul changed his life completely—he gave up everything—to follow this new way of life. We all have things we can let go of to help others. Ask yourself today what you can give up for the sake of someone else. Maybe it’s time to help organizations like St. Vincent DePaul or Habitat for Humanity. May the local woman...and her imitation of Jesus...be our inspiration in seeking new ways to do God’s will.