2019
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 190th Anniversary

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OUR PARISH SCHOOL
The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo
Grades Pre-K to 8
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WEDDINGS
Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

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Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

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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 Schoulenpikoff ..............................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg .......................................1867-1888

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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, May 4:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Robert Selby and Lauren Kryszak
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Kevin McCue, by Sondra Schreiber

SUNDAY, May 5: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Janice Morawski, by Walter and Florence Kowal
11:00 am: Eleanor Brayer, by Sr. Carol Cimino and Department of Catholic Schools

MONDAY, May 6: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Doll Family, by Estate

TUESDAY, May 7: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Stephen S. Odojewski, by Sr. Carol Cimino and Department of Catholic Schools

WEDNESDAY, May 8: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

THURSDAY, May 9: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

FRIDAY, May 10: SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST
12:05 pm: Leonard M. Horton, by Clem and Anne Eckert

SATURDAY, May 11:
2:00 pm: Wedding of Adam Vogl and Natalie McGurn
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

SUNDAY, May 12: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish
11:00 am: Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Louis Parish

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of May 11th and May 12th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: J. & M. Loss
11:00 am: Ed Kuzzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of May 11th and May 12th
4:00 pm: Debbie Guillow, Ann Dumansky, Jim Ferrini and Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Anne Continetti, Robert Sprague, Al Bluemle and Michael Loss
11:00 am: Michael Riester, Joyce Persico and Ryan and Lindsay McGowan

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Melvin, Geraldine and Darlene Sliwinski, requested by Michael and David Sliwinski. 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.

Jesus the Risen Lord Continues to Be With Us

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus shares a meal with his disciples. The bread and fish in this passage recalls the multiplication of Bread and Fish that Jesus performed earlier in the Gospel. This part of the passage is Eucharistic in nature, meaning that Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist. In this passage he also asks Peter three times: “Do You Love Me?” This is reminiscent of the three times that Peter denied Jesus during the Passion. Jesus never abandons any of us no matter what. He has forgiven Peter for denying him. Through the sacraments we celebrate today we continue to receive Jesus’ forgiveness and we continue to receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

During the Easter season we continue to celebrate growth in our faith as we celebrate with the members of our parish the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacraments of the Church are our gift of love from God and Jesus. It is through the grace of the Sacraments that Jesus and His Father come to live with us. Saturday morning we celebrated First Penance with our young people and their families who have been learning about God’s mercy and forgiveness. We congratulate our 7 parishioners: Ella Besecker, Benjamin Michael Hernandez, Alexandra Corrine Miller, Thorello Giovanni Moscati, Edward Robert Plizga, Madeline Sarah Poole, and Sophia Elizabeth Schoepfli.

Sunday morning at the 11:00 Mass, we celebrate First Eucharist with our 9 young people and their families who have been preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. They will join us at the Table of the Lord each Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist. We congratulate: Carter John Edward Blair, Shane Patrick Jordan, Andrew Michael Mineo, Nora Muriel Mineo, Matthew Donald Parisi, Nicholas James Puskas, Patrick Harry Quinn, Caroline Rose Rhoney, and Blake Thomas Tzetzo.

We are grateful to all who have prepared our children for these special sacraments that they are receiving. Thank you to our Catechists: Linda Ciccia, Nora Eberl Plizga, and Ashlee Campbell. Thank you to our Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell for coordinating these programs as well as all our other Faith Formation Programs. Thank you also to the parents who support their children in the ways of faith formation. Thank you to all our parishioners for their prayers for all who are receiving God’s grace today.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinis, Richard Devia, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Borde, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominksi, 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, especially Raymond Sharrer 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 365 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,325.00 and Catholic Home Missions collection was $696.00.

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, May 4th

9:00 am: First Communion Rehearsal
10:30 am: First Penance Service
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, May 5th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
11:00 am: First Communion Mass

TUESDAY, May 7th

7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

SATURDAY, May 11th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Mother’s Day Collection

SUNDAY, May 12th—Happy Mother’s Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Mother’s Day Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Carina Kelly Mirabella

VOCAITION THOUGHT

As Peter was asked, do YOU love Jesus? If our answer is “yes” what will we do for Him? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

SPRING CLEANING?

If you are cleaning out your closets or downsizing, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. We accept donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags, and household items like small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils, and bed linens. Donations can be dropped off from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Our parish raised $696.00 to strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel spreads across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

On Mother’s Day Masses will be offered for our mothers—living or deceased. We invite you to enroll your mother in this remembrance by using one of the envelopes provided for this purpose. Envelopes can be found in the March/April envelope packet and on the tables near the entrances to the church. The best gift of gratitude that we can give our mother is a spiritual gift. Remembering our mother in such a way—if she still has an earthly address or a heavenly one—expresses our appreciation and respect for her. May God reward her for her unselfish life of service to us.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As of May 1, 2019

Goal: $11,000,000
Raised: $7,102,054.34
Amount to Raise: $3,897,945.66

St. Louis Goal: $116,216.25
Raised: $93,680
Amount to Raise: $22,536.25

ST. LOUIS CHURCH CHOIR TO PRESENT ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

The Choir of St. Louis Church, under the direction of organist/choirmaster Frank Scinta, will present its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Louis Church, 35 Edward Street (at Main) in Buffalo.

The program is free and open to the public. Featured will be works of Bach, Mozart, Farrant, Ouseley, Friedel, Poston, and others.

The St. Louis Choir is an all-volunteer ensemble that rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, September through June. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition. In past years, members of the choir have performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Musicians, and Camera di Sant’ Antonio Chamber Orchestra.

Please join us for a lovely hour of great choral music!

For More Information: 716-852-6040 / scintaf@canisius.edu.

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FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

When we hear the word “vocation” we may think of priests or deacons. The fact is, we all have a vocation. And it's not necessarily the same as your job. Simply put, your vocation is what God is calling you to do. Think of it as God’s unique and very personal invitation. And as we see in today’s Gospel, the invitation often comes to us in our everyday lives. As hard-working fishermen some of the apostles had been out all night and had caught nothing. Jesus suddenly appeared and called for them to cast their nets over the other side of their boat. They listened and caught fish in great abundance. Jesus then led them to a new vocation as “fishers of men.” In the midst of your daily life, listen closely and you will hear God’s call. If you chose to follow, he will lead you into a life of abundance beyond your expectations.