**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**
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher …………………1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lundenbach………………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

WORKING TOGETHER ACCOMPLISHES GREAT THINGS

Our Easter Season is well underway as we move into the fourth week of Easter. It has been a busy time of year for our parish. Thanks to many who volunteered their time and their talent to carry out a successful Holy Week and Easter celebration. There is always so much that needs to be done to prepare for and carry out the beautiful liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. One person cannot do it all. Many people volunteered numerous times to help over the course of those days. Thank you to everyone who helped: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Musicians and those who decorated the church time and again. With everyone working together the celebrations were beautiful and prayerful. Thank you to all who also prayed with us in those days.

The 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal also continues at this time of year until June 30th. May 2nd with less than two months to go, Catholic Charities provided an update of the Appeal. At that time 65% of the $11 million goal had been reached. Since that time the amount raised continues to inch forward. At the middle of this week, the Appeal was at 66.98% of the goal. Here at St. Louis we are at more than 81% of our goal.

Catholic Charities has also announced Hope Day 2019, an online, communitywide day of giving which will be held on Friday, May 17th. Hope Day 2019 is another opportunity to raise even more funds for the 2019 Appeal. The first $50,000, thanks to an anonymous donor, raised that day will be matched dollar-for-dollar in an effort to help achieve this year’s $11 million goal. Together we can and will help our neighbors find hope.

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
As of May 8, 2019

Goal: $11,000,000
Raised: $7,416,114.05
Amount to Raise: $3,583,885.95

St. Louis Goal: $116,216.25
Raised: $94,440
Amount to Raise: $21,776.25

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, 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.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Plemens, requested by Peter and Barbara Nagowski. 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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 442 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,517.00. 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 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
1:00 pm: Baptism of Carina Kelly Mirabella

MONDAY, May 13th
7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

THURSDAY, May 16th
7:30 pm: St. Louis Choir to Present Spring Concert

SATURDAY, May 18th
4:00 pm: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

SUNDAY, May 19th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Giovanna Lucia Granville and Antonia Andrea Granville

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Make a gift for mom. She has made a tremendous impact on you. Now you can make a tremendous impact in the lives of others in her honor. On Friday, May 17, donations made to the 2019 Appeal will be matched dollar for dollar during Hope Day. A gift for mom. A gift for others. Help your neighbor find hope. Visit www.give.ccwny.org/hope on May 17.

VOCATION THOUGHT
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

MOTHER
The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

ST. LOUIS CHOIR TO PRESENT SPRING CONCERT
The Choir of St. Louis will present A Choral Evening on Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. here in St. Louis Church.

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

In addition to leading the musical worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, members of the St. Louis Choir have performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Musicians, Greater Buffalo Opera Company, Opera Sacra, Camerata di Sant’ Antonio and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!
We would like to congratulate Isabella Rajekci who has been named to the 3rd quarter 2018-19 Honor Roll at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart.

MSGR. SCHWINGER MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM
Next weekend there is a second collection for the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program. Many people come to our door every day from Monday through Friday and we are able to feed them through your generosity. So many of the patrons of the Saint Louis Sandwich Program are going through many hardships and difficulties in their lives—yet, they always come to the door with a smile on their faces and with hope in their hearts that tomorrow will be a better day. The Sandwich Program gives dignity, respect and compassion to those most in need in our city. Your continued support of the Sandwich Program helps keep hope alive in the hearts of many “unknown faces” living in our own backyards. Thank you for helping make tomorrow a little bit better for some of the most vulnerable in our city.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Has anyone ever asked you why you go to church? Of course there are different answers to that question, but one of the primary reasons is found in today’s readings. We go to learn. From God and from others. We gather to hear God's Word. We listen as it is interpreted for us by our priests and deacons who help us understand what it means in our life. Today’s scripture elaborates, telling us why people gathered on the Sabbath. It was, “to hear the Word of the Lord.” Paul and Barnabas urged those listening to the Word of the Lord to “remain faithful to the grace of God.” Do we realize that God’s Word, the Sunday readings, is a grace—a gift from God? Through it we learn how to live a fuller, happier life. So continue to come to Church and let God’s Word guide your life. In doing so you will find the Joy He wants for you.