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.

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 Mroz
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

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.
Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, May 18:
2:00 pm:  Wedding of Sean McNally and Theresa Hermann
4:00 pm:  VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
           Bernice A. Weber, by Family

SUNDAY, May 19: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am:  Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family
11:00 am: Grace Mandolfo, by Parents, Michael and Christiana Mandolfo

MONDAY, May 20: SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA
12:05 pm:  For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, May 21: SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES
12:05 pm:  Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

WEDNESDAY, May 22: SAINT RITA OF CASCIA
12:05 pm:  The Crane Family, by Mary K. Crane Estate

THURSDAY, May 23: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm:  Lee Volo, Sr., by Ron and Margaret Foegen

FRIDAY, May 24: EASTER WEEKDAY
12:05 pm:  God’s Blessings of Good Health for the Caputi, Gentile and Klosko Families, by Family

SATURDAY, May 25:
2:00 pm:  Wedding of Matthew Bittner and Jennifer Seeger
4:00 pm:  VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
           Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young
5:30 pm:  Wedding of Nicholas Grimley and Lauren Hammer

SUNDAY, May 26: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am:  Deceased members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Paul Griffin, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
As of May 15, 2019

Goal: $11,000,000
Raised: $7,728,085.62
Amount to Raise: $3,271,914.38

St. Louis Goal: $116,216.25
Raised: $94,950
Amount to Raise: $21,266.25

BUFFALO MARATHON IS COMING TO TOWN

Next Sunday, May 26th is the running of the annual Buffalo Marathon. This is a city wide foot race and many streets will be closed to traffic including around St. Louis Church. Delaware Avenue and Franklin Street will be affected from downtown through North Buffalo. You may have to access St. Louis by going north of North Buffalo or South of downtown (do not exit the I-190 at Niagara Street). The use of expressways and thruways is a good way to avoid the marathon.

We will have access to the Catholic Center parking lot across the street from the church and access to our parking lot by way of St. Louis Place.

May the Month of Mary

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Mary embraces God’s will and freely chooses to cooperate with God’s grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God’s plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son.

The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

In your Prayers…

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vila, Patricia Bond, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiski, 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 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 349 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,736.00 and Mother’s Day collection was $966.00.
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 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

SATURDAY, May 25th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Church in Latin America Collection

SUNDAY, May 26th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Church in Latin America Collection

ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)
The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Wednesday May 29th at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, this will be a working evening, along with a planning meeting to discuss this year’s flowers and plantings. New volunteers are most welcome. Come and spend your Wednesday evenings helping to beautify God’s green acre at Main and Edward.
The SLGS—Alive in Christ and growing!

CONGRATULATIONS
We would like to congratulate Grace Tabone (Grade 9) who was an honor roll student at Mount St. Mary Academy for the 2nd Quarter of the 2018-2019 academic year.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION
Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOLA CANTORUM IN CONCERT
The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum will present its Spring concert: “Sacred Music Treasures” at St. Louis Catholic Church on Friday, May 31st at 7:30 p.m.
Established in 2017, the St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum is an independent a cappella choir dedicated to performing, promoting and preserving the great treasury of sacred choral music of the Church. Join us for this beautiful celebration of sacred music. Works by W.A. Mozart, G.P. Da Palestrina, Anton Bruckner, Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, Giovanni Croce and others, as well as Gregorian Chant will be performed.

ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL
Over the past few years we have opened the church to welcome visitors who are attending the Allentown Art Festival. People from near and far have been awed by the magnificence of St. Louis Church, taken time to pray or light a candle, and enjoyed hearing about our parish and history. Once again, this year, the church will be opened on Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th. We are in need of volunteers to welcome visitors during these two days. On Saturday volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last year many people visited the church, and some made donations to the parish. If you are available to help for a period of time on either day, please use the sign-up sheets located at the entrances to the church.
Thank you!

VOCATION THOUGHT
The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Our 2019 appeal continues, and your donation today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. You can help your neighbor find hope. Make a difference today with your gift at cwny.org/donation.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION
Today’s scripture tells us of Paul and Barnabas traveling from city to city preaching the Gospel and “opening the door of faith” for new disciples. Paul and Barnabas encouraged their new disciples to build their faith, telling them that, although they may face hardships along the way, God would be with them. They would persevere. What this tells us is that entering a faith community marks only the beginning of our faith journey. Being true to our faith and our beliefs through words and actions is not always easy. Modern society tolerates our faith, but often does not support it. And frequently our own bad habits get in the way. But we, too, can trust that God will help us. Like the early disciples, we must persevere in our dedication to our faith, despite the obstacles we may face. We are invited to enter the door to a new, stronger faith and, through it, to continually grow in love for God and one another.