2019
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829
Celebrating Our 190th Anniversary
Rectory: 35 Edward Street • Buffalo, New York 14202-1505
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CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ..........William Kurzdorfer
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CANTOR .............................................................. James Mrozek
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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.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

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.

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

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ................................... 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laundenbach ............................... 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 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

**MONDAY, May 27:** **MEMORIAL DAY—No Mass Today**

**TUESDAY, May 28:** **EASTER WEEKDAY**  
12:05 pm: Michael Riester  
11:00 am: Seeger  
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
Birthday Blessings for James Thomas Caputi, by Grandma

**THURSDAY, May 30:** **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
12:05 pm: Mary Steimel, by Roseann Curtis  

**FRIDAY, May 31:** **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**SATURDAY, June 1:**  
2:00 pm: Wedding of Patrick Jowdy and Natalie Hage  
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Living and Deceased of the John Thomas Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, June 2:** **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
9:00 am: Ladd Campbell, by Parents, Kevin and Ashlee Campbell  
11:00 am: Josephine Mandolfo, by Michael and Christina Mandolfo

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

**Weekend of Weekend of June 1st and June 2nd**  
4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski  
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta  
11:00 am: Michael Riester

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Weekend of June 1st and June 2nd**  
4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski, Jim Ferrini and Frank and Jane Pelosi  
9:00 am: Al Blumle, Judy Perkowski and Tim and Mary O’Shea  
11:00 am: Joyce Persico, Pam Nordstrom and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**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.

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**A MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Friends,

**Thank You. Thank You. Thank You.**

In just one day last Friday, donors like you contributed **$388,362** in support of the 2019 Appeal. The total for HOPE Day is increased by the matching gifts of $147,000 for a grand total of **$521,362**.

Your gift helps your neighbor find hope. Your gift helps ensure that the vital programs and services funded through the Appeal will continue to be available to those in need. Because of you, we are able to respond to those in need with hope and compassion.

Our work is not done. The need in the community is great. With your help we will continue to tackle hunger, poverty, addiction and many other challenges affecting our communities across Western New York.

To follow our work, check us out at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Thank you again for making HOPE Day such a success!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

As of May 22, 2019

- **Goal**: $11,000,000  
- **Raised**: $8,385,824.07  
- **Amount to Raise**: $2,614,175.93  
- **St. Louis Goal**: $116,216.25  
- **Raised**: $98,165  
- **Amount to Raise**: $18,051.25

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

This Sunday May 26th, Bishop Robert Cunningham, who was our pastor from 2002 until 2004 now bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse, is celebrating some significant anniversaries. At a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral of Syracuse, he is celebrating 50 years as a priest, 15 years as a bishop and his tenth anniversary as Bishop of Syracuse. We rejoice with him and thank God for his many years of service to the Diocese of Buffalo, St. Louis Parish, the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the Diocese of Syracuse. May God bless him for his many years of ministry as he now looks forward to retirement. Notes of congratulations and good wishes can be sent to him at: The Office of Bishop, 240 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.

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**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their lives with your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**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, Deolores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Viz, Patricia Bond, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Bila, Bernadette R. Crawford, Niziti Ascela, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased parishioners and loved ones.

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**SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 351 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,134.00 and the Sandwich Program collection was $1,871.00.

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.”

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

**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

**MONDAY, May 27th—Memorial Day**

No Mass Today—Parish Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY, May 29th**

4:30 pm: Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord

6:00 pm: Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS)

**THURSDAY, May 30th—Holy Day of Obligation**

12:05 pm: The Ascension of the Lord

**FRIDAY, May 31st**

7:30 pm: St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum Concert

**SATURDAY, June 1st**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

**SUNDAY, June 2nd**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

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**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

Have you ever been asked to advocate for your point of view? Then you can probably empathize with the Christians of 2000 years ago. During the early Church, there was much discussion among the leaders as to the direction the Church should take. We see different groups coming together, debating, compromising and deciding on what practices the Church would follow. They were, in essence, advocates of the Church. It’s not unlike what we might see in society or in business today, as people work to determine goals and plans. There is one big difference, however. The early Christians turned to the Holy Spirit for guidance in deciding on the right thing to do. And the Church flourished. The spirit of God is always by our side too—ready to counsel and assist us. In your roles as a leader—in business, the community, or even as a parent—remember God is your advocate. Ask him for help in making the right decisions.

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**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 Roman 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.

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**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 at the entrances to the church.

Thank you!

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**ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)**

Established in 2017, the St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum will present its Spring concert: “Sacred Music Treasures” at St. Louis Roman Catholic Church on Friday, May 31st at 7:30 p.m.

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 little green acre at Main and Edward.

The SLGS—Alive in Christ and growing!

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Welcome. It’s the way Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center wants clients to feel from the moment they arrive. The center has served Western New York for more than 50 years and offers a northtowns site in Amherst and a southtowns site in Hamburg. The center’s professional staff specializes in relationship counseling, and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call (716) 839-4406 Monday through Friday between 8:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org. Help your neighbor find hope. Appeal 2019 continues until June 30. Give today at ccwny.org/donation.

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**CHIAVETTA’S CHICKEN BARBECUE**

Friday, May 31, 2019—3:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Rainbow K School

388 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY

At the Corner of Edward and Franklin Street

$10.00 for Dinner—Includes 2 sides and Dinner Roll

HOMEMADE DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

Takeout Available

Pre-Purchase Recommended—Dinners Sell Fast

Tickets also available at the door or call 884-0177

This is a private school ministered by the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady.

See You There!