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
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CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ..................William Kurzdorfer
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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President ...............................................................................Frank Pelosi
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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

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. 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

This March, the Diocese of Buffalo began a special Year of Prayer for the Healing Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse and for the Church. This effort is coordinated by the Presbyteral Council and Vicars Forane of the Diocese.

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th, the Season of Lent began for the year of 2019 leading up to Easter and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Since Lent is a time of prayer, mercy, forgiveness, and renewal it is appropriate that the year of prayer for healing would begin then. At the Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph’s Cathedral Bishop Malone lit a purple candle to remind all to pray for victims of clergy sexual abuse and for the healing of the Church. This candle will burn throughout the Year of Prayer and Healing before the statue of St. Joseph, the patron of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Also, during the year of Prayer and Healing, each vicariate throughout the diocese will host a special time of prayer. The vicars and pastors of all parishes have been asked to light a similar candle in their churches.

Our purple candle has been re-placed on the altar of the Sacred Heart to remind us to pray for all who have been harmed by the actions of some of our priests. Please pray for all in need of healing:

O Merciful Father,
Your Son in love stretched out his hands upon the cross to embrace us.

Embrace and heal our brothers and sisters Who carry the wounds of abuse inflicted upon them.

Heal Your Church broken by this betrayal of trust.

Cleanse and sanctify Your Clergy That they may radiate the selfless love of your Son.

And strengthen and call the people of the church throughout Western New York to a new dawn of hope and grace in your Holy Spirit.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
As of May 29, 2019

Goal: $11,000,000
Raised: $8,448,901.07
Amount to Raise: $2,551,098.93

St. Louis Goal: $116,216.25
Raised: $104,165
Amount to Raise: $12,051.25

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrar, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Bolte, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominick, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, James Falka, 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.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT
We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 316 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $2,907.00 and Church in Latin America collection was $508.00.
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.”

THE ANNUAL ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL
Next weekend, Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th is the Allentown Art Festival. This effects several of the streets around St. Louis Church such as Delaware Avenue and Franklin Street. Our parking lot will be reserved for parishioners to attend Mass. You can access the parking lot by way of St. Louis Place from Virginia. Usually, there is a barricade at Virginia and Main Streets. You can go around it to get to St. Louis Place. Depending where the barricades are set for the Festival you may also able to get to the parking lot by way of Franklin. We try to keep access for Mass by way of Franklin. Good Luck.

ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL
ST. LOUIS OPEN HOUSE
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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Are you a divorced or separated parent looking for assistance in navigating this new family dynamic? Catholic Charities can help. Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is a New York State Certified program available to parents and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. This group helps parents develop a “business” relationship that encourages co-parents to refrain from putting children in the middle of arguments. OKPEAP is available at multiple sites throughout Western New York, and referrals for this program can be made by anyone, including individuals. For more information, visit cwny.org/okpeap. Help your neighbor find hope. Appeal 2019 continues until June 30. Give today at cwny.org/donation.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
11 Days: November 4-14, 2019
Hosted by
Rev. Ray Corbin
Only $3179 per person from Toronto
(Airline tour price is $2669
plus $510 Gov’t taxes/airline surcharges)
Visiting Venice, Padua, Florence, Chianti, Assisi & Rome
with Vatican City and a Papal Audience!
TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: Roundtrip air from Toronto, first class/select hotels, most meals, services of a professional English-speaking tour director and comprehensive sightseeing, all hotel service charges, portage, entrances fees and more!!
For a Brochure & More Information, Please Contact
Rev. Corbin
Tel: (716) 634-3660 / Email: pastoriopparish@yahoo.com
SPACE IS LIMITED!!
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF WEST BUFFALO
With our registration now in full swing, requests for Tuition Assistance are coming in from families who have a difficult time paying the necessarily increasing tuition costs at the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo. The current economic situation has greatly increased the need for tuition assistance. Our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) relies on the good will offerings made by parishioners of our affiliated parishes. Information and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church if you wish to make a donation. We have simplified the donation process by adding a donate now button on our website page at cawb.org. Thank you for your support!