PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President ..............................................................  Kevin Brayer
Vice-President .......................................................... Timothy McCarthy
Secretary ............................................................. Keith Boerner

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz ........................................ 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax .............................................. 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth .................................................. 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffineir ............................................. 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ............................................. 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall .................................................. 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ................................ 1862-1863
Reverend Sergius 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

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints which is celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church. All Saints’ Day was formally begun by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13, 609. This feast day celebrates all those who have entered heaven including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. The Feast of All Saints, on its current date, is traced to the discovery by Pope Gregory III of an oratory in St. Peters for the relics “of the holy apostles and of all saints, martyrs and confessors, of all the just made perfect who are at rest throughout the world.”

November 2nd is All Souls’ Day and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. This day is set aside for honoring all those who have died. The official name for the celebration honoring all who have died is called “The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.” Historically, tradition identifies the general custom of praying for the dead dating as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. The custom of setting aside a special day for intercession for the faithful departed on November 2nd was established by St. Odilo of Cluny in 998. While November 2nd is the liturgical celebration for the faithful departed, in time the entire month of November became associated with prayer for the departed. Lists of names of those to be remembered were placed in proximity to the altar where Mass is offered.

Catholics celebrate All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day in the belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven. Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

Let us remember with devotion all who preceded us in faith and now rest in the hands of God.

Msgr. Manganello

SCAM ALERT

Parishes in our area have been targeted by scammers contacting people and asking them for money or to purchase gift cards. The scammer makes contact by text messaging. The scammer claims to be the pastor of a particular church. The content of the text varies: “I need a favor from you, please text me back...I need you to get an EBAY gift card for a friend going through cancer in the hospital, but I can’t do it now...can you get it from a store around you now? I’ll pay you back as soon as I can.” Or: another version asks the person texted to purchase TOPS gift cards via EBAY. Or: requesting the purchase of some gift cards of another sort.

DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE TEXTS. They seem convincing but they are scams.

In your prayers...

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Szychowski, Roberta Zawistowski, Tom and Joan Czarnecki, Bill Czarnecki, Mark Engle, Nathan Lapchik, Robin Miller, Mary Polaski, 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 362 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $4,232.00 and World Mission collection was $1,112.00.

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, October 26th
4:00 pm: The First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection
4:00 pm: Second Collection: St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center and Mother Teresa Home Collection

SUNDAY, October 27th
9:50 am: Daylight Saving Time Ends
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Masses during the month of November and on All Souls Day November 2nd. Envelopes are in the September/October envelope packet and on tables at the church entrances.

4:00 pm: Vigil for Solemnity of All Saints

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CALENDAR CLUB

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2020 Calendar Club calendar has Two Numbers for $25.00 and is good for the entire year. Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of $50, weekend drawings of $100 and selected holiday drawings of $250 and $25 awarded if you have the number above or below the number drawn. A Grand Prize of $2,000.00 will be awarded on December 18th for Christmas Day 2020. Calendars are located in church for your convenience.

Send in your stub before November 1, 2019 to participate in the Early Bird Drawing for one of five $150 prizes. Call 885-6111 for information or calendars.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. As the structure of the church ages there is always something that needs attention. This year the benefits we receive from Upon This Rock will be added to our Annual Preservation Fund Drive to underwrite the cost of the projects now underway.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

So far, $26,148 has been donated.

ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

All helping hands and volunteers are invited to join us in the church hall on October 27 for our Annual Oktoberfest. Let us thank you for your time and efforts with food, beer, music and a good time! Contact Debbie Guillow at 465-6196 or duguillow@yahoo.com.

SAINT LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to begin the annual fall cleanup. Rain date is November 9th. New volunteers are always welcome.

CORY JAMES GALLAGHER & CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENTS:

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES:

A MUSICAL-POETIC JOURNEY

Two Weekends (four locations)

November 15th: St. Andrew’s Church
1525 Sheridan Drive, Kenmore

November 16th: Blessed Sacrament Church
1035 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

November 22nd: UB Newman Center
495 Skinnersville Road, Amherst, NY

November 23rd: St. Francis of Assisi
4263 St. Francis Drive, Hamburg, NY

**All Concerts are at 7:00 p.m.—By Donation**

Come join Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer-Post Amy Gallagher as they take you on a musical-poetic journey through loss and grief, to the light of hope and inspiration. This evening will be a meaning-filled opportunity to remember those that we hold most dear in our hearts. There is a special opportunity to have your loved one included in the concert with a song dedication or a written message in the program. To arrange a song dedication, please contact Cory: concertsforthesoul@gmail.com or 716-868-2047.