2020
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829
Celebrating Our 191st Anniversary
Rectory: 35 Edward Street • Buffalo, New York 14202-1505
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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 COUNCIL OFFICERS
President ................................................. Kevin Brayer
Vice-President ............................................ Timothy McCarthy
Secretary .................................................. Keith Boerner

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen .................................. Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella ........................................ Monday - Friday

TRUSTEES ........................................ Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ...................... William Kurzdörfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER .................................... Frank Scinta
CANTOR .................................................... James Mroz
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION .......................... Ashlee Campbell
BUSINESS MANAGER ..................................... John Beller
SECRETARY .............................................. Dolores Vasi

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 Raffeiner ...................................... 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ....................................... 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall .......................................... 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ............................. 1862-1865
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

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 1:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Jr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
9:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate
11:00 am: George Milanovich, by Family

MONDAY, February 3: SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND SAINT ANSGAR, BISHOP
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

TUESDAY, February 4: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Living and Deceased Members of the Pera Family, by Tom Pera

WEDNESDAY, February 5: SAINT AGATHA
12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

THURSDAY, February 6: SAINT PAUL MIKI
12:05 pm: Rosalia Kurtzman and Spouse, by Estate

FRIDAY, February 7: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: All Souls

SATURDAY, February 8:
4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jimmy Horbett, by The Stott Family

SUNDAY, February 9: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate
11:00 am: Dorothy and Edmund Radwan, by Marie Radwan Haremski

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of February 8th and February 9th
4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of February 8th and February 9th
4:00 pm: Mike Mikos, Debbie Guillow, Jim Ferrini and Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Susan Ministero, Anne Mecca and Robert Sprague
11:00 am: Michael Riester, Michael Mandolfo 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.

RICH FAITH TRADITIONS
As we open the month of February, we celebrate this weekend the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast marks 40 days since the celebration of Christmas. At one time this feast was the end of the Christmas Season. Decorations, especially the nativity scene remained until after February 2nd. This feast recalls the moment when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple as was the custom of their tradition. According to their religious tradition every male was presented to the Lord. On the occasion of the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Mary and Joseph also encountered two holy people: Simeon and Anna.

This day has also been known as Candelmas Day because of the tradition of blessing candles for use throughout the Church year. It is also associated with the folklore about the arrival of spring. German farmers believed that on Candelmas the badger interrupted his winter nap to check the weather. If it is sunny, the badger gets scared and goes back into hibernation for another six weeks and winter continues. If he does not see his shadow, we know that spring time is coming soon.

Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise who is associated with the tradition of blessing of throats. Two blessed candles are tied with a red ribbon (honoring his martyrdom) or held together in the form of a St. Andrew cross for the blessing of throats. According to legend, St. Blaise miraculously cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. Blaise has long been associated with cures for the sick, especially afflictions of the throat.

The final blessing for the weekend Masses will be the Blessing of St. Blaise. Throats will be individually blessed after Mass on the weekend and on Monday during Mass.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCAITION THOUGHT
St. Paul reminds us that of all of the gifts God gives to us, love is the greatest. How can we best show our appreciation of what God has given to us? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

In your prayers...
Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Fuerst, Richard Robinson, James Vasi, Wanda Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Giniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Viz, Patricia Botte, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominiski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, 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.
FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by March 1, 2020. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (https://stlouisrscurch.org) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Melt the snow with some Chili heat. Join us on February 8th after the 4:00 Mass for our Annual Chili Cook-Off. Make a chili or bring your favorite dessert. Contact Debbie Guillow @ 465-6196 or dguillow@yahoo.com.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Federation of German American Societies will award several Scholarships of $1,000.00 each to eligible applicants who:
- Are in the senior year of high school and have been accepted to a university or college.
- Are currently enrolled in a university or college.

Applicants should write a 500-700 word essay on the topic of: “Thirty Years After the Fall of the Wall” See www.BuffaloGerman.com for more information. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2020. Email your application and essay to Redwing117@aol.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Think of me. In Matthew 25:40, we see Jesus’ message very clearly: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” When we reflect on this year’s Appeal theme, “Think of Me”, we can see it then as not only thinking of our brothers and sisters in need, but also Jesus. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can help a struggling family find stability through counseling, or a young adult strengthen their faith through campus ministry. Think of them, and think of Jesus, and see your gift as doing God’s work here on earth. Secure donations can be made online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities 716-218-1400.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 4TH & 6TH

Come learn more about the Catholic Academy Difference at our Open House for families interested in enrolling children at Catholic Academy of West Buffalo in September 2020. Open House February 4th is 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and February 6th is 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Catholic Academy offers rigorous academics, excellent religious and moral education and a wide array of sports and extracurricular activities in grades Pre-K 3 to 8. Pre-K for 3 year olds is a very popular part time program, with a 10.2 ratio. According to Business First rankings for Middle Schools in June 2019, we are ranked among the top 10% of private, parochial, charter and public schools in the city of Buffalo! Our 2019 8th grade earned over $300,000 in academic scholarships...a school record!

Come tour our building, meet the Catholic Academy family and learn more about our programming. Registration for September 2020 is ongoing, and office staff will be available to review admission forms and answer questions regarding the different tuition assistance available. For information, call the school at 885-6111 or visit us at cawb.org on Facebook or Twitter @cawb1069.