2020
St. Louis Church
Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo
Founded in 1829
Celebrating Our 191st Anniversary
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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 Mrozek
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION .................................Ashlee Campbell
BUSINESS MANAGER ................................................John Beller
SECRETARY .............................................................Dolores Vasi

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.

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.

BAPTIZMS
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 ..................................1862-1865
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff ...................................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ..............................................1867-1888
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..................................1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Lautenbach ................................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
Reverend Robert A. Mack ............................................1995-2002

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 29:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Jessie and Bertrum Napier, by the Partyka Family

SUNDAY, March 1: **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 am: Baby Stanley Partyka, by the Partyka Family
11:00 am: James Frawley, by Bill and Pam Nordstrom

MONDAY, March 2: **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Emily Mikos, by Family

TUESDAY, March 3: **SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL**
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, March 4: **SAINT CASIMIR**
12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

THURSDAY, March 5: **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Living and Deceased Members of the Pera Family, by Tom Pera

FRIDAY, March 6: **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
12:05 pm: Edward Partyka, by the Partyka Family

SATURDAY, March 7:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, March 8: **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 am: Casimer and Bertha Partyka, by the Partyka Family
11:00 am: Frank Mikos, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
Weekend of March 7th and March 8th
4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski
9:00 am: Anne Mecca
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Weekend of March 7th and March 8th
4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski, Debbie Guillow, Jim Ferrini and Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Anne Mecca, Susan Ministero, Al Bluemle and Judy Perkowski
11:00 am: Michael Riester, Joyce Persico and Keith and Kathy Boerner

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Lee Volo, Sr., by Ron and Margaret Foegen. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week for the **Messina Family**.

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.

“BORN AGAIN”
Some Christians use the phrase “born again.” While there is scriptural reference to this term in the Gospel of John and plenty of wonderful stories of lives turned totally around by grace, it is not a phrase that Catholics normally use. The reason for this may be that we know conversion is ongoing. The season of Lent emerged as a time for serious preparation for those entering the faith. It became quite clear over time that a similar time was needed for the People of God for renewal and re-renewal; not “born again” just once, but again and again and again.

The question we need to ask ourselves is “what in our lives gets in the way of our relationship with God and God’s people? We begin the season of Lent with ashes: dark, powdery soot that reminds us how our lives began and how they will end.” Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” They are also a reminder to: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” These ashes challenge us to confront the parts of our lives that need renewal.

During these days of Lent we travel with Christ one step at a time, from brokenness to healing, to forgiveness and to new possibilities for transforming our lives.

Msgr. Manganello

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
One On the Road participant was hesitant about attending the weeklong leadership training for high-school students but at his parents’ urging, he went. To his surprise, it turned out to be quite the impactful week! “On the Road was truly a life-changing experience for me. The most significant thing I learned was different ways to pray that were comfortable to me. Since On the Road I have begun to incorporate prayer into songs that I write,” he said. “I am so grateful for this amazing experience!” Your gift to the Fund for the Faith through 2020 Appeal can help other young people like this young man find new inspiration and strength in their faith. Will you think of him and so many others like him? Make a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling (716) 218-1400. **Think of me!**

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Theresa Favotto, James Vasi, Sandra Schaeber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Windy, David Marchetti, Eric Ginski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharree, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, 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 352 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,642.50. 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."

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Interested in becoming more involved in St. Louis Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be? If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Our election is scheduled for the weekend of March 28 and 29. Elected members will serve a three year term. It is very important for the Catholic laity to be informed and involved with the functions of the parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

Nomination forms are included in this week’s bulletin and can be submitted in the collection or sacristy. For questions or more information about the Parish Council, please contact Keith Boerner at keithboerner@roadrunner.com.

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://stlouisrcchurch.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.

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE

Please join us to celebrate our annual St. Joseph’s Table on Sunday, March 15th from 12:00—2:00 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets can be purchased this weekend after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after both Masses on Sunday at the Main Street entrance of the church. Prices are $8.00 for adults and $3.00 for children. Your ticket entitles you to a dine-in or take-out dinner. Advanced tickets help us plan how much food to include. We hope you can join us for this delicious meal!

CORY JAMES GALLAGHER & CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENTS:

“Anam Cara” - A Celebration of Love and Soul Friendship
Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.
SS. Columba—Brigid Church
75 Hickory Street (Off Clinton Street), Buffalo, NY
This St. Patrick’s Day weekend, come celebrate the spirit of “Anam Cara” (Celtic for ‘Soul Friend’). Concerts For The Soul will take you on a Musical-Poetic Journey, followed by a DANCE PARTY in the church hall.

The concert will feature a vibrant selection of uplifting songs and sing-alongs performed by Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and his team of talented musicians. Poet Amy Gallagher will share her original writings along with the Celtic wisdom of writer-poet John O’Donohue—celebrating love, kindness, and friendship. This event is dedicated to their Father Daniel James Gallagher who embodied the spirit of “Anam Cara” to everyone he met.

CORY JAMES GALLAGHER & CONCERTS FOR THE SOUL PRESENTS:

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! This event is BY DONATION. The church has a parking lot with ample parking. A wonderfully meaningful and inspiring evening to uplift your spirit — and fill your heart with JOY!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, February 29th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection
4:00 pm: Tickets Available for St. Joseph’s Table
4:00 pm: Western New York Catholic Available

SUNDAY, March 1st
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Black and Indian Mission Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets Available for St. Joseph’s Table
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Western New York Catholic Available
12 noon: Baptism of James Augustine Blenk

MONDAY, March 2nd
7:00 pm: Pre-Baptismal Class—Sacristy

TUESDAY, March 3rd
7:00 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Sacristy

FRIDAY, March 6th
After 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 7th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Fuel Collection and Maintenance and Repairs Collection
4:00 pm: Tickets Available for St. Joseph’s Table

SUNDAY, March 8th
9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Fuel Collection and Maintenance and Repairs Collection
9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets Available for St. Joseph’s Table

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Grace Tabone who was an honor roll student at Mount St. Mary Academy for the 2nd Quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.