St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 192nd Anniversary

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President		
Vice-President	Timothy McCarthy Pearl Brown	
Secretary	Paul LaCroix	
MASSES		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Eve of the Holy Day	4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy) 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 12:05 p.m.	
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Eve of the Holy Day	4:30 p.m.
Holy Day	
Mon-Fri	
Confessions Saturday	/ 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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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.

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	
Reverend J. E. Moshall	
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	
Reverend Clarence Ott	1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack	1965-1979
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger	1979-1995
Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack	

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, May 29:

- **12 noon:** Wedding of Matthew McCarthy and Nadia Durno
- 4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Jan Hall, by Anthony and Kim Jordan
 2:00 pm: Wedding of Jonathan Gunner and Anne

SUNDAY, May 30: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- 9:00 am: Grace Mandolfo, by Parents: Michael and Christina Mandolfo
- **11:00 am:** Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

MONDAY, May 31: MEMORIAL DAY—THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—NO MASS TODAY

TUESDAY, June 1: SAINT JUSTIN

Ameno

12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, June 2: SAINT MARCELLINUS AND SAINT PETER

12:05 pm: All Souls

THURSDAY, June 3: SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

FRIDAY, June 4: 12:05 pm: Florence Rembold, by Estate

SATURDAY, June 5:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Living and Deceased of the John Thomas Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, June 6: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 9:00 am: Repose of the Soul of Dominic Militello, by Carl and Joanna
- **11:00 am:** Mass in Thanksgiving for Ryan Keating

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of June 5th and June 6th

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler 9:00 am: John Loss 11:00 am:



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Weekend of June 5th and June 6th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo 9:00 am: Tim O'Shea

9:00 am: 11:00 am:



A Statement on Return to Sunday Mass by the Roman Catholic Bishops of the Upstate New York Dioceses of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester and Syracuse

Praise be to Almighty God who has been by our side throughout this long and devastating pandemic. He has heard our cries of mourning and been our rock in this stormy sea. He has delivered us through this crisis and brought us to the point where we can now clearly see an end in sight to the suffering, lockdowns, and isolation. Alleluia!

Today, with vaccination rates rising, infection numbers across the state are falling, and we are seeing the reopening of every sector of society, including businesses, restaurants, and sporting events. *Now is also time to return to Sunday Mass.*

The obligation to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day is a sacred one. Anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is *always* excused from this obligation, and we encouraged you to use your prudential judgment throughout this pandemic to determine if it was unsafe for you to attend Mass. This remains true.

However, for those who are healthy and not at great risk, the presumption of the faithful should be that, unless they are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass now resumes, effective the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in our dioceses.

One should consult their local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass. All required safety protocols and liturgical directives of each Diocese remain in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

We are grateful to God to have reached this point, and we speak for all of our brother priests in saying we can't wait to see you again. *Come home to Mass!*

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo; Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg; Most Rev. Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester; Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse.

In youk prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank 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.

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for

Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. 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.

Last weekend 226 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,833.00, the Sandwich Program collection was \$353.00 and Church in Latin America and Africa collection was \$299.00.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at www.frcdb.org.

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, May 29:

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, May 30:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection 12 noon: Baptism of Samuel Thomas Kilbridge

MONDAY, May 31: - Memorial Day No Mass Today—Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, June 1:

5:30 pm: Finance/Restoration Committee—Church Hall

SATURDAY, June 5:

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

SUNDAY, June 6:

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As of May 24, 2021 Goal: \$10,000,000—Raised: \$8,251,415.78 Amount to Raise: \$1,748,584.22 St. Louis Goal: \$118,552—Raised: \$113,204.19 Amount to Raise: \$5,347.81

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

There will be a Pre-Baptismal Class on Monday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacristy.

VOCATION THOUGHT

Next weekend, Bishop Michael Fisher will ordain four new priests for our diocese! There's room for many more—perhaps you? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and for the special intentions of **Debra Ann and James Richard Caputi, requested by 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.

WE'RE HIRING

Dolores our long time administrative assistant has decided the time has come for her to retire. Her position is now open. If anyone is interested in this opportunity or knows someone who might be, please contact Fr. Sal or Kevin Brayer at 852-6040. There is more information on the Diocesan website (www.buffalodiocese.org) under the heading Careers on the left hand side of the page.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Our fellow parishioner, Deacon Ryan Keating has been serving this past year at St. Mark's Church in North Buffalo. On June 5, he will be ordained into the priesthood at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Deacon Ryan will be celebrating his first Mass as a priest here at St. Louis Church on Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in honor of Father Ryan Keating. Please contact the parish office at 852-6040 if you wish to attend this joyous event.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You don't have to struggle with mental health, familial or marital problems. Catholic Charities can help. The agency offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, Diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. For more information on Catholic Charities' counseling and mental health services, visit ccwny.org and click on the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under the "Services" menu on the right-hand side. Appeal 2021 is on going through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit ccwny.org/donation. HOPE for all seasons.

WORD OF LIFE

"In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Live the Gospel of Life"

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST SUMMER 2021

St. Louis will be offering the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this summer. All children making a sacrament this summer must attend both sacrament preparation classes on Saturday, July 17th and July 24th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, August 21st and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, August 22nd.

First Reconciliation classes are open to children who have finished second grade. First Eucharist classes are open to children who have finished third grade. All children should be actively participating in faith formation classes, either at St. Louis or their school. Parents must register by July 1st.

Registration forms can be found on the <u>St. Louis website</u> or from the Director of Faith Formation, <u>Ashlee Campbell</u> (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

