2018 Ilis Church Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo Founded in 1829

Celebrating Our 189th Anniversary

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PASTORAL STAFF

| Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T | .LPastor |
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| Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen | Weekend Assistant |
| Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella | 12:05 Mass—Friday |
| TRUSTEESRo | osemary Bloch, Michael Mikos |
| CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGA | AN 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 | James Reeves |
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| Vice-President | Jane Pelosi |
| Secretary | Robert Sprague |

MASSES

| Saturday | |
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| Sunday | |
| Eve of the Holy Day | |
| Holy Day | |
| Mon-Fri | |
| Confessions | |

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 |
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| Reverend Alexander Pax | 1836-1843 |
| Reverend Francis Guth | 1844-1850 |
| Reverend Joseph Raffeiner | 1850-1851 |
| Reverend William Deiters | 1855-1861 |
| 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 | 1948-1964 |
| Reverend Clarence Ott | 1964-1965 |
| Reverend Alfred M. Mosack | 1965-1979 |
| Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger | 1979-1995 |
| Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack | 1995-2002 |

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, January 13:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thomas Guzowski, by Pat Abrams

SUNDAY, January 14: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY IME

- 9:00 am: Charles Barone, by Anthony Mauro
- **11:00 am:** Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, January 15: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Msgr. William A. Schwinger, by Estate

TUESDAY, January 16: WEEKDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, January 17: SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

12:05 pm: Kent Campbell, by Rich Ryan and Queen City Jazz Society

THURSDAY, January 18: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Rose Hoelscher, by Central Services/Cafeteria Staff

FRIDAY, January 19: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Francis L. Schreck, by Estate 3:00 pm: Wedding of Derek Birkman and Melissa Cooper

SATURDAY, January 20:

- 2:00 pm: Wedding of Brandon Small and Kayla Kuehlewind
- 4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 21: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am: Gerald Stevens, by Wife, Isabelle 11:00 am: Kevin McCue, by Parish Council

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 20th and January 21st

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo 9:00 am: Clark Jordan 11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 20th and January 21st

| 4:00 pm: | Mike Mikos, Kevin Brayer, | ß |
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| | Jane Pelosi and Jim Ferrini | Š |
| 9:00 am: | Al Bluemle, Susan Ministero | ∇ |
| | and Tim and Mary O'Shea | |
| 11:00 am: | Michael Mandolfo, Pam Nordstrom | ٨ |
| | and Keith and Kathy Boerner | "BODY OF CHRIST" |



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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

This weekend the Church begins the Season of Ordinary Time. This will lead us into the Season of Lent. This portion of the Liturgical Calendar that we call Ordinary Time will end on February 14th, Ash Wednesday, and will resume after the Easter Season.

We have just concluded another Christmas Season thanks to many who have contributed time and talent. For us the Advent-Christmas Season began the First Sunday of Advent with our program People of Faith which highlighted some of the traditions that we celebrate during this Holy Season. Our Christmas Party in December helped to put us into the holiday spirit. Lessons and Carols gave us time to reflect on the purpose of this season, welcoming Christ. All who helped carry out the Christmas preparations and celebrations have been a gift from God and an image of the birth of Jesus in our time.

Every contribution whether voice lifted in song, ministry in the liturgical celebrations or simply helping to decorate brought out the joy of this season for so many to celebrate. Every role from leading the singing, to reading our scriptures to hanging a wreath is equally important. Our Christmas would not be without each one who helped.

I wish to thank everyone who graced St. Louis Parish during this holiday season adding to the joy and festive spirit of our celebration. Truly, Christ is born and comes alive in our community when we celebrate, work and pray together. May God Bless you through the coming year.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

John the Baptist, while referring to Jesus, exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God!" This prompted Andrew and Simon Peter to follow Jesus. How is Jesus asking you to proclaim His name and make disciples for Him? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website - <u>www.buffalovocations.org</u>!

In youk prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Norbert Sliwinski, Norene Wesolek, Paul Setlock, Loretta Rembold, Lynn Goslinski, Carla Latucca, Theresa Dixon, Desirea Moyica, Peggy Scott, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrer, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Aloi, Paul Sweeney, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, 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 326 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,710.00.

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 to be used for its general purposes." of

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, January 13th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, January 14th

9:50 am-10:50 am: Pre-K-Grade 10-Church Hall

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

SATURDAY, January 20th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

SUNDAY, January 21st

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection and Fuel Collection

12 noon: Baptism of Milana Gabrielle Santillo

WORD OF LIFE

"Pray with a multi-faceted novena that includes a new intention, brief reflection, bonus information, and suggested actions each day. Sign up now and participate Thursday, January 18—Friday, January 26: 9 daysfor life.com.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, law enforcement, the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc. "Where Families Come First" is for you. All services are free. All conversations strictly private. For more information, call 716-558-7233.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today's scripture readings we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. God is calling Samuel to a life of service and the young man answers with great willingness, knowing this is how he will find lasting peace and happiness in his life. Throughout the history of the Church, many saints answered God's call with the same willingness to do his will, finding purpose in serving the poor, feeding the hungry, or caring for the sick. We too should be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to respond like the Psalmist, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." Answering God's call leads up to a deeper relationship with him and others. And that will lead us to peace.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND CLASSES

Children receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by February 1, 2018. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website: http:// stlouisrcchurch.org or from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformtion@gmail.com).

Sacrament prep classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th, 2018. All classes will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2017 if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write "Tax Statement" on the front of your church envelope.

MODERN MIRACLES OF TODAY

The White Mass for Healthcare workers will be Saturday, February 10th at 4:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph's Cathedral on Franklin Street. Bishop Malone is the celebrant and will be blessing all healthcare workers at the Mass. Dinner following the Mass will be at Adam's Mark, where a presentation by Marie Romagnano, Catastrophic Injury Medical Director and Founder of Health Professionals for Divine Mercy will be given. We will also have a witness testimony by Ellen Tracy, of her miraculous healing of Stage IV Cancer. Please visit www.cmabuffalo.org and click on the link to purchase your ticket. Attendance for just Mass is free.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Are you struggling with mental health, familial or marital problems? Catholic Charities would like to remind you that you're not alone and that we can help. Our 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. To find out more, visit <u>ccwny.org</u> and click the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under Services on the right hand side. To begin the referral process call 895-1033.

BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Have you heard about the Bison Children's Scholarship Fund? We are a tuition assistance program for economically eligible children to attend private grammar schools of choice. Bison's mission is to provide low-income parents a full range of choices for their children's education. The Bison Fund was founded on the belief that children have the best chance at a bright future when families have a choice in selecting an education that best fits their children's needs. Parents can visit our website at www.bisonfund.com to complete a scholarship pre-application for the 2018-2019 school year. Time is of the essence!! Our first deadline is February 28, 2018. All preapplications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early March. If a family's name is drawn in the lottery, they will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to proceed with the application.

Scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and the school's tuition cost. The highest scholarship amount for 2018-2019 school year is \$2,100 per child. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

If you have questions, or need further information, please contact the Bison office at 854-0869.

