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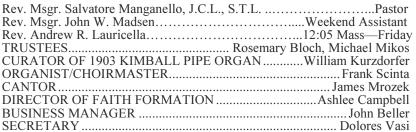
Celebrating Our 190th Anniversary

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PASTORAL STAFF



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."



PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

	President	Frank Pelosi
1	Vice-President	Jane Pelosi
	Secretary	Robert Sprague

MASSES

	Saturday	4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
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	Holy Day	
	Mon-Fri	
ê	Confessions	Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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.

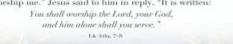
PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

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	
Reverend William Deiters	1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall	1861-1862
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	
Reverend Michael A. Anstett	
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, March 9:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharf, Sr., by Dick and Mary Agoston

SUNDAY, March 10: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Charles and Victoria Drescher, by Estate 11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, March 11: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Kieran and Mary Ann Kreiss, by Estate

TUESDAY, March 12: LENTEN WEEKDAY 12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, March 13: LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY, March 14: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: John Esser and Elizabeth Hartman, by Estate

FRIDAY, March 15: LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Larry J. and Marie E. Schieber, by Marie Schieber Estate

SATURDAY, March 16:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, March 17: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family 11:00 am: Josephine E. Andrzejewski, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS Weekend of March 16th and March 17th

4:00 pm: Kaitlin Kasperski 9:00 am: Tom Pirrung



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Weekend of March 16th and March 17th

4:00 nm: Anne Continetti Diane R

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	and Frank and Jane Pelosi	
9:00 am:	Al Bluemle, Susan Ministero	e_
	and Tim and Mary O'Shea	
11:00 am:	Joyce Persico, Michael Mandolfo	
	and Keith and Kathy Boerner	e
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MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Miriam (Mimi) and Russell McQuade, requested by Joyce A. Persico. 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.

OUR LENTEN GOAL, THE PROMISED LAND

Many people view Lent negatively, as a time of deprivation and denial. The First Sunday of Lent each year is always about the story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness. This year we hear the story of Jesus' temptation from the gospel of Luke. Luke's version follows Jesus' baptism where Jesus is lead into the wilderness by the spirit. Jesus experiences the same trials his ancestors face in their forty years in the wilderness from slavery to the Promise Land. Sometimes we forget that our goal is the Promised Land, a life cleansed and renewed.

The people in the desert struggled to remain faithful to God when faced with hunger, the gods of other nations, and risky situations. In the gospel we hear how the devil tempted Jesus with good things. It is good to eat when we are hungry. It is good to have the authority to bring about change. It is good to be protected from danger. Jesus refuses to accept these from the devil and doubt or test his relationship with God.

Today's gospel reminds us that Lent is a time to become more solidly grounded in our faith. Making more time for prayer and Scripture, fasting from things in our lives that keep us from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God, giving of ourselves in service to others: rather than depriving us, these are the tools we can use to ensure that we are firmly rooted in the things of God. Temptations are a part of life forcing us to focus on what is really important so that we may arrive at the Promised. Land.

Msgr. Manganello

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.

Mease pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, In your prayers... especially David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Sara

Ascela, Will Travis, Amy Vilz, Patricia Bortle, Patricia Guerra, Joel Rivera, Theresa Dominski, Lynn Goslinski, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, Bud Vetter, Deborah Buyers, 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.

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 333 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,857.00.

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, March 9th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection, Fuel Collection and Black and Indian Missions Collection

4:00 pm: Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph's Table

SUNDAY, March 10th

- 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, Fuel Collection and Black and Indian Missions Collection 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph's
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am: Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph's Table

MONDAY, March 11th

7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

SATURDAY, March 16th

- 4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection
- **4:00 pm:** St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale **4:00 pm:** Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph's Table
- SUNDAY, March 17th

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

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Table

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Grace Tabone who was on the honor roll at Mount St. Mary Academy for the 2nd Quarter of the 2018-2019 academic year.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Today's readings for the first Sunday of Lent lead us into a special time of prayer, sacrifice and good works as we prepare for Easter. Lent challenges us to accept God's promise and trust in His Word to give us direction in our lives. In Catholic theology, we call it obedience to God. Understand that this obedience is not meant to deprive us or make things difficult. In fact, it is just the opposite. We can think of God as a loving parent, who only wants what is best for us. When we are obedient, we listen and trust His Word to guide us so that we can live life more abundantly. God's Word calls us to love one another as He loves us. This Lent, discover the joy found in following God more closely. That's what Lent is all about.

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 nominate someone for one of the five open seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the weekend of April 6th and 7th. 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 put into the collection basket or sacristy.

For questions or more information about the Parish Council, contact Keith Boerner at keithboerner@roadrunner.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick's Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 16th and Sunday, March 17th. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Please join us to celebrate our annual St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 24th 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 dinein or take-out dinner. Advanced tickets help us plan how much food to include. We hope to see you there for this delicious meal!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Jennifer, a mother of three, came to Catholic Charities seeking help for her eldest child, Andrew, as he had become physically and verbally abusive to his younger siblings and was also skipping school. The family began working with Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Program, an intensive, family-focused intervention service to target and resolve the issues they were facing. **Through the program and their therapist Kelly, Jennifer feels her household has regained peace and she has regained control as a mother.** Your donation to the 2019 Appeal will help mothers like Jennifer find renewed hope and children like Andrew walk a stronger, positive path. **Help your neighbor find hope.** Select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.

ANNUAL TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF SAINT JOSEPH

to be held at the Carmelite Monastery

75 Carmel Road—Buffalo, NY

The annual Public **Triduum** in honor of Saint Joseph will begin on Sunday, **March 17** and close on the feast day, Tuesday, **March 19.** The Triduum will be conducted by Fr. Peter Santandreu of Saint Amelia's Church in Tonawanda, New York.

Services each evening of the Triduum will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass. We ask that all who attend be modestly and suitably dressed, as is proper in the House of God.

There will be no afternoon Benediction services on Sunday, March 17.

