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Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime
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First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must
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
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Monday at noon.

Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L.  Weekend Assistant
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen  12:05 Mass—Friday
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella  Frank Scinta
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Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen

Vice-President
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella

Secretary
Ashlee Campbell

Parish Council Officers

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.

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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  1862-1863
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

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Every year in the fall, all parishes in the Diocese are required to submit a Financial and Spiritual Report on the state and activity of the parish to the Diocese. You will find our annual financial report that has been submitted to the Diocese in this weekend’s bulletin.

The Financial Report shows that our parish is well supported by our parishioners and friends. Because of your kind generosity we are able to maintain our parish programs and facilities. In addition, this year through your selfless sacrifice, our parish received two payments from Upon This Rock totaling $87,815. Our Preservation Fund is well on its way. On behalf of the trustees, the Finance/Restoration Committee and the Parish Council, thank you for all of your dedicated efforts with your time, treasure, and talent that you freely offer to St. Louis.

During this past year, our Spiritual Report shows that many people have benefited spiritually from the St. Louis faith community. We have 664 households registered with St. Louis totaling 1,592 members. Our membership can fluctuate from year to year due to the fact that some may have relocated, others joined the parish, and that some of our parishioners have been called home to God during the year.

There are 20 catechists that volunteer their time and talent to provide instruction in our various faith formation programs that include: Pre-Baptismal Instruction, Religious Education, and RCIA along with the various other programs that are offered from time to time. Assisting in our Liturgical Functions are: 16 Lectors, 27 Eucharistic Ministers, 11 Altar Servers, 24 Ushers/Greeters; 3 Music Ministers and a Choir of about 40 who help us worship each Sunday. (We welcome more people to consider being Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters and Music Ministry.) We have 5 Home/Hospital Visitors who visit a few of our parishioners who are confined to home or a health care facility and assist at Buffalo General Hospital.

In the past year 21 children were baptized, 12 children and 2 adults received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, 10 children and 2 adults received First Eucharist, 9 young adults and 2 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 62 couples were married at St. Louis. Of the 17 funerals/Memorial Masses celebrated here about 10 were members of our parish.

All this activity is a sign that St. Louis is and continues to be a strong and vibrant parish. We continue to minister to the people of God both of our own parish and the wider community by welcoming all to our parish.

Thank you all for praying and participating in the Faith Community of St. Louis.
SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends. Last weekend 378 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $5,047.00. 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, November 18th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection, Fuel Collection and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

SUNDAY, November 19th
9:50 am: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program
The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection, Fuel Collection and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection
After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

THURSDAY, November 23rd—Happy Thanksgiving
Mass at 10:00 am: Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection

SATURDAY, November 25th
4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, November 26th
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection

VOCATION THOUGHT

All of our gifts and talents have been given to be put to use for the building up of God’s kingdom on earth. How productively and fully are you using your gifts for this purpose?
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—www.buffalovocations.org!

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells the parable of industrious servants who are rewarded and an idle servant who is punished. The master entrusts the servants with talents—which are units of measure for precious metals such as silver and gold used in biblical times. While the industrious servants use their talents to increase in value; out of fear, the idle servant buries his talent in the ground. He feared the master’s judgment so he did nothing. Fear can sometimes paralyze us from acting as Christ taught us. Living with generosity and sharing our talents—our gifts—with others. We think we don’t have much to offer. We are afraid to step out of our comfort zone. But, as the parable tells us, it isn’t how much we have but how we put to the greatest use our gifts from God. Have no fear. Share your talents.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. So far, $33,985 has been donated.

This year the Preservation Fund Drive will go toward the preservation of our beautiful stained glass windows. Your continued support for the preservation of our beautiful historic church is greatly appreciated.

COME CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

On Thursday, November 23rd, we as a parish faith community will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Please join your fellow parishioners in giving thanks to God for all the blessings we enjoy, individually and as a parish family.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date!
The annual St. Louis Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be served by our dedicated volunteers and there will be fun activities for young and old alike! You will see the return of the gingerbread house auction and cookie contest! Rumor has it that Santa will be stopping by once more! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lindsay at lindsay.ee@gmail.com or call the rectory.

MSGR. SCHWINGER MEMORIAL SANDWICH PROGRAM

On Thanksgiving Day there will be a collection for the Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program. Many people come to our door every day from Monday through Friday and we are able to feed them through your generosity. So many of the patrons of the Sandwich Program are going through many hardships and difficulties in their lives—yet, they always come to the door with a smile on their faces and hope in their hearts that tomorrow will be a better day. The Sandwich Program gives dignity, respect and compassion to those most in need in our city. Your continued support helps keep hope alive in the hearts of the many “unknown faces” in our own backyards. Thank you for helping make tomorrow a little bit better for some of the most vulnerable in our city.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week’s collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities’ Department of Parish Outreach and Advocacy maintains eight pantries and outreach centers in Erie, Cattaragus and Allegany Counties to provide food for people in need. The pantries are supported by generous donations from individuals and community organizations. To make a donation, or for more information about Catholic Charities Parish Outreach and Advocacy, call (716) 218-1400, ext. 2005, or go to ccwny.org.