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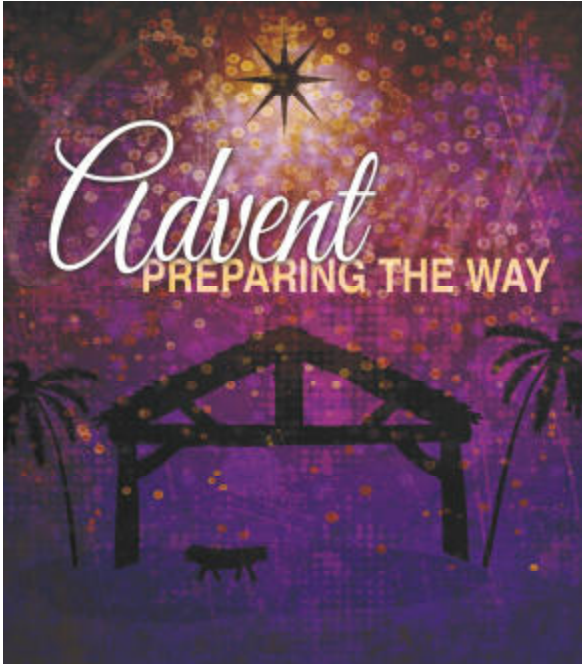
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### MASSES

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.



### 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.

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### 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 Raffener ..... 1850-1851  
Reverend William Deiters ..... 1855-1861  
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862  
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..... 1862-1863  
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Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ..... 1888-1916  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 1917-1944  
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ..... 1944-1948  
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964  
Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965  
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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, December 5:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Patricia Parker, by Paul and Barb LaCroix

**SUNDAY, December 6: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 am:** Blanche Foks, by Debbie and Gary Howell  
**11:00 am:** Deceased of the German American Community

**MONDAY, December 7: SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**12:05 pm:** For the People of Saint Louis Parish  
**4:30 pm: VIGIL FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
Dr. and Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

**TUESDAY, December 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**12:05 pm:** Special Intentions of the Caputi, Gentile and Occek Families, by Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 9: SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN**

**12:05 pm:** Msgr. Paul Hoelscher, by Estate

**THURSDAY, December 10: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** Mary K. Crane, by Estate

**FRIDAY, December 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE**

**12:05 pm:** Repose of the Souls of Diane Occek Gentile and Aloisius J. Occek, by Family

**SATURDAY, December 12:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

**SUNDAY, December 13: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 am:** Blanche Foks, by Debbie and Gary Howell  
**11:00 am:** Peter Sawicz, by Family and Friends

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 12th and December 13th

**4:00 pm:** Krysta Doerfler  
**9:00 am:** Tom Pirrung  
**11:00 am:** Michael Riestler



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 12th and December 13th

**4:00 pm:** Diane Randazzo  
**9:00 am:** Tim O'Shea  
**11:00 am:** Pam Nordstrom



### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Margaret English, requested by Ron and Margaret Foegen.**

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.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul urges us to remain steadfast in helping others: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up." (Gal 6, 9). During these unprecedented times, many are hurting and need our assistance, including elderly religious.

The 33rd annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held next weekend December 12th and 13th. The appeal assists hundreds of religious order communities in providing for the ongoing needs of their aging Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

The U.S. bishops initiated the collection in 1988 to address the significant lack of retirement funding among U.S. religious orders. The annual collection benefits eligible religious orders to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses for nearly 30,000 elderly religious.

The retirement-funding deficit is rooted in low salaries and changing demographics. Traditionally women and men religious engaged in ministry for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. Elderly religious are also living longer and outnumber younger, wage-earning religious by nearly three to one.

This year the needs to be addressed are many. We ask for your prayerful support of our religious women and men and whatever donation you can make will be greatly appreciated.

*Msgr. Manganello*

### VOCATION THOUGHT

We are urged to "prepare the way of the Lord!" God has called some to show others how to prepare through leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially **Dr. Richard Saab, Charles S., Patricia Guerra, George Collins, Rev. Guy Syracuse, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, 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, especially Lottie "Veronica" Kuzan 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 129 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3,497.00 and Sandwich Program collection was \$923.00.

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.frddb.org](http://www.frddb.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, December 5th**

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

**SUNDAY, December 6th**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection and Christmas Flowers Collection

**MONDAY, December 7th**

**4:30 pm:** Vigil for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection  
**7:00 pm:** Parish Council via Zoom

**TUESDAY, December 8th—Holy Day of Obligation**

**12:05 pm:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection

**SATURDAY, December 12th**

**4:00 pm:** First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection  
**4:00 pm:** Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

**SUNDAY, December 13th**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** First Collection: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection  
**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

**SHOW THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS WITH A MASK**

St. Louis Parish Council is selling reversible masks. The mask is royal blue trimmed in black with trim of our Fleur-de-lis logo. The opposite side is all black. Masks are available after each Mass or you can call Marilyn Neil at 882-6395.

The cost is \$10.00.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

**ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Preservation Fund Drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church.

Donations will be accepted until December 31st. So far, 47,312.11 has been donated.

**SANDWICH PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

St. Louis Parish is looking for an individual to oversee our sandwich program. This position provides an outreach to the needy in the inner city of Buffalo. The job duties include maintaining an inventory of food items needed, slicing sandwich meat, preparing and bagging sandwiches, sanitizing the preparation area. Other duties include laundering of altar cloths, purificators, and other tasks as needed.

The position hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Please submit your resume to: St. Louis Business Manager, 35 Edward Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Tenth-graders receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by January 1, 2021. To register, please submit the (1) Registration Form and (2) Confirmation Name & Sponsor form to the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, at [stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com). There will be a virtual Confirmation retreat held during January and February, as well as two in-person sacrament prep classes on February 6th and 20th from 9:30—12:30. Candidates must attend both classes. Forms, as well as a list of all dates and confirmation requirements, can be found on the St. Louis website. For questions about Confirmation, please contact the DRE at 443-744-0354.

**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 January 19, 2021. 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](mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com)). To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend in-person sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays, February 6th, February 20th, and February 27th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

**MISSALETTE GIVE-A-WAY**

When churches were permitted to re-open again in June there were several protocols that needed to be put in place in order to re-open safely. The wearing of masks, keeping distance from fellow parishioners, and hand sanitizing were among the most obvious.

Emptying the Holy Water Fonts and removing printed materials from the church were also required. Hymn books and other resources were to be removed from pews and entry ways and put in storage until the outbreak has passed.

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 has not passed and is indeed on the rise we will not be able to put the missalettes out in the church. As we come to the conclusion of one liturgical year and begin a new one, we have received new missalettes for the 2020-2021 liturgical year.

We will be distributing the missalettes to anyone who would like one. This weekend the greeters will be handing them out for private use. **They are yours to keep for private use and use in church.** Since we can't leave them out it was decided that those who want can have one to bring back and forth with them for Mass.

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