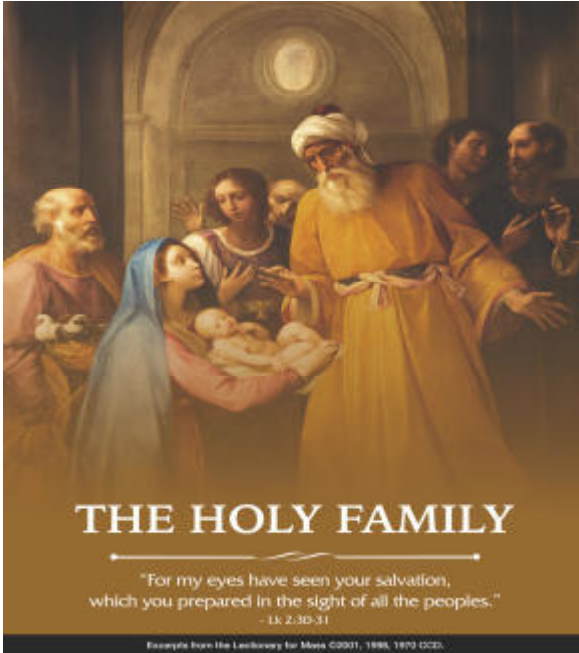


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MASSES

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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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 Raffener 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
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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

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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 26:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,
 by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 27: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 am: Virginia Manganello, by Saint Thomas More Guild
11:00 am: Peter Sawicz, by Family and Friends

MONDAY, December 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

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

TUESDAY, December 29: FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

WEDNESDAY, December 30: SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:05 pm: Joan E. Schaus, by Maura Duffey

THURSDAY, December 31: SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm: Living and Deceased of the Earl Young Family,
 by Marilyn Young

FRIDAY, January 1: THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

12 noon: Peace, Good Health and God's Blessings in the New Year for the Caputi, Gentile, and Krustapentus Families

SATURDAY, January 2:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

SUNDAY, January 3: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 am: Blanche Foks, by Debbie and Gary Howell
11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, by Rosemary Bloch

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 2nd and January 3rd

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 2nd and January 3rd

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Marilyn Steffan
11:00 am: Joyce Persico



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.

THE GIFT OF GOD'S DIVINE LOVE IS BORN

Today we rejoice. God has become one of us. He is born as a child so that we could be born into and share in God's own life. God's love greets us this day in a new way. It is a gift freely given. If we accept this gift, we become children of God, members of the divine family like all those who participated in the first Christmas.

A Christmas card describes the meaning of Christmas:

The meaning of Christmas is always remembering
 The One who was born on that day
 To bring forth the message of peace and good will
 And show He is the Truth and the Way.
 The meaning of Christmas is sharing and caring
 And living in love all year through,
 It's showing forgiveness and helping each other
 With kindness in all that we do.
 It's blessing the lives of the strangers we meet
 As well as the ones we hold dear -
 And these are the reasons the meaning of Christmas
 Is meant for each day of the year.

May God bless you and your families during this most holy season of God's love. May God bring you blessings of peace, hope and joy in the New Year.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

The Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph—always supported each other in doing God's will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of God's children, we must help each other follow God's will. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called to a Church vocation. Invite them to contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit 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 Siracuse, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald

Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Ginski, 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 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.

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.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A request 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 26th

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection

SUNDAY, December 27th

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

THURSDAY, December 31st:

4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
Solemnity of Mary Collection

FRIDAY, January 1st—Happy New Year

12 noon: Solemnity of Mary Collection

SATURDAY, January 2nd

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

SUNDAY, January 3rd

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

WORD OF LIFE

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. 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."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As 2020 closes and we look forward to the new year, **we want to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported Catholic Charities and our mission of serving those most in need this year.** We know it has been a difficult and challenging year, and that is why we are especially grateful to each and every person who has donated their time, talents or other gifts. We look to the new year with hope and optimism as we move forward—together. Peace and blessings from all of us at Catholic Charities! Providing **HOPE for all seasons** of life since 1923—we couldn't do it without YOU. If you need help, call our Helpline at (716) 218-1419 or go to ccwny.org.



As we look back on 2020, we give thanks for all that we have been able to accomplish here at St. Louis by working together, praying together and sharing together. We pray that 2021 will be a year filled with good health, happiness and success. May we all be closer to God and to each other one year from now.

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. The masks are available at the handicap side entrance and the Main Street entrance after each Mass or you can call Marilyn Neil at 882-6395.

The cost is \$10.00.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

So far, \$52,237.11 has been donated.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2020 tax deduction by the donor must be postmarked or in the hands of the parish **no later than December 31. We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2020 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.

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. 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).

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.



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