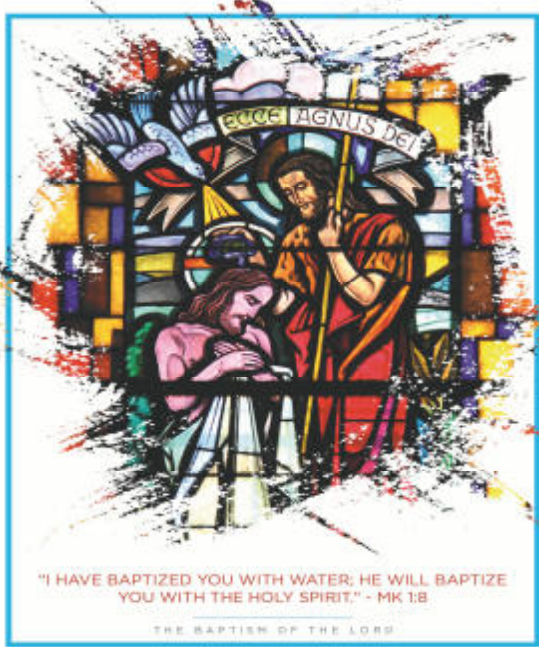


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MASSES

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
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862
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Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudénbach..... 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
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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 9:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Bob Windsor, by Gina Roblin

SUNDAY, January 10: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 am: Vincent DiNatale, by Pattie Smith
11:00 am: Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

MONDAY, January 11: WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY, January 12: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Happy Repose of the Szkutak, Rusnak and Klosko Souls, by Family

WEDNESDAY, January 13: SAINT HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12:05 pm: All Souls

THURSDAY, January 14: WEEKDAY

12:05 pm: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

FRIDAY, January 15: WEEKDAY

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

SATURDAY, January 16:

4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Vincent J. Halicki, by Family

SUNDAY, January 17: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am: Charles Militello, by Jim and Cindy Messina
11:00 am: Michael C. Harmon, by Michael Riester

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 16th and January 17th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 16th and January 17th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



BODY OF CHRIST

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of **Brendan Thomas Cody, requested by Joyce Persico**. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of **Brendan Thomas Cody, requested by Joyce Persico** and the Pieta Candle burns this week in memory of **Brendan Thomas Cody, requested by Joyce 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.

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

This weekend we conclude our Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The first Christmas miracle occurred some 2000 years ago when Jesus was born into our world as our savior. There were moments this year when it was questionable whether or not we would have Christmas. The Christmas story, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," reminds us that the Christmas miracle occurs with or without all of our usual traditions, parties, and get-togethers as we have found out this year. It certainly was a different Christmas, but we made it happen.

This miracle was able to occur thanks to many individuals who worked so hard to make Christmas come this year. Michael and Christina Mandolfo worked countless hours to make live steaming of our Masses possible. Many people who could not physically be present were able to join us for our Christmas celebrations.

Even though we could not decorate the church in our usual fashion, that did not deter 23 of Santa's helpers who came together and created a festive environment in which we could still celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord.

Because of the pandemic restrictions this year our wonderful choir was not able to assemble and assist us with our joyful celebration. In their place, Frank Scinta, Jim Mrozek, and Erin Peridotto did a miraculous job in providing us with spectacular musical selections to make this a joyous celebration and lift our spirits.

As usual, our sacristans, ushers and greeters provided a warm welcome for all who were able to join us this year to celebrate the Christmas miracle. Those who stayed after each of the Christmas season Masses, as well as the many weeks since we re-opened, were like angels who whisked through the church to clean the pews that were occupied during Mass. They have been most dedicated to this new ministry in the church and deserve a great deal of thanks and appreciation for their hard work. Thank you also to all who prayed with us and visited us during the holidays.

Msgr. Manganello



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 Gliniski, 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.

Last weekend 184 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$8,225.00.

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.

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, January 9th**

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

SUNDAY, January 10th

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

SATURDAY, January 16th

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

SUNDAY, January 17th

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

VOCATION THOUGHT

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, deacons or priests. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535.

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. Your continued support to the preservation of our historic church is greatly appreciated.

\$61,622.00 has been donated.

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2020 if requested. Anyone we requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write "**Tax Statement**" on the front of your church envelope.

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 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.

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.

RETROUVAILLE BUFFALO

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is February 26-28, 2021. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

LITTLE PORTION FRIARY**Temporary Shelter for Homeless Men and Women**

As an all volunteer shelter for the homeless we rely on your time to help those less fortunate than us. We are currently in need of help with cooking, maintenance, office duties and house supervision during the day and evening. Please contact us at 882-5705 for a tour or to answer any questions you may have.

The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Last year's **burdens** don't have to continue to be this year's burdens, too. If you are struggling mentally with feelings of anxiety or depression, Catholic Charities can help. We offer counseling for all ages across Western New York, as well as specific services marriage counseling, substance abuse treatment and Diocesan counseling for church ministers. To get connected, call our **Helpline** at **(716) 218-1419**. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit ccwny.org/services. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.





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