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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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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 Raffener 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. 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
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, November 27th: Vigil for the First Sunday in Advent

4:00 pm: Michael Sliwinski, by the Four O'Clock Friends of Saint Louis

SUNDAY, November 28th: First Sunday in Advent

9:00 am: In Memory of Mary A. Deveau, by Son & Daughter

11:00 am: Eleanor Bennett Brayer, by Kevin & Mark Brayer

MONDAY, November 29th:

12:05 pm: Andrew & Rosalia Bortzmeier, by Estate

TUESDAY, November 30th: St. Andrew, Apostle

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

WEDNESDAY, December 1st:

12:05 pm: Mary Stockman, by Family

THURSDAY, December 2nd:

12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier

12:05 pm: Joseph State, by the State Family

SATURDAY, December 4th: Vigil for the Second Sunday in Advent

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 5th: Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 am: Robert E. & Veronica Arnold, by the Pirrung Family

11:00 am: **German Mass:** Richard Agoston, by Jeffrey & Tina Gutekunst

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 4th & 5th

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 4th & 5th

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neil
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Keith Boerner



53RD ANNUAL WEIHNACHTSMESSE

This year's annual Weihnachtsmesse in German will be celebrated next Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:00AM at Saint Louis. Rev. Daniel Jamros, S.J. will be presiding. Traditional carols by the German American Musicians will begin at 10:30AM. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the traditional reception afterwards will not take place. This event is a great way to usher in the Holiday Season! Please join us in celebrating German Heritage!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Joan Ball, requested by Ron & Margaret Foegen. The Pieta Candle burns in memory of Dolores Behringer as requested by Marsha & Roger Strell and family. The St. Joseph Altar Candle burns in memory of Mary Kontos, as requested by Barbara Bonanno.

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.

ADVENT IS BEGINNING

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping our energy. The rush to Christmas has begun now that we have had the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. The time between now and Christmas can be exhausting with many things we do to prepare to celebrate this beautiful event.

The very name of the season encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings this weekend tell us "so that [our] hearts are not weighed down with the worries of this life." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day rolls into another and time flies by quickly.

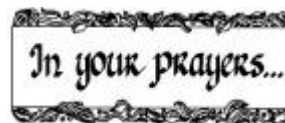
Advent is a time to focus. These four weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us: "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Arriving at this place doesn't just happen. It requires vigilance and discipline with a knowledge of what is really important and what really needs the focus of our energy and time.

So let us not forget, our master's advent is upon us. Let us ask ourselves; how we can prepare the manger of our heart.

Msgr. Manganello

ADVENT NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

St. Gregory the Great is holding an Advent Night of Reflection entitled "Divine Revelation : Communication of God's Love," on Thursday, December 9, at St. Gregory the Great Church, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. Fr. Justin Steeg, one of the newly ordained priests of the Diocese, will be the special guest. The Ladies of the Lord will offer the Rosary at 6:30PM as people enter and settle in. Fr. Justin will begin at 7:00PM. Come enjoy uplifting music, an inspiring message from Fr. Justin and Eucharistic Adoration to prepare for the real reason of the Christmas Season.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliński, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially 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 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 27th:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SUNDAY, November 28th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SATURDAY, December 4th:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly & Monthly Offering and Collection for Christmas Flowers

SUNDAY, December 5th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly & Monthly Offering and Collection for Christmas Flowers

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention. This year the benefits we received from Upon This Rock will be added to our annual projects underway.

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, \$47,800 has been donated. The Drive continues through December 31st.

VOCATION THOUGHT

A Vocation View—As we wait for Christ to return, we know that one day we will "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and glory." When he does, will you be able to say **Jesus I faithfully answered your call?** What is Jesus asking of you? If it's a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

THE WARMTH TREE

St. Louis parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will be given to area families. Help make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations are accepted the weekends of December 11th & 12th, and December 18th & 19th.

Requesting Donations for Afghan Evacuees

The children attending our PreK-10th grade Faith Formation program are collecting items to put together "Welcome Kits" for the Afghan evacuees settling in Buffalo.

Catholic Charities will be delivering these welcome kits to the families. We are asking for donations of household supplies, cleaning supplies, kitchen items, toiletries, and household items to help compile these kits. There will be donation boxes at the church entrances.

Please consider donating items, such as: sponges, paper towels, trash bags, tableware, mixing bowls, cutting boards, dish towels, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer.

Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Parishioners this year during our Christmas season will be supporting the St. Gianna Center and the Mother Teresa Home. Below is a list of needed items. Kindly drop them off at the back of the church in the designated box. All items need to be donated by December 19th.

For newborn boy or girl: Onesies, Sleepers, Clothing, Hats, Gloves, Bibs, Pacifiers, Diapers in all sizes, especially size 5 and 6, Lotions, Wash, Diaper Cream. New socks 0-3 months, and Gift Cards for TOPS, Wegmans, Target, Walmart or Kohls.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This weekend marks the beginning of Advent—a time of reflection, prayer and great anticipation for Jesus, the Light of the World, to arrive. **During this special time, you can act as a light and a beacon of HOPE for those in need. This Advent, consider a donation drive to help our neighbors in Western New York.** Good items for consideration are non-perishable and unexpired food items, toiletries, diapers, menstrual products, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Food items can be dropped off at any of Catholic Charities' nine food pantries during regular pantry hours, which can be found at www.ccnny.org. All other items can be dropped off by appointment at Ladies of Charity, 1122 Broadway, Buffalo. Call 716 895-4001 to schedule an appointment. If Someone you know needs help, call our Helpline at 716 218-1419.

ST. FRANCIS H.S. CONCERTS

St. Francis High School will present two Holiday Concerts. **On Tuesday, December 14** – enjoy an **Instrumental Christmas Concert** at 7:00 PM in the Alumni Hall Theatre featuring the Concert Band, Jazz Messengers. **On Thursday, December 16** – enjoy the **Vocal Christmas Concert** at 7:00 PM also in the Alumni Hall Theatre featuring the Chorus Classes, Men's Choir and Senior Schola. The Campus is located at 4129 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg. For further information, call 716 627-1200 ext. 4610.

YOUNG ADULT PROFESSIONALS

The next gathering of the Young Adult Professionals will meet for a presentation by Dr. Nancy Nielsen at the St. Benedict School Cafeteria, 1317 Eggert Road at Main, Amherst, on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30PM. The topic is "Thin Places in the Life of a busy Physician". Dr. Nancy Nielsen will share how she has encountered God in her busy work as a physician. The program is open to young adults (age 18-40). Dr. Nielsen is Senior Associate Dean for Health Policy, Medicine, University at Buffalo and former President of the American Medical association. Contact Maria Chomika for more information at 716 834-1041



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