

# 2021 St. Louis Church

Oldest Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo  
Founded in 1829

## Celebrating Our 192nd Anniversary

Rectory: 35 Edward Street • Buffalo, New York 14202-1505  
Phone: (716) 852-6040 • Fax: (716) 853-9225  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Web address: [www.stlouisrcchurch.org](http://www.stlouisrcchurch.org)  
E-mail address: [stlouischurch@verizon.net](mailto:stlouischurch@verizon.net)

### PASTORAL STAFF

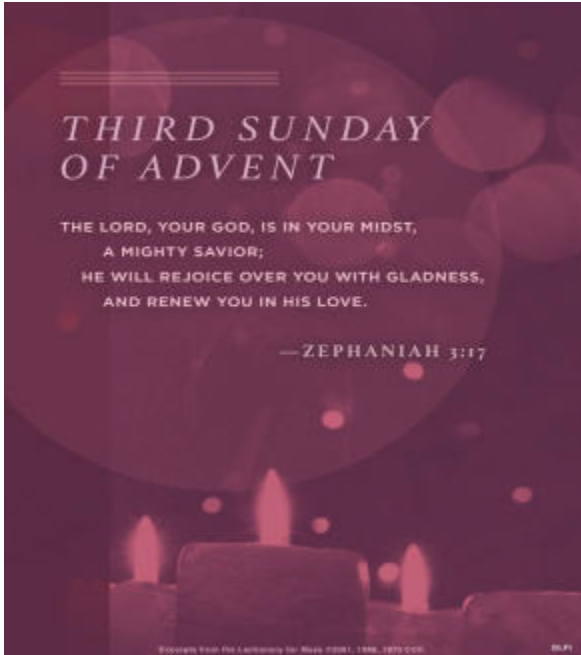
Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. .... Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen..... Weekend Assistant  
TRUSTEES..... Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos  
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ..... William Kurzdorfer  
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER..... Frank Scinta  
CANTOR ..... James Mrozek  
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION ..... Ashlee Campbell  
BUSINESS MANAGER..... Kevin Brayer  
SECRETARY ..... Tom Pirrung

### PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Timothy McCarthy  
Vice-President..... Pearl Brown  
Secretary..... Paul LaCroix

### 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.

### 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 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. Laudenschach..... 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, December 11th: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm: Living & deceased Members of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

### SUNDAY, December 12th: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Marilyn Wyman, by the Wyman Family

11:00 am: Leonard, Evelyn & Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family

### MONDAY, December 13th: St. Lucy

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

### TUESDAY, December 14th: St. John of the Cross

12:05 pm: Good Health & Healing for Debra Ann & James Richard Caputi, by Family

### WEDNESDAY, December 15th:

12:05 pm: Thaddeus Mikos, by Family

### THURSDAY, December 16th:

12:05 pm: John A. Kraus, by Estate

### FRIDAY, December 17th:

12:05 pm: In Honor of St. Anthony

### SATURDAY, December 18th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

2:00 PM: Wedding of Zachary Nuhn & Katlyn Zotz

4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by Dennis & Noreen Mavromatis

### SUNDAY, December 19th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Therese M. Pirrung, by Family

11:00 am: Francine Bouley, by Kevin Brayer

### SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

#### Weekend of December 18th & 19th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta

11:00 am: Joyce Persico



### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Weekend of December 18th & 19th

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neil

9:00 am: Mary O'Shea

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



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 Glinski, 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.



### MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Thomas & Josephine Cieslica, requested by Lawrence Cieslica.

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.

### ST. LUCY FEAST DAY DECEMBER 13TH

A name that means "light", St. Lucy is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (a crime at the time) and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate a symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as a symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as St. Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

Another tradition associated with St. Lucy is "St. Lucy's wheat" or winter wheat. It is prepared in traditional dishes to be eaten on St. Lucy's day. Another tradition is to plant the winter wheat in a cup and it will grow in time for Christmas Day when children bring their wheat to the manger.

### ROAD TO RENEWAL

Over the past several months parishes have been meeting to discuss the *Family of Parishes* model that the diocese will be adopting in the very near future.

Last week The **Road to Renewal** announced the finalized *Families of Parishes*. There are a total of 36 parishes that are formed by the current 161 parishes in the diocese. These families of parishes will join together to share resources and staff under one pastor.

The process to form these families began over a year ago, the conversations in parishes helped determine the finalized families. Families range in size from three to six parishes. Six pilot families have been selected and will be activated January 17, 2022. The rest of the families will be established in phases; October 2022, October 2023, and October 2024.

The *Family* to which we belong consists now of 6 parishes, 6 worship sites and 1 school all within 2.4 miles. Originally, the downtown area was made up of 5 parishes, but through discussion and discernment 1 more parish has been added to our family of parishes. The parishes are: St. Louis, St. Joseph Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Michael. Our Lady of Perpetual Help has joined the family of parishes in downtown Buffalo.

Our family of parishes will begin in phase 2 which is October 2023. However, we have decided that this Advent would be a good time to come together as a family for an Advent Penance Service. The Penance Service will be held in two locations, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. It is scheduled for Monday, December 13th at 3:30PM at Blessed Sacrament Church on Delaware Avenue and at 6:30PM at St. Joseph Cathedral on Franklin St. All are welcome to attend either penance service.

*Msgr. Manganello*

**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 445 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,894.

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.

**FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

The tradition continues! The Choir of St. Louis Church will present "A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00PM. Featured will be anthems and carols by Willcocks, Ord, Rachmaninoff, Handel, and many others. Please join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas in scripture and song.

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in the church on Wednesday, December 22nd at 6:00PM to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas.

New volunteers are always welcome!

**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, \$49,705 has been donated. The Drive continues through December 31st.

**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.

**FOOD DRIVE**

The Parish Council has organized a food drive to assist with the need that food pantries are facing this season. Please bring any non-perishable food items and place them in a designated box at our entrances through December 31st. Items will be distributed from the Fulton St. Brigid Food Pantry. As always, many thanks to our parishioners for their hospitality and generosity!

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Parishioners this year during our Christmas season will be supporting the St. Gianna Molla 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/wipes, Diaper Cream. New socks 0-3 months, and Gift Cards for TOPS, Wegmans, Target, Walmart or Kohls.

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

John the Baptist exclaimed "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!". How does Jesus want you to help extend the reign of His kingdom? If God is calling you to a church vocation, Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

**SATURDAY, December 11th:**

**4:00 pm:** Regular Offertory Collection including Maintenance & repairs Collection and Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

**SUNDAY, December 12th:**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Regular Offertory Collection including Maintenance & repairs Collection and Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

**SATURDAY, December 18th:**

**4:00 pm:** Regular Offertory Collection including Pew Rent Collection

**SUNDAY, December 19th:**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Regular Offertory Collection including Pew Rent Collection

**PENANCE SERVICE**

A Downtown Family of Parishes Advent Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M. at Blessed Sacrament Church and at 6:30 P.M. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. All are welcomed to either one.

**PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS**

During the Advent Season we traditionally prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. On Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00PM and 9:00PM. On Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00AM. There will be no Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day there will be no 4:00PM Vigil Mass for Sunday. Masses for Sunday, December 26th will be at 9:00AM and 11:00AM. The same on New Year's Day, there will be no 4:00PM Vigil Mass for Sunday. Masses for Sunday, January 2nd will be at 9:00AM and 11:00AM.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to parishioner Grace Tabone for achieving First Honors at Mt. Saint Mary Academy. Congratulations are also in order for parishioners John Stravino, Sam Whistler, and William Wischerath, all Seniors at Canisius High School, who achieved Honor Roll for the first quarter. In addition, Luca D'Angelo and Ryan Stravino, Sophomores, achieved the Honor Roll at Canisius as well!



**SpectrumHealth**  
 & Human Services  
**Downtown Buffalo Counseling Center**  
 1280 Main St, first floor, Buffalo  
 716 884 5797

[www.shswny.org](http://www.shswny.org)

**M C C** **MADER**  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
**COMPANY, INC.**

970 Bullis Road, P.O. Box 420  
 Elma, New York 14059  
 (716) 655-3400 • Fax (716) 655-4427  
[www.maderconstruct.com](http://www.maderconstruct.com)

**WAGNER**   
**MONUMENTS**

MONUMENTS,  
 MARKERS, URNS, VASES  
 CEMETERY LETTERING  
**892-5505**  
**2953 GENESEE ST.**  
 Between Harlem & Union



Your Neighborhood Insurance Agency

Insuring WNY for over 60 yrs

37 Elmwood, Buffalo, NY 14201  
 883-1455

Jo Ann Decker, CPCU, CIC, AAI, CPIW

[www.deckeragency.com](http://www.deckeragency.com)



In Proud Support of  
 St. Louis Church



**KELLER BROS. & MILLER**  
 The outcome matters. It has since 1916.

401 Franklin Street  
 Buffalo, New York 14202  
 716.854.2374  
[rsalemo@kbmprinting.com](mailto:rsalemo@kbmprinting.com)  
[www.kbmprinting.com](http://www.kbmprinting.com)

Committed to Servicing  
 Your Print & Mail Needs.



**JOHNSON RENOV8TERS, LLC**

Custom Carpentry - Kitchens  
 Baths - Additions

716-886-0002 [JR8LLC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JR8LLC@GMAIL.COM)

Are you caregiving for someone  
 60+ not on Medicaid?  
 Want to be compensated?  
 Call now for info and eligibility



of ERIE COUNTY

(800) 342-9871 • (716) 858-8526



59 Allen Street • 716-834-4000

**ADT-Monitored  
 Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection  
 From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized  
 Provider

SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT OUR  
 ADVERTISERS!**



**WE'RE HIRING**

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community
- Paid Training
- Some Travel



Contact us at: [careers@4lpi.com](mailto:careers@4lpi.com) | [www.4lpi.com/careers](http://www.4lpi.com/careers)

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!**

**ADVERTISE HERE NOW!**

Contact **Chris Reeves** to place an ad today!  
[creeves@4LPi.com](mailto:creeves@4LPi.com) or (800) 477-4574 x6206

**SUPPORT YOUR  
 LOCAL PARISH.**

Buy a bulletin ad space today!



**Allasen  
 Carpet  
 Company**

Window Treatments  
 Hardwood Flooring • Blinds  
 Wall to Wall Carpeting  
 Tile • Linoleum • Ceramic  
 Commercial • Residential

394 Franklin Street • Buffalo  
 (716) 854-3127  
 FAX (716) 854-4585  
[www.allasencarpet.com](http://www.allasencarpet.com)



3-D-4-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

14-0432