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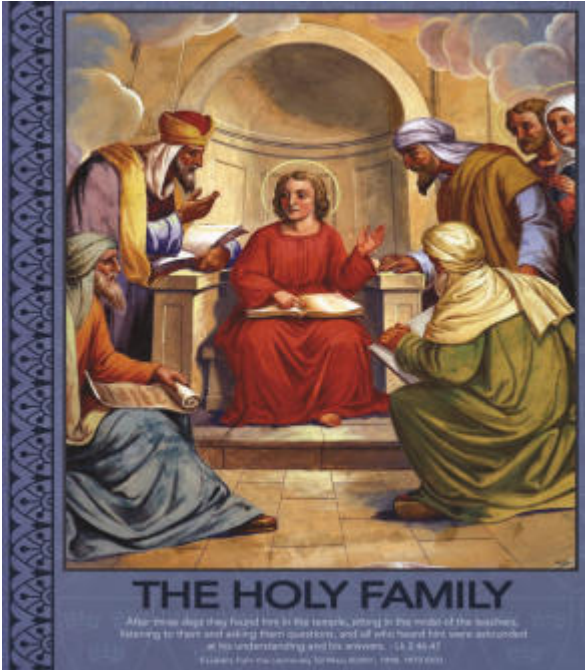
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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Timothy McCarthy
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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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

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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. Laudenbach..... 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

FRIDAY, December 24th: Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm: Ladd Campbell, by Family
9:00 pm: For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

SATURDAY, December 25th: Christmas Day

- 10:00 am: For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Parish

SUNDAY, December 26th: Feast of the Holy Family

- 9:00 am: Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Mikos Family, by Family

MONDAY, December 27th: St. John the Apostle

- 12:05 pm: For the people of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, December 28th: Holy Innocents

- 12:05 pm: Repose of the Souls of the Gentile, Caputi, Oczek & Klosko Families, by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 29th: St. Thomas Becket

- 12:05 pm: Donna Borrelli-Stern, by Howard Curlette

THURSDAY, December 30th:

- 12:05 pm: Kenneth Banicki, by Michael Smyntek

FRIDAY, December 31st: New Years Eve

- 4:00 pm: Florence Rembold, by Estate

SATURDAY, January 1st: New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 12:00 noon: Mary Ball Pirrung, by Family

SUNDAY, January 2nd: Solemnity of the Epiphany

- 9:00 am: Milton & Florence Speyer, by Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of New Years and January 2nd

December 31st - New Years Eve:

- 4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

January 1st - New Years Day:

- 12:00 noon: Pam Nordstrom

January 2nd:

- 9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of New Years and January 2nd

December 31st - New Years Eve:

- 4:00 pm: Susan Ministero

January 1st - New Years Day:

- 12:00 noon: Pam Nordstrom

January 2nd:

- 9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



"BODY OF CHRIST"



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Richard Agoston, requested by Jeffrey & Tina Gutekunst. The St. Joseph Candle burns this week in memory of Aldo & Alda Beltrami, requested by Family.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the name of our Trustee's, Parish Council officers and members, our staff, and in my own name, we wish you and yours a most blessed, happy and joyous Merry Christmas. We pray that the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace will fill every corner of your hearts and homes with His Peace, Power and Presence.

Msgr. Manganello

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

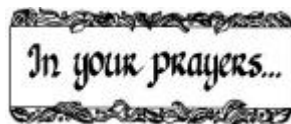
Among the many wonderful Christmas stories and legends is the German story about St. Boniface, the eighth-century Englishman who brought the Gospel to Germany; on the night of December 24th, Boniface came upon a giant oak tree, sacred to the great pagan god Odin. A young boy was about to be sacrificed under the people's sacred tree. The horrified Boniface seized an axe, and with one stroke, felled the giant oak. The people were terrified, waiting for their gods to strike Boniface dead. But nothing happened. They realized that their gods were powerless, nonexistent.

Boniface then pointed to a nearby fir tree and said to the worshipers: "Not a drop of blood shall fall tonight, for this is the night of Christ's birth, the Savior of the world. This little tree, a young seedling of the forest, shall be a home tree tonight. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wild woods, but in your homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and lights of kindness."

Our Christmas readings speak of a world transformed from bareness to life, from sickness and fear to healing and hope, from hatred and injustice to love and peace. May our Christmas tree this year, like Boniface's "home tree", be our first planting this year of a new attitude and vision of kindness, compassion and reconciliation; may our celebration of Christ's birth be the first we use to create a new highway for the coming of our God.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas season filled with much love and peace.

Msgr. Manganello



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.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Kathy Farkes, Mary Steinhauer, John Hurley 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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

Friday, December 24th:

4:00 pm & 9:00 pm: Christmas Offering

SATURDAY, December 25th:

10 am: Christmas Offering

Sunday, December, 26th:

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

MONDAY, December 27th: Parish Office is Closed

Friday, December 31st: Parish Office is Closed

4:00 pm: Solemnity of Mary Collection

SATURDAY, January 1st:

12:00 noon: Solemnity of Mary Collection

SUNDAY, January 2nd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including Weekly & Monthly Collection

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

We again congratulate and thank both our re-elected and newly elected members to the Parish Council for stepping up to the task. The Council has met and has re-elected officers. Congratulations to Tim “Mac” McCarthy for accepting once again the role as Council President, also to Pearl Brown for again serving in the role of Vice President, and Paul LaCroix for accepting and continuing his position as Secretary.

ST. LOUIS 2022 CALENDARS

Parishioners have asked whether we are having calendars for 2022 and the answer is “Yes”. Like so many items confounded by “supply chain” issues, there have been slight delays. The good news is that our calendars are on the way and are expected any day. Please watch for them and take one home with you

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2021 tax deduction by a donor must be postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31st. As in past years, we only issue year end contribution statements if requested.

Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 716 852-6040 or write “TAX STATEMENT” on the front of your church envelope.

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, \$93,505 has been donated. The Drive continues through December 31st.

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!

WORD OF LIFE

“Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’. His ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

... USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

VOCATION THOUGHT

Jesus, Mary and Joseph all had to make sacrifices to accomplish the Will of God. Let’s all be open to the idea that our children or grandchildren may be called to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. For help in discerning God’s will, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.

CALLED TO SERVE

Seminarian C.J. Wild will present a reflection on Christian Leadership entitled “Called to Serve” at Our Lady of Pompeii parish as part of the Faith Enrichment Series. Our Lady of Pompeii is located at 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086. For more information, call 716 683-6522 or visit www.olpparish.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” Matthew 2:10. As we celebrate Christ’s entrance into the world, we reflect on what it brought us all; faith, hope, love, light, exceeding joy. We wish you all of these, and more, today and every day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Catholic Charities.





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